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June Chapter Meeting Cranes Presentation by Joaquin Diaz on June 23rd by Les Onaka

Do not let the title of the presentation by **Joaquin Diaz** fool you—there may be more to OSHA’s Cranes and Dericks standard than meets the eye—forklift operators pay special heed.

In this session, Joaquin called on his wealth of knowledge to provide us with a very interesting and highly informative description, not only of the OSHA standard, but also details of the set-up, signaling, inspecting, and operating of cranes. He began with a terminology lesson of the upper works (cab and above) of a crane, including parts of the boom and jib. Joaquin then went into the history of the OSHA stan-

dard and how, as it is written, it also pertains to forklifts with jibs. Companies must comply with manufacturer’s procedures (shackles OK, but not a hook) or abide by the cranes and dericks standard.

In setting up a crane, the leveling and compacting of the soil/ground as well

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Joaquin Diaz, fields a question from the audience at our June Chapter meeting.

Mahalo Neil...

If it seems like Neil Yamamoto led our chapter for a long time, it’s just because he did. When Neil was elected Presi-

dent-Elect, the terms were for one year. As he served his year as Presi-

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Safety Has No Limits: PacRim 2012—April 16-18

By Les Onaka

The 2012 PacRim Executive Planning Committee met on July 6, 2011. Some updates:

- ◆ The Chapter is planning on offering both a pre-conference ASP preparation class and a post-conference CSP preparation class for about \$500 (\$650 for non-conference attendees). **Gaylord Yoshimura** has been negotiating with Langlois, Weigand and Associates to do the sessions, probably in the Ala Moana Hotel.
- ◆ The Ala Moana Hotel website is up and running with our event registration for those needing hotel accommodations for the conference.
- ◆ PacRim 2012 Marketing Chairperson **Joaquin Diaz** is looking into organizing outside activities such as spouse tours and technical tours.
- ◆ Speaker Chairperson **Howard Hendricks** is

looking at a number of options for keynote and other general session speakers.

- ◆ Delegations of safety professionals from China and Nigeria could be attending. Conference co-Chairpersons **Craig Shoji** and **Mary Silva** will be traveling to Singapore to set up a booth at the big Safety Week there to market our PacRim to try to get more international attendees. Craig and Howard may be flying to Whistler (Canada) to do the same at the big Canadian safety exposition.
- ◆ Be thinking about nominating an individual for our Chapter Safety Professional of the Year or a company for the Excellence in safety award. forms will be available on our website soon.



HAWAII CHAPTER BOOTH CREATES A BIG ATTRACTION AT SAFETY 2011

Perhaps it was the hula dancers that brought the people or the chocolate-covered macadamia nut candies, but we like to think it was the smiling faces full of aloha at the booth that did it. Whatever it was, many Safety 2011 attendees stopped by to get a photo like the one pictured here of themselves with some hula dancers from a halau in Chicago. The dancers were provided by the Hawaii Visitor's Bureau along with the candies.

Your Hawaii Chapter booth was a tremendous success by any measure. The photos people

Aloha from...McCormick Place. Hawaii Chapter Safety 2011 attendees who manned our booth in Chicago. Seated (left to right) **Barbara Goto**, **Mary Silva**. Standing (left to right) **Neil Yamamoto**, **Howard Hendricks**, **Craig Shoji** and **Gaylord Yoshimura**.

took home with them not only provided a memento of Safety 2011, our Society's 100th year celebration, but also an advertisement at the bottom for the 2012 Governor's Pacific-Rim Safety and Health Conference. The pictures generated a lot of interest from all over the world—some as far away as Nigeria.



SEE YOU AT
GOVERNOR'S PACIFIC-RIM
Safety and Health Conference Honolulu, Hawaii
April 16, 17, and 18, 2012



OSHA Update

Three month phase-in for residential fall protection. In a June 9th Trade Release, OSHA announced a three month phase-in for their residential fall protection directive (STD 03-11-002). This allows time for employers to come into compliance. OSHA will not issue citations during this phase-in period, but employers must be in compliance with the old directive (STD 03-00-001). At the last HIOSH Advisory Committee meeting, discussion noted that HIOSH never did adopt the old directive. In a previous (May 25, 2011) Trade Release, OSHA announced the publication of new compliance tool to help employers prevent fall-related injuries and deaths among residential construction workers. The educational presentation is located on their website along with other related resources on the Residential Fall Protection Web page.

OSHA's Semiannual agenda. In the July 7, 2011 Federal Register, OSHA outlined their agenda for the remainder of 2011. Highlights of the agenda:

- ◆ **Confined spaces in construction.** The general industry rule, issued in 1993 was not extended to construction due to unique characteristics of construction worksites. OSHA's final rule, expected in November of 2011 will cover construction workers.
- ◆ **Electric Power Transmission and Distribution; Electrical Protective Equipment.** This revises the more than 35-year-old standard to address the safety of workers during the construction of electric power transmission and distribution lines. OSHA expects the final rule to come out in September of 2011.
- ◆ **Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica.** In a proposed rulemaking initiative, OSHA sees the need for a comprehensive standard for crystalline silica that provides for exposure monitoring, medical surveillance and worker training. OSHA plans to hold hearings in October of 2011.
- ◆ **Occupational Exposure to Beryllium.** OSHA has denied petitions calling for an emergency temporary standard on beryllium exposure, but stated its intent to collect information on toxicity, risks and usage patterns. An economic peer review was completed in June 2011, but no further action has been announced in 2011.
- ◆ **Occupational Exposure to Food Flavorings Containing Diacetyl and Diacetyl Substitutes.**

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as the strength of underground structures must be considered. The assembly and disassembly of the crane are critical steps that have been associated with major injuries and fatalities. The set-up determines the load chart that may be used and the limit of approach for the rigger and operator.

Signalers provide the eyes for the operator and must also be certified. The ideal signaler provides clear, concise signals that help the crane operator move the crane smoothly and safely.

Inspections must be done by a person recognized by the Department of Labor as a qualified individual. Inspections are done after modifications, repairs or adjustments are made, post-assembly and annually.

This session by Mr. Diaz was sponsored by the Society's Construction Specialty Section.

While **OSHA** has denied petitions for an emergency temporary standard, it intends to complete the peer review of Health Effects and Risk Assessment in July 2011 and further assess future rulemaking efforts. At the last HIOSH Advisory Committee meeting officials noted that their studies indicated that no businesses in Hawaii would be affected by this rule.

Occupational Exposure to Infectious Diseases. OSHA recently announced two stakeholder meetings on July 29, 2011 to receive comments on occupational exposure to infectious diseases. Primarily for healthcare and related facilities, the comments may impact future rulemaking to protect employees from on-the-job disease exposure. Prospective stakeholders must submit a notice of intent, electronically, by fax or hardcopy by July 22, 2011.

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Web motto: Working in partnership with industry and government for a safer tomorrow!

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Hopefully we may be seeing many of the at the Hawai'i Convention Center next April.

Our Chapter also had three individuals recognized for their efforts and contributions at the Society level:

- ◆ Mike Thompson became a Society Fellow—the highest level of distinction that a Society member can achieve;
- ◆ Mary Silva was named as one of the top 100 Women in Safety;
- ◆ Jim Newberry was named Administrator of the Society's Risk Management and Insurance practice specialty.

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dent, our President-Elect at the time had to leave the Islands. This created a gap in our Chapter leadership that Neil graciously agreed to fill.

Under his leadership, our Chapter Stars efforts were launched. The first year we applied, Neil and the Chapter Board spent two days putting together our report. The Society judges were so impressed that we won the Small Chapter of the Year Award and the format of our report became the template of what the Society expected all future applications to look like.

Under Neil's leadership, and **Allan Yokoyama's** outstanding efforts, many of us went to Mayor Mufi Hanneman's office to witness the proclamation of NAOSH week for the first time in the history of our Chapter. Neil travelled several times to Guam to help them form their Section. He has been appointed by present Chapter President **Craig Shoji** to serve as the Chapter's liaison to Guam as they continue their efforts to become a Chapter on their own. Neil has also been active in the Society's Region I activities and once served as the Assistant Vice-President for the Regional Operating Committee.

Thank you, Neil, for four years of outstanding leadership and helping our Chapter through some rough times.

