



The TBB Safety Committee met at the Rio Grande Valley chapter office on October 24, 2013. There were a total of 16 members in attendance, with the group being made up primarily of General Contractors and Chapter employees.

### **10/24/13**

The meeting started out with introductions from the attendees. The group then had a discussion regarding the recent movement of labor union organizations throughout the state. This led into a discussion regarding the recent influx of worker centers, which are being backed by these and similar organizations.

The group then visited about the upcoming National AGC Safety Committee Meeting that will be held in Houston January 15-17, 2014. Support and representation from all state members for this meeting is being highly encouraged. RFP's for speakers were distributed as well as information regarding the Construction Safety Excellence Awards Program. These awards are due December 16, 2013 and will be judged prior to the meeting in January.

Following the lunch break, a lengthy conversation was held with regards to the new silica standards that are being developed. Compliance with the standard that is currently being submitted would be near impossible to follow and very costly to adhere to. It was suggested that comments and concerns regarding the revised standard be sent in to OSHA as there are currently very few being submitted.

Future meeting dates were agreed upon. It was decided that the group would break away from the traditional meeting locations and venture into other locations with heavy membership in order to help encourage participation in the Safety Committee.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in breakout sessions amongst the subcommittees (i.e. Safety Initiatives and Work Practices, Information and Resources, Government, and Professional Development). Each subcommittee was challenged to reestablish their goals in order to make sure that we are providing results that are useful to members as well as justifiable for the existence of the committee.

Subcommittee updates were as follows:

- Safety Initiatives and Work Practices – a disclaimer statement was approved by the group. The goal was agreed upon to have the meeting synopsis generated and submitted within a week of the conclusion of the meeting. Information generated from the previous Information and Resources subcommittee meeting to be submitted for the TBB website was approved.



- Information and Resources – will compile the multitude of GHS presentations that are available to provide as resources on the TBB website for member use
- Government – restructured to align more closely with the equivalent subcommittee in the National AGC Safety Committee. They will monitor and report back to the group on pertinent issues such as GHS, OSHA Appropriation Bill, the new confined space standard, etc.
- Professional Development – working to produce tool box topics based off of the new GHS pictograms. Need to offer training at the upcoming meeting locations to area members. Suggested a monthly newsletter with regards to safety topics for members.

The meeting schedule and locations for 2014 are as follows:

02/06-07: San Antonio (TBD: ESC Audits' Office or Vaughn's SA Office)

05/08-09: Waco (Central Texas AGC Office)

08/07-08: Corpus Christi (South Texas AGC Office)

11/06-07: Dallas (TEXO Office)

