**NHA Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Conference Call**

**January 4, 2018**

**Committee Members Present:** Mike Harris, Sandy Noffsinger, Tammy Clausen

**Committee Members Absent:** Cindy Koch Hille, Shannon Weinmann, Joni Duerksen, James Koeteman,

**LMC/NHA Staff Present:** Jon Borton, NHA; Pat Duff, LMC; Chuck Martinek, LMC; Ford Singbush, LMC

**Insurance Carriers Present:** Rhonda Kraft United Heartland, Amy Heimes United Heartland Toby Tortorilla SFM

**Call to Order** Meeting was called to order by Chuck Martinek at 10:30 am

**NHA Spring Conference**

The committee agreed on dates for the 2018 Spring NHA/LMC workers compensation workshop. This years spring workshop will be on April 25th in North Platte and April 26th in Lincoln. Several possible educational topics were discussed

**Current Workers Compensation Case Law:** Chuck will contact the Baylor, Evnen Law firm to see if attorney Jill Gradwohl Schdroader can provide an update.

**Safety Committee:** Chuck can provide a session on developing a functional safety committee.

**Sexual Harassment:** Jon Borton will contact Barrett Holm to see if they can provide segments on this session.

**Bullying/Workplace Violence:** Sandy Noffsinger suggesting a session on workplace bullying. We all agreed this would be a good topic. Located a speaker may be difficult. Chuck will work toward finding someone who can provide education on this topic.

**Safety Manual revisited:** Chuck will re-introduce the safety manual the NHA safety committee put together for our members. We agreed this program is useful and needs to be re introduces to assist our members in the continued development of their safety efforts.

**Wearable Technologies:** Pat Duff suggested contacting a wearable technology company to determine if they can provide a presentation. Wearable technology is a recent advancement in safety monitoring. This technology can assist in evaluating the physical and environmental stressors that impact employees while working.

**Emerge:** Rhonda Kraft presented a possible topic from Emerge. Emerge has a program that provides base line testing for back function.

**NHA Safety Committee**

We all agree that our safety committee needs to be re tooled to improve the quality of meetings and become more visible within the NHA. We are looking for additional safety committee members that would be willing to participate in this process. We also agree that it is time to change our current officers. The current group has served well for the past 3 years. It was suggested that we briefly discuss this topic during our upcoming workshop to recruit possible committee members.

**Ongoing Education**

**(Webinars)** Chuck led discussion on providing quarterly webinars on a designated safety topic. The webinars would be live and recorded. They would later be posted on the NHA or LMC website. The goal would be to give a 20-30 minute presentation which would be sponsored by the NHA Safety Committee. It was also discussed that the work comp insurance carriers could provide education/topics as well. Both the carriers and members thought this was a great idea. Date for the webinars to be determined.

**Adjournment** Chuck adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.

Minutes submitted by:

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Chuck Martinek, LMC