

MEMBERS FORUM

Meeting Minutes

12th December 2019 - Commencing at 10:00 (Melbourne time).

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09:00 Meeting of Directors - (closed to general members)

10:00 Members Forum - Members and Guests

- Chairmans Report

Michael Biddle

The Constitution is being review to be more inclusive of change with membership structures and new WAHA policies and procedures. WAHA aim to have a revised copy to present to Membership by the AGM in 2020.

- CEO Report

Richard Millar

The WAHA have been assisting with enquiries to roof safety systems with the Department of Education and Training Victoria.

Additionally, SafeWork NSW have presented at last Members Forum; WAHA would like to build the same relationship to SafeWork Victoria, but are having difficulty connecting with the appropriate person(s).

Mark Bowden from Standards Australia have proposed that WAHA be involved with a review of ASNZS 1801:1997 Occupational Protective Helmets. It is scheduled for early next year, and WAHA would like to take Standards Australia up on this offer.

Standards Australia - ASNZS 1891.5 has been finalised as a review document and is being reviewed by Standards Australia review committee, and will hopefully be out for public comment in early January. Comments will be open for 9 weeks.

Thanks to Oscar, Zac, Alistair and Phil for their contributions over the years.

Transition time for manufacturers to implement changes in product; typically this is around 12 months. This also allows stock to clear out, and equipment manufactured prior remains current as long as it passes inspection and maintenance criteria.

- Administration Report
Deborah Chick

During the first half of this financial year, we have had 7 members elect not to renew their membership, and as of this month, 5 members will be removed from the WAHA website due to not paying their invoices or completing their self-audit (a total of 12).

We have had four new applications come through, and as of today have been approved by the Directors of the Association. This brings the total number new members up to 12, with expressions of interest and membership enquiries occurring monthly.

Members invited to submit photos of operations / training / manufacturing to share to the WAHA social media in conjunction with recent news and articles.

Members also invited to submit articles / news / topics for discussion on our website, eNews and online magazines.

To submit a topic / photo / ask questions: admin@waha.org.au

Member and Guest Presentations

10:30 - KASK Australia
(Andrea Belotti)

KASK manufacture a range of products; comfort, safety and design are the three key elements. Their range covers safety / industrial uses, through to cycling, equestrian and snow.

A range of awards have been allocated to KASK products. Due to feedback from their users, they have been able to cater to change, and develop products that consumers want - that meet comfort needs on par with standards. This has also allowed change to cross divisions of their products and pioneer change in the safety industry.

Difficult to crack the “hard hat” industry of construction; rope access and height safety have a better understanding of requirements of safety helmets, as opposed to the traditional helmets seen in the construction industry today.

11:00 - Dropped Tools
(Paul Holland - Absafe)

Within the working at heights and industrial rope access industries there has been a significant rise in safety notices and initiatives to prevent dropped objects.

Absafe partnered with companies such as Multiplex and Monodelphus out in the Pilbara to perform live dropped object demonstrations. This investigation into the impact of objects has had a significant influence visually - raising awareness of the true impact of an object hitting a person.

The companies who were involved in the testing have now made tethers a mandatory requirement to prevent dropped objects.

There has been a lot more involvement from the government in legal proceedings for dropped object incidents; and in particular NSW have now included dropped objects in their code of practice for PCBUS (NSW Code of Practice for Falling Objects (Regulation 54, 55)).

The cost to comply with the new NSW Code of Practice for Falling Objects is achievable, irrespective of the size of the organisation.

Opportunity for WAHA to develop an Industry Code for Falling Objects?

11:30 - Safety Video - Edge and Rope Management
(Rick Millar and Deborah Chick)

The IRATA International health and safety video was presented by Rick and Deb along with follow up questions.

We recommend that if you did not attend the meeting, to visit the IRATA website and view the video within your organisation as part of a take 5 or toolbox talk:

<https://irata.org/media/videos/safety-awareness-video-edge-and-rope-management>

12:00 Break for Lunch

13:00 - Working Safely at Height
(Rob Oldfield - Energy Safe Victoria)

Working at height issues are covered within the scope of Energy Safe Victoria's risk assessment process. Some of the working at height issues that Energy Safe Victoria are similar to general working at height issues, however, due to the electrical component of the scope of works undertaken, additional safety measures need to be addressed.

Some of the difficulties adjusting through types of safety equipment in correlation to electricity.

Live High-Voltage (HV) Work; working at height equipment needs to be appropriately insulated. There have been extensive tests to insulate various kinds of equipment; current standards state equipment needs to be dry.

Working with and over verandahs / fronts of houses and temporary setups to conduct electrical work is always addressed as assessed as far as is reasonably practicable.

Extensive work used to be done with planning; however over recent years that has dropped off and a revamp of generic 'workplace health and safety' documentation, which is reducing the quality of risk assessment and job planning.

This has been evidenced through local movement to expand drop zones; but less documentation about appropriate tethers.

Newsletter's that can be shared within the industry can really have a positive impact.

14:00 - Safety Video - Management and Safety Culture
(Rick Millar and Deborah Chick)

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We recommend that if you did not attend the meeting, to visit the IRATA website and view the video within your organisation as part of a take 5 or toolbox talk, after viewing the first video:

<https://irata.org/media/videos/safety-awareness-video-management-and-safety-culture>

14:30 - Self Audit Presentation
(Michael Biddle and Deborah Chick)

Since the last Members Forum; WAHA are continuing to refine the processing of self-audits. Moving forward into the new year, Wayne Fietz will be reviewing all submitted self-audits.

A reminder that any business audit is about improvement - and for the WAHA - it is not about wielding a big stick. The checklist needs to have references, evidence, examples, not

substantiated statements. If you highlight a non-conformance, how do you intend to rectify this issue and how will you monitor the effectiveness of the action.

A tick and flick exercise is of no value to anyone. Many of the submitted audits that have been sampled would fail a site audit. Whilst ISO 9001 Audits require mostly statements, and industry compliance audit requires the evidence to back up a statement sampled randomly.

If you say you are going to do it, show us how you did it, in accordance with your own statement.

In the New Year an electronic vote will be submitted to Members for the selection of Member Company Logos to be used in the 2020/21 year. The logos will be affiliated with individual companies, and will show the category of membership and a unique membership number.

If any companies are still to submit a self-audit, and have any questions - please reach out ASAP to WAHA administration where we will forward your contact details to Alistair Merricks who managed the creation of the self-audit. He has kindly offered to answer any questions members have regarding the self-audit.

- Any Other Business
Open Discussion / Members and Guests

15:30 - Meeting Close

UPCOMING WAHA MEETINGS

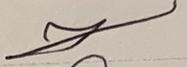
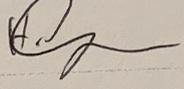
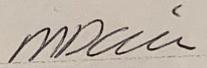
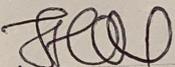
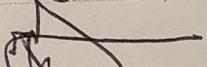
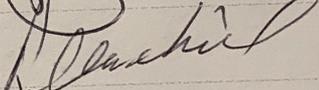
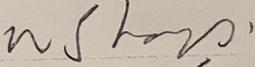
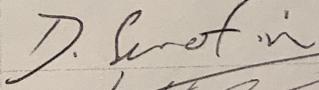
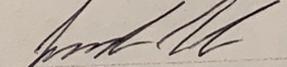
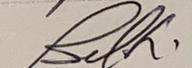
- 12th March 2020 - **Perth** - Members Forum (Saferight)
- 26th & 27th May 2020 - **Melbourne** - (Safety Scape Expo & Members Forum)
- 6th August 2020 - **Sydney** - Annual General Meeting

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Members Forums Attendees

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DANIEL SELOFIM	"	
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