



The 298<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ontario Mine Contractors Safety Association was held virtually on December 8, 2021

#### Board of Directors

- Chris Betsill – Chair
- Steve Wrixon – Sec. /Treasurer
- Jake Hughes – Vice Chair
- Charlie Toepfner – Director
- Craig Robertson – Director
- Jamie Mortson – Director
- Jamie Cresswell – Director
- Pino Spigarelli – Director

#### Closing Remarks:

Name: Steve Wrixon	Firm: Cementation Canada	Position: General Manager – HSE & Recruitment
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#### Members and Firms Represented

Steve Wrixon	Cementation Canada	GM – HSE and Recruitment
Jamie Creswell	Redpath Canada	HSE Manager
Craig Robertson	Manroc	Health and Safety Manager
Mike Stewart	DMC Mining	Safety and Training Coordinator
Chris Betsill	Redpath Canada	General Manager HSE
Mike Fleury	Cementation Canada	Safety Superintendent
Wayne Mohns	Dumas Mining	Vice President
Guy Hubert	Redpath Canada	Operations General Manager
Chris Serratore	Workplace Safety North	Director of Prevention Services
James McDougall	Alex MacIntyre	Operations Manager
Brian Desormeaux	DMC Mining	Safety Superintendent
Glenn Staskus	MLSTD	Provincial Coordinator
Aaron Cater	Soucie Salo Safety	Sales
Jamie Mortson	Alex MacIntyre	Health and Safety Manager
Ken Stewart	NORCAT	Training Manager
Ben Yonge	Dumas Mining	Safety and Training Coordinator
Pino Spigarelli	Dumas Mining	Sr Health and Safety Coordinator
Jake Hughes	Technica Group	Safety & Training Superintendent
Alain Chenard	Huron Mining	Operations Manager
Jay Rutledge	Cementation Canada	Area Manager
Don Croteau	Schauenburg	Director
Shawn Rajotte	EPC Canada	Operations and Sales Manager
Katarina Kosy	Dyno Nobel	Regional Safety Advisor
Philip Bousquet	Ontario Mining Association	Industrial and Government Relations
James Johnston	Workplace Safety North	Health and Safety Advisor
Courtney Kunkel	Redpath Canada	Safety Administrator
Dan Thibert	Cementation Canada	Shaft Technician
Dave MacNeil	DMC Mining	
Anthony Griffiths	MacLean Engineering	Product Manager
Norm Keith	KPMG Law	Partner
Brant McChristie	Huron Mining	Miner
Terry Chenier	Redpath Canada	Operations General Manager
Kevin Villeneuve	Draeger	Business Development
Dana Backer	Pan American Silver	
Greg Ferlotte	DMC Mining	



Kent Armstrong	Draeger	Business Development Manager
Charlie Toepfner	Cementation Canada	Area Manager
Kyle Watson	MLSTD	Mining Inspector
Ryan Begin	Manroc	Supervisor
Greg Louisizee	Legend Mining	Project Manager
Michelle Salvati	Legend Mining	Safety Coordinator
Rick Lacroix	Technica Mining	Electrical Manager
Ron Sizer	Legend Mining	HR and Safety Manager

#### **Lifetime Members**

Denis Beaudoin	Constance Beaudry	Sylvio Bertrand	Jim Cluff	Ron Dion
Ron Dupuis	Don Gillis	Brian Hagan	Robert J. McLean	Glenn Morton
Roy Slack	Bruce Fraser	Derek Budge		

#### **Item 1:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Chris Betsill

#### **Item 2: Safety Share**

Steve Wrixon spoke about the importance of having emergency preparedness items in personal and work vehicles. Norm Keith spoke about recent charges against an employer who had a worker injured and testing showed that the worker was impaired.

#### **Item 3:**

Attendees introduced themselves. Chris and Steve went over meeting etiquette and use of Teams.

#### **Item 4:**

Reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.  
Motion to accept the minutes from Jamie Creswell, seconded by Pino Spigarelli. Carried.

#### **Item 5: Incident and Innovation Reviews**

Cementation - Steve Wrixon presented a Hazard Alert for an incident where a bundle of screen which tipped over and pinned a worker against the bolter which he was loading.

Dumas - Pino Spigarelli presented an incident where a bundle of split sets struck a scissor lift operator in the hand when the gate on the second opened while in the unit was being driven.

Redpath - Jamie Creswell shared an incident where a worker was struck in the leg by a piece of loose while loading a face.

MacIntyre - Jamie Mortson presented an incident where a worker tripped over the leg of a jackleg on a scissor deck while moving a stoper.



#### **Item 6: OMCSA Safety Leadership Awards**

The 2021 OMCSA Safety Leadership Awards were presented by Jake Hughes and representatives from member firms. This year's winners are:

- Wayne Sparkes – Alex MacIntyre – Scoop Operator
- Dan Thibert – Cementation – Shaft Technician
- Ryan Begin – Manroc – Longhole Blast Leader
- Todd Stevenson – Redpath – Project Manager
- Craig Cameron – DMC Mining – Superintendent
- Steve Grom – Huron Mining – Driller/Blaster
- Brandon Vocaturo – Technica Mining – Electrical Supervisor
- Roger Fortin – Dumas Mining – Project Superintendent
- Scott Brown – Dyno Nobel – Site Supervisor

#### **Item 7: Committee Reports:**

##### **1. Legislative Review Committee Update – Chris Betsill**

- The amendment package has been posted for consultation. This includes the proposed changes to section 63 and visiting the raise faces.
- A two day BEV Root Cause Analysis was completed. Three subject matter experts involved from Newmont, Vale and Glencore. They will become members of the MLRC subcommittee on BEV.
- Still awaiting a response from the MLTSD on the OMA request that the MTC becomes a standing sub-committee of the MLRC regarding section 11

##### **2. Mine Rescue Update – Jamie Mortson**

- Last met on virtually on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>
- OMCSA requires alternates for the committee
- Training has resumed but numbers of participants have been reduced
- One new officer and one new technician have been hired by Ontario Mine Rescue
- Handbook was recently updated but some policies require further explanation
- Still investigating the use of drones, robotics and roll out of the tablet and unmanned fire nozzles
- Still addressing requirements for Mine Rescue Medicals
- Provincial competition cancelled for 2021
- Sub-committee looking at improvements for Emergency Response for deep/expansive mines
- One occurrence to report from Totten Mine

##### **3. MTC Update – Charlie Toepfner**

- Committee reconvened two weeks ago
- Jake Hughes is the new committee Co-Chair
- New committee members for both management and labour
- Currently have 14 initiatives, including a sub-committee on Prerequisite Charts
- Committee could be put on hold during upcoming Provincial election
- Chris Bamberger is staying involved in an advisory role
- Next meeting scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>

##### **4. Work Environment Committee – Pino Spigarelli**

- No new update since last OMCSA meeting
- Next meeting is in January
- Diesel emissions feedback has been received to finalize that project
- Will select a new project based on industry needs

**5. WSN Advisory Committee – Steve Wrixon**

- Group last met on September 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Paul Andre made a presentation on the new Provincial strategy and how WSN plans to align
- Chris Bamberger remaining on the committee although he is retired from Vale
- Open discussions about COVID protocols and mental health programs
- Ted Hanley provided an update on Ontario Mine Rescue
- Discussions about a common core program for Diamond Drillers
- Presentation on WSN’s marketing and communications programs for the year

**6. Equipment TAC – Jake Hughes**

- Group last met virtually on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>
- Potential BEV Symposium in June of 2022
- Discussions about the Fire Reporting Form and data from it
- Maclean Engineering hazard alert shared
- Newmont presentation on Driver Fatigue System
- Pedestrian and Mobile Equipment Guideline to be published shortly
- Next meeting scheduled for January

**7. Ground Control TAC – Steve Wrixon**

- Group last met on December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Technical presentation on a survey of Face Support at Canadian and Australian Mines. Paper to be released in January 2022.
- Committee project on ‘Suggested Methodology for Evaluation of Heading Face Stability’ has reached draft stage
- Plan to meet again virtually in March 2022

**8. OMA Safety and Training – Philip Bousquet**

- Committee last met on December 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Sharing of incidents and best practices
- Discussions on COVID protocols and open survey
- A Fitness For Duty working group has been established

**Item 8: WSN Update**

Chris Serratore of Workplace Safety North shared an update on Workplace Safety North’s current focusses and initiatives.

**Item 9: MLSTD Update**

Glenn Staskus provided an update from the MLSTD which will be attached to these minutes. Glenn also advised the group of his upcoming retirement. The OMCSA thanked Glenn for his years of service in assisting the OMCSA and its member firms and congratulated him on his retirement. Glenn also introduced Kyle Watson who will be replacing him in the role.

**Item 10: Other Business**

- Steve Wrixon presented on behalf of Roy Slack an update on the CIM Health and Safety Society including information on the May 2022 CIM Conference in Vancouver, a recently established LinkedIn page for the group and upcoming CIM Safety Awards
- Steve Wrixon informed the group that invoices will be sent to Member firms (\$400) and Associate Members (\$250) in January for 2022 OMCSA dues.
- A reminder that our March meeting involves the Innovation Contest



**Item 11: Closing remarks: Steve Wrixon**

Steve congratulated all of the leadership award winners and thanked them for their commitment to improve our industry. Steve also asked that any of our members provide feedback and ideas to the Board of Directors on how the OMCSA can improve.

**Item 12: Date and Location of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held virtually on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, either in Timmins or via Teams.

**Item 13: Meeting close**

Meeting was closed at 11:40 by Chris Betsill