

The TBB Safety Committee met at the West Texas chapter office in Abilene on November 6-7, 2014. There were a total of 16 members in attendance, with the group being made up primarily of General Contractors and Chapter employees.

#### **November 6, 2014**

The meeting started out with introductions from the attendees. Following the introduction, updates were given to several miscellaneous issues regarding state and federal issues. With regards to National AGC events it was announced that the next upcoming national safety committee meeting would be in San Diego in January 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>. Construction Safety Excellence Awards applications have also been sent out. These are due December 15<sup>th</sup> to the National AGC. Selections will be judged during the National AGC safety committee meeting to determine the finalist which will present at the National AGC meeting during the Willis Safety Awards program.

It was also brought to the group's attention that OSHA had released the new compliance directive for crane inspections. This is the document that is used by inspectors when conducting inspections on cranes. Being that the directive had only been released days before no one within the group had, had sufficient time to review it. Several were in the process and a more detailed discussion can be expected at the next meeting. It was asked that any comments that reviewers might have be forwarded to the National AGC Safety Committee so that it could be discussed during their meeting as well.

With regards to the recent Silica compliance requirements there was no specific date as to when this would officially be in place. Best speculation based off of the groups knowledge and research was that it would be a minimum of 18 months forthcoming.

The other hot topic that rose out of the national level discussion was that of temporary worker training requirements that OSHA was starting to enforce. This requirement creates questions of who is responsible for training of temporary day labors when they are on a project. There have been instances of General Contractors being cited for multiemployer violations when subcontractors are in violation of training requirements of their day labor. The group will continue to monitor this to see how it is being interpreted and enforced.

Future meeting dates were also set for the upcoming year. They are as follows:

February 19-20 – Houston

April 23-23 – Austin

August 20-21 – Dallas

November 5-6 South Padre

A large focus of this meeting was planning and goal setting for the upcoming year. Therefore the second half of the day was allotted for the subcommittees to break out and attend to this, with prepared reports to follow the next day.

**November 7, 2014**

Friday's session began with a training session on overcoming fall risks. The intent of this training was not to cover any particular trade, but general fall hazards that may be present on a project. The turning technologies devices were used to survey the attendees afterwards as to how much material was retained. It was also intended to demonstrate the technology to those that had never used it before. General consensus was that it was a highly effective training tool that should be considered for future committee presentations.

Following the training subcommittee reports were given base off of the breakout sessions that had occurred the previous day.

### **Safety Initiatives and Work Practices**

#### **Information and Resources**

- Presented an OSHA record keeping training to the group to review prior to submitting to the TBB website – (approved by committee)
- Will develop a survey to give to members that can be sent back to chapter to determine what information would be relevant to add to the TBB website. Will then generate this information based off of results.

#### **Government**

- Worked with the Information and Resource Subcommittee on the record keeping update
- Will follow up on GHS and prepare the industry for an inspection
- Will generate highlights of the new crane standard
- Will outline a summary of utility locate process
- Will continue to monitor Silica requirements

#### **Professional Development**

- Will work on development opportunities for the TBB Safety Committee, several of which were presented to the group.

The meeting was concluded following the reports from the Subcommittee chairmen.