

Minutes  
Office Environment Safety Committee

Date: March 9, 2001 - Health Sciences Library

Members Present: Mal Foley (Chair), Steve Bobbitt, Beverly Huntington, Jerry Joyce, Ann Law, and Marie Roberts

Health & Safety Office Liaison: Al Doherty

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mal Foley.

The minutes of the last meeting were discussed.

Objectives for FY 2000/2001 were discussed.

Objective 1 -Continue to support the University Ergonomic Team by representation on the team and participation in the selection process of the ergonomist. The ergonomist position has been approved and the advertisement for the position is being prepared.

Objective 2 will be to prepare an article for the Gazette to advertise the lessons learned about Indoor Air Quality (IAQ). The article was to be submitted by Mike O'Brien who has left the University. Pete Reinhardt has said he will act as liaison with the Gazette. Debby Howard will be a resource for the Gazette reporter.

Doherty discussed the status of the Federal and State Ergonomics Standards. They have both been rescinded but a revision in the future is expected.

Doherty reported that the Computer Workstation Self Inspection Checklist has been placed on the Health and Safety Homepage. This was suggested at the December 2000 meeting.

A report of the Workers' Compensation claims since the last meeting was circulated and they were discussed. There were 34 reported cases from 11/1/00 to 3/5/01. Twelve were Strains/Sprains. These cases were noted to be related to a variety of reasons without a noticeable trend. There were nine fall claims of which six were weather related. There were nine Repetitive Motion claims, all of which were related to computer use.

The next meeting will be on May 11, 2001 at 10:00AM in the Health Sciences Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05AM.