

OSHA-NAWIC Alliance  
Construction Alliance Roundtable  
September 21, 2017

The meeting took place at the Department of Labor in Washington DC. It was attended by NAWIC's alliance co-chairs, Kathi Dobson and Schelle Wood. The emphasis of this meeting was "Safety Considerations for the Aging Workforce". Additionally, there were presentations on hurricane clean up and recovery.

Doug Kalinowski, Director of the Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs opened the meeting with his remarks – review of prior roundtable activities related to reaching small businesses. Alex Acosta was appointed Secretary of Labor – OSHA does not have an assistant secretary. The position is being co-managed by Loren Sweatt, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Thomas Galassi, Director of Enforcement Programs for OSHA.

Tom Galessi presented the Silica good faith efforts from OSHA Compliance for first 30 days of enforcement.

Doug McKenzie, Director of Construction spoke next – an update of campaigns was done – Fall Prevention campaign – 4<sup>th</sup> year: significant partnerships with Werner Ladder, H&H, Lamar and YouthBuild (Over 17.2 million hits to their websites, etc. during the campaign week. (fatal falls by height – 15 feet or less); 9 of 10 or top 10 citations for fiscal year 2016 were related to falls (Fall protection, training, scaffolds, etc.) The crane standard is still pending a final rule – tentatively November 2017. (Some amendments and rewrites) Crane operator qualifications proposed for November 2018.

Update to scaffolding QuickCards and eTools.

SIPS IV – (Standards Improvement Project – phase four) - related to trenching.

OSHA engineering surveys will focus on Miami tower crane collapse during hurricane Irma. (wind mapping, forensic evaluations) preliminary – all cranes same manufacturer, make and model.

90% of construction companies have less than 20 employees. Many of these are long-term older workers who will be leaving the workforce in the next 10 – 15 years or less. These workers are at risk for slip and fall injuries, (and fractures) strains and sprains, and other injuries related to lack of attention related to vision and hearing loss over time.

The industry has seen a high turnover, especially in non-union, residential construction.

Multi-employer workplaces are a focus of inspections, and 50% of all OSHA's inspections are in construction.

Presentation from National Hispanic Contractors Association (John Martinez) – aging workforce (immortalists) – many are migrant or first generation and are reluctant to report incidents for fear or retaliation. Discussion of work relationship and injury data.

Scott Earnest – NIOSH research of the aging workforce in construction. (power point)

## Participant Updates –

American Ladder Institute – tech workshop at National Safety Council (NSC)

NAWIC – Fall Campaign support; Safe + Sound campaign, survey on harassment, bullying, sexism; working with International Ironworkers – PPE challenges for women (survey); Department of Labor Women’s Bureau webinar, recruiting and retaining women in construction; OSHA (CAL-OSHA) presentation at NAWIC AMEC; silica webinar (by safety & health committee)

ATSSA – Workzone safety (conference 2018 in St. Louis)

ASSE – Sanitation in construction (NAWIC involvement by Dobson and Jane Williams); Silica webinar

Construction Safety & Health Network – (handout and directory)

IWCA (international window cleaning association) – descent control devices (handout)

Silica – with standard, national emphasis program will be retired. Challenges and oral arguments will be heard September 26. Fact sheets available for multiple tools/tasks involving silica.

CPWR – research presentation on aging workforce (power point)

Aging Workforce resources presented by William Baughman, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA (handout)

## Wrap-up

Webinar – reaching the small contractor  
EHS – Daily Safety Advisor and small businesses

## New –

Hand grabs for three-point control on ladders (Nigel Ellis/ASSE) (handout)

CPWR - Construction Safety & Health Network (launching Fall 2017)  
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Post session discussion regarding potential Alliance webinars – cognitive overload; how to conduct effective safety stand-downs; generational dynamics and safety.