

Minutes
Office Environment Safety Committee

Date: December 8, 2000 - Health Sciences Library

Members Present: Mal Foley (Chair), Steve Bobbitt, Tom Gilliam, Jerry Joyce, Marie Roberts and Phil Witt

Guest: Peter Reinhardt, Director Health and Safety

Health & Safety Office Liaison: Al Doherty

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

Reinhardt who introduced himself to each member as they arrived made a few remarks about himself and his vision for the role of the Work Environment Safety Committees.

The resignation of Betty Waynick from the committee was announced. Jack Stone has left UNC-CH leaving another vacancy on the committee. Connie Breen is on extended medical leave and her status as a member of the committee is to be determined.

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 will be submitted by year-end.

Doherty discussed the status of the Federal and State Ergonomics Standards. The Federal and State Standards have been approved and an implementation date of January 16, 2001 has been set. There are apparently several legal challenges, which will be put forth.

A report of the Workers' Compensation claims since the last meeting was circulated and they were discussed. There were 13 reported cases from 10/1/00 to 12/4/00. Five were repetitive motion cases. There were only two fall claims which is a marked improvement over prior reports. Neither was due to a building or grounds problem.

The next meeting will be on March 9, 2001 at 10:00AM in the Health Sciences Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05AM.