

**New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee
General Committee Meeting Minutes
Hybrid Meeting
Virtually via Teams or In-Person at Middlesex Fire Academy
March 24, 2023**

Executive Committee Members Present:

Denis Crayon, Chairperson*
Mrunal Vyas, Strategic Planner

Emeritus, General and Honorary Membership Present:

Kristen Affrime*	James Gotay*	Douglas Pastore
Evan Allison	Kristen Herman	Wayne Peterson
Brian Bennett	Jose Hernandez-Aponte	Michael Pulsinelli
Darryl Blusnavage	Robert Jennings	Wilson Robles-Gonzalez
Angelique Bracer	Kevin Klich	Robert Sagendorf
Jim Clancy*	Dr. Koshy Koshy	George Stroup
Jamie Coonan	Brian Kubiel	John Suter*
Patrick Delaney	Cecelia Leto	Dhruti Thaker
Amy Ferdinand	Christopher Linton	Jeff Wawrzeniak
David Fernandez	Wen Liu	Rob Weissman*
Lynn Foley-Hering	Paul Malarcher*	
Bernard Fontaine	Faron Moser	

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Justin Baker, NJDOL*	Theresa Kramarz, NJDOL
Cristina Coelho, NJDOL	

Guests Present:

Robert Colman, OSHA*	Brian Crain, OSHA*
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General Membership Excused/Absent:

Steve Barnett	Luis Gotay	Patrick Mulrooney
Warren Becker	Jesse Gross	Michael Oprishko
Ken Bickerton	Harold Hoffman	Joseph Piccolo
John Braun	Genevieve Kelly	Anthony Piniat
Nicole Colandro	Ron Kurtz	John Saville
Craig Doolittle	Richard Lester	Heather Thompson
John Esposito	George Lewis	John Vogler
Tracey Estes	Ana Lucas	William Wallington
John Flatley	Robert Lukens	
Michael Gentile	Michael McGowan	

*Attended In-Person

To be marked excused from a meeting, you must notify Teri Kramarz, via e-mail, of your absence prior to the meeting. The attendance roster will be the official record of attendance.

Meeting Motions:

1. Motion to approve December 16, 2022, meeting minutes (Lynn Foley-Hering motioned; Dhruti Thaker seconded). Motion approved.
2. Motion to recommend to the Commissioner, new member Charles Russo (Rob Weissman motioned; Michael Pulsinelli seconded). Motion approved.
3. Motion to recommend to the Commissioner new member, Andrea Hernandez (Paul Malarcher motioned; Robert Weissman seconded). Motion approved.
4. Motion to recommend to the Commissioner new member, Sean Farrell (Robert Weissman motioned; Paul Malarcher seconded). Motion approved.
5. Motion to end the meeting (Paul Malarcher motioned; Kristen Affrime seconded). Motion approved.

Action Items:

1. All members are to notify Teri Kramarz prior to the meeting of their anticipated attendance.
 2. All subcommittees are to provide copies of their reports to Teri Kramarz one week prior to the meeting.
 3. All members are requested to notify Teri Kramarz and/or Jeff Wawrzeniak if they become aware of any significant events regarding NJSISC members (i.e. deaths, births, etc.).
 4. Vice-Chairs needed for the Northern, Central and Southern Areas.
 5. Membership Subcommittee needs volunteers to assist.
 6. Chair needed for the Rules Subcommittee.
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Chairperson Denis Crayon called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. and advised the meeting was being recorded. After welcoming all to the meeting, the committee saluted the flag. Chairperson Crayon reminded all virtual attendees to sign in using the chat feature then proceeded to inform the in-person attendees of exit routes.

Chairperson Crayon moved to approve the December 16, 2022, meeting minutes. Lynn Foley-Hering motioned; Dhruti Thaker seconded. Motion approved.

Report of the General Chairperson

Chairperson Crayon reported:

- Meetings for 2023 will be hybrid with the option to meet in person as well as on TEAMS.
- Presenters are requested for future general membership meetings.
- The OSHA, NJDOL, and NJSISC Alliance was renewed in August 2022.
- The Bylaw and Rules Committee updates will be provided by Strategic Planner Mrunal Vyas in the absence of Vice-Chair Patrick Mulrooney.
- The next Executive meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.
- Reviewed the 2023 meeting dates and requested members to attend as many meetings as possible. He noted that the June and September meetings will begin at 12:00 noon.

Teri Kramarz noted Gina Mayer-Costa was unable to join and there's no update on her report.

Report of the General Vice-Chairperson

To be discussed in the Strategic Planner's report.

Report of the Strategic Planner

Strategic Planner Mrunal Vyas reported the following:

- Confirmation of committee, subcommittee, and board leadership positions, with strategic priorities to be reestablished.
- The Bylaws & Rules Committee is actively soliciting additional members and resources to complete cross comparison of state rules to committee bylaws. The 2nd Committee markup completion target date is July 1st.
- Continued support on Strategic Alliance Initiative with persistent dialogue on Safe and Sound Campaign with intent to report activity and progress throughout the year while building avenues and approaches to outreach and communication on improving workplace safety and health practices.
- Continuation of promoting training, education, and free onsite consultation to include endorsing the OSHA Challenge program.
- Provide input/guidance/recommendation for the Achievement award category by forming a subcommittee co-led by Sean Farrell, ensuring DOL representation on the committee.
- Draft an application for Achievement award with agreed criteria accepted by DOL and Commissioner by September 1st.

Report of the Governor's Occupational Safety and Health Awards Program

Teri Kramarz had nothing new to report on the Governor's awards program.

Reports of the Area Chairperson

Northern/Central/Southern Areas

- Chairperson Denis Crayon reported a vacancy for Vice-Chair in the Northern area.
- Chairperson Denis Crayon noted that David Fernandez will serve as Chair of the Central Area.
- James Clancy noted that he had nothing new to report for the Southern Area.

Report of the Standing Subcommittees

Standards and Regulations

Teri Kramarz noted Ken Bickerton was unable to join but his report will be posted on the website.

Membership

Kristen Affrime reported the following:

- Three completed new membership applications were received.
 - Charles Russo
 - Mr. Russo (Mercer Work, Bucks Home) recommended by Patrick Mulrooney.
 - Motion to recommend to the Commissioner new member, Charles Russo. Robert Weissman motioned; Michael Pulsinelli seconded. Motion approved.
 - Andrea Hernandez
 - Ms. Hernandez (Bergen Work, Passaic Home) recommended by Kevin Klich.
 - Kevin Klich commented that he has known Andrea for quite some time and has many years of experience. She would bring a lot of value to the NJSISC.
 - Motion to recommend to the Commissioner new member, Andrea Hernandez. Paul Malarcher motioned; Robert Weissman seconded. Motion approved.

- Sean Farrell
 - Mr. Farrell (Mercer Work, Mercer Home) recommended by Dr. Koshy Koshy.
 - Denis Crayon commented that Sean joined us through Princeton University and through the MPH program with Dr. Koshy. He worked extensively on researching what other state programs throughout the country in regards to the recognition awards program. He comes with a great deal of experience and knowledge.
 - Motion to recommend to the Commissioner new member, Sean Farrell. Robert Weissman motioned; Paul Malarcher seconded. Motion approved.
- There was one incomplete application for membership (Jennifer Toro).
- There were no resignations, no removals, one (1) addition (Cecelia Leto), no assignment changes, no requests for membership status change, and no losses.
- There are 20 (of 42) At-Large membership positions filled. There are 44 (of 58) county representatives filled and 14 county openings. There are 64 (of 100) total members.

Safety Education and Professional Development: No report provided.

Rules

Denis Crayon noted that the Chairperson position is currently vacant. He noted members are needed to assist with this standing subcommittee.

OSHA Alliance

Dhruti Thaker reported the following:

- Representatives from OSHA, NJDOL and NJSISC met on February 28th to discuss the Alliance activities. As the immediate past NJSISC chair, she will lead the Alliance along with OSHA's and NJDOL's guidance and input.
- Brian Crain will discuss the Alliance's Challenge Program during today's presentation.
- The recognition program and requirements to enter for an award were discussed in detail.
- Announcement involving the program's design is projected in June.

Report of the Special Subcommittees

Sunshine

Denis Crayon reported on behalf of Jeff Wawrzeniak that there is nothing new to report on Sunshine activities.

Marketing and Public Relations

Denis Crayon reported on behalf of Jeff Wawrzeniak that he would like to post detail on Worker Memorial Day on NJSISC's LinkedIn page.

Worker Memorial Day

Chairperson Crayon noted that Alex Ruiz could not make the meeting but is waiting for names from OSHA and NJDOL. Location for the ceremony to be determined. The event date is April 28. He encouraged members to participate in the ceremony.

Degree Programs

Dr. Koshy Koshy reported the following:

- Registration is open for Fall 2023.

- Alex Ruiz along with Rutgers ES team put together a 40-hour HAZWOPER program for undergraduate and graduate students, 21 students received certificates.

Report of the Affiliated/Cooperating Organizations

New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development (NJDOL)

Justin Baker reported the following:

- PEOSH staff will work on completing the 23(g) grant application which is due August 1, 2023.
- For FFY2023, YTD summary included: 26 initial visits, 12 follow-up visits, and 14 training & education visits.
- The most frequently identified serious hazards during that period was portable fire extinguishers.
- PEOSH Consultation exceeded its projected on-site visit goal for FY2022.
- There are currently six (6) private sector SHARP companies in NJ.

Public Sector and Safety Promotion Update

Justin Baker reported the following:

- Two new hazard alerts have been published on the PEOSH Enforcement website. The alerts are related to fatalities that happened last summer amongst New Jersey lifeguards
- PEOSH is currently researching for their 5-year enforcement plan to focus on high hazard public sector industries to reduce injuries in order to create awareness.
- Tom Lipski, Chief of PEOSH Enforcement retired in December 2022. Stuart Cobb has been promoted to Assistant Chief with three Assistant Chiefs total.
- Staff participated in the annual NJ League of Municipalities (NJLOM) conference to promote consultation and training services.
- Staff were invited to speak at the annual AEA Conference. The presentation topic was “How PEOSH Can Assist You.”

OSHA Update

Rob Colman reported the following:

- The Assistant Secretary of Labor developed a program called Safety as a Core Value which will gather information from listening sessions from employers and safety professionals. The information gathered from each region will be reported to the National Office.
- Anticipating collaboration with the NJSISC to assist with hosting listening sessions.
- Working on a summer safety program to provide employers with resources to use to their advantage.
- Expecting to release a heat contest, soliciting for volunteers that will judge employer’s best practices regarding heat stress.

American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), New Jersey Chapter: No report provided.

American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), Penn Jersey Chapter: No report provided.

New Jersey American Industrial Hygiene Association (NJAIHA):

Teri Kramarz noted Mark Vargas did submit a report and it will be posted on the website.

College, Health & Environmental Safety Society (CHESS):

David Fernandez noted a meeting scheduled for April 14th to review the extensive revisions to the bylaws as well as discuss leadership transition.

Northern/Southern New Jersey Federal Safety & Health Council No report provided.

Denis Crayon noted that there is currently no Northern NJFS&HC. He received an email from the Southern area stating the next Southern New Jersey Federal Field Safety and Health Council meeting will be held on April 12th.

Voluntary Protection Program Participants Association (VPPPA): No report provided.

Presentation: Brian Crain presented on the OSHA Challenge Program.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

- Denis Crayon noted he is looking for presentation submissions for the next meeting.

Chairperson Crayon moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. Paul Malarcher motioned; Kristen Affrime. Motion approved.

The next NJSISC meeting will be held in-person/virtually on June 23, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.