



The TBB Safety Committee met at the Dallas chapter office on January 31 and February 01, 2013. There were a total of 21 members in attendance with the group being made up primarily of General Contractors and Chapter employees.

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After self-introductions from the members, Thursday's meeting started out with a discussion of AGC happenings and updates. A summary of the recent National AGC Safety Committee Meeting, which was held in Tampa, Florida, was given. Some notable things from that meeting that affect the TBB Safety Committee are the changes to the Education Subcommittee. This group had been renamed the Information & Resources Subcommittee, and they are no longer creating or producing videos. In addition to making the current stock of videos available to members at discounted rates, they intend to make the current video library available in digital format. Our TBB Education Subcommittee was renamed to mirror the change at the national level. A general OSHA update was also given along with the AGC items.

The next topic of discussion was the Worker's Defense Project and the recent report that they published, which was titled *Build a Better Texas*. Several of our group members had reviewed the report and felt that it was fairly subjective and had questioned several of the facts and statistics that were cited. The report appeared to cast all Texas contractors in a negative light. The group discussed referring this topic to an appropriate subcommittee to address this further.

After the lunch break, we conducted a committee planning session to review our mission statement, leadership roles, membership, and subcommittees. We intend to include this general information on the TBB's website once it is revamped. We then conducted a lessons learned session. A presentation was given to the group, which outlined the collapse of a large area scaffold system. The incident investigation showed that the wind factor was not taken into account during the assembly of the scaffold system. The rated wind loads given only reflected the scaffold system once it was fully assembled and complete. This is a concern during the construction and assembly phases, which should be approached more carefully and methodically to determine safe wind loads and avoid a recurrence of such an incident.



The remainder of the day was used to give the members time to break out and conduct subcommittee sessions.

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Friday's meeting started out with reports from each subcommittee. Each group also set goals for the next meeting.

- Safety Initiatives and Work Practices – identified information that the group would like to post on TBB's website once it has been revamped; email documents, such as presentations and meeting minutes, to members in the interim
- Information and Resources – suggested a list of eight topics, which could be placed on the TBB website; plan to have the list ready for approval at the next meeting
- Government – continue to work to validate the statistics reported by the WDP; would like to set up a future meeting with Dean Wingo's replacement to discuss the future of OSHA partnership agreements.
- Professional Development – worked on having GHS training presentation, which will be conducted at the next meeting

After the subcommittee reports, we reviewed the OSHA Region VI PowerPoint presentation that was prepared by Jim Shelton, CAS, OSHA-Houston North.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Austin on April 11-12.

