

FTBA Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes

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Conference Call



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Upcoming Dates:

- 08-15-19 FTBA Palm Beach Social
- 09-18-19 FTBA Broward Social
- 09-19-19 FTBA Orlando Social
- FTBA SC In-person Meeting either on 09-19-19 or 09-26-19 (Date and Location TBD pending results of group survey).

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1. Opening Discussion/Updates

- A. Introduction of new members (welcome to Ignacio Halley, Greg Deese, Shashi Kini, and Tina Pereira).
- B. Review of FTBA SC's goal/mission (see mission statement)
- C. Mark asked the group for any general updates/concerns/general info.

i. Mandy mentioned that her company is seeing an uptake in the amount of pedestrian slip and fall claims occurring around work zones , specifically in areas near the beach (possibly due to the concentration of tourists). Jamie added that he has seen more GL claims in general in the past two years involving sidewalks/detours and slip and fall accidents.

2. Subcommittee Updates

A. Resource Development

i. The FTBA SC web page is up and running. The focus now is directing others within the industry to utilize the web page as well as making it more robust with additional content from members. We have three blog posts contributed by members. More volunteers are needed to contribute content. Please send your ideas/content for blog posts to Mark Ligon and Phillip Russell to review. Mark mentioned that if anyone has content related to important trends, regulatory information, or other information that other safety professionals would find helpful to please consider submitting a post for the webpage. Bryan Stone noted the recall on “3M™ DBI-SALA® Nano-Lok™ edge and Wrap Back Twin-Leg Self Retracting Lifelines” (see attachment in email for more info.) as an example of the type of information that members may wish to contribute. A discussion followed about changes to the FDOT criterion for the height of drop-offs during paving operations and the possibility that the standard may move from the current 1 ½ inch to 1 inch. The industry as a whole is pushing back against this. An update on this issue would be good material for a blog post for the webpage.

B. Marketing and Membership Committee

- i. Back in May, the M&M committee distributed posters to various rest stops across Florida to drive home the importance of driving safely in work zones. The committee also created content for two digital billboards in conjunction with work zone safety awareness month. The billboards were displayed in April and May across the state.
- ii. Next Steps: Plan a give-a-way item for the next FTBA conference (will we give to all or only those who attend SC’s sessions, how many, how much to spend) and consider how a booth could be utilized at the conference to gain membership and convey our message to the organization as a whole.

C. Training

- i. On August 5th and 6th, the FTBA SC (put together by Bryan Stone) held an OSHA 10-Hour course for Spanish speakers. Lou Dema with Skanska was kind enough to provide facilities for the training which was free under the Susan B. Harwood Grant. There were 22 attendees representing six different companies.
- ii. The committee plans to offer more training, specifically one that combines OSHA 10-Hour and SCTPP Prep with the goal of encouraging more SCTPP certification in Florida.

Texas DOT has committed to sending 500 employees to one such training offered through ARTBA.

iv. Mark presented possible topics for FTBA SC break-out session trainings/presentations for the next FTBA convention and asked the group to add to the list which resulted in the following ideas:

- Distracted Driving (new laws and their effect on the industry)
- Harkera Behavioral Training
- Drugs in the Workplace
- Violence in the Workplace
- Suicides in the Construction Industry
- Safety Leadership (how to make supervisors better leaders, moving beyond compliance)

It was suggested that making the topics more appealing to those in the construction industry in general may result in better attendance during breakouts.

D. Technology

i. A few members of the FTBA SC toured the virtual reality lab at FIU's campus and met with Nipesh Pradhanganga (assistant professor at the Moss School of Construction, Infrastructure, and Sustainability) to explore the technology that they work with and discuss how it may be made available to members of the FTBA via the FTBA SC webpage. Mark summarized the takeaways from the visit including the equipment operation simulation using construction site mapping and virtual reality devices and its potential benefit for those in the safety industry. Nipesh has offered to include employees from our member companies in upcoming research endeavors. The committee will continue to build a partnership with FIU's School of Construction.

ii. Next Steps: Generate ideas for technology-related topic and presenters.

6. Conclusion/Other Discussion

A. Jamie Bertoch called out Phillip Russell for his outstanding efforts in recruiting new members to the FTBA SC. Mark added that Ananth has been very supportive of the FTBA SC's endeavors.

B. Mark reiterated that an important focus of the FTBA SC should be the sharing of information and resources amongst one another, being that, we are all working toward the same goal of making the industry safer.

C. Mark thanked everyone for their attendance and opened the discussion for final questions and/or comments.