Next Call: Wednesday May 11, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. EST

DIAL IN INFO: Toll-free: 1-866-234-0247; Local (Toronto): 416-443-4589

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Attendees:

* Nick Kyonka (STAC)
* Clay Parchewksy (WesTower)
* Jon D’Alessandro (WireIE)
* Louis Zaharelos (Telewave Construction)
* Ron Aharoni (Comsolve)
* Dave Ramdeane (Bell)
* Darcy Vanderham (Gravisys)
* Justin Sousa (Gravisys)
* Phil Vieira (Tbaytel)
* Ian Gaudette (Tbaytel)
* Joseph Neglia (Rogers)
* Iain Harrison (PSEC)
* Tracey O’Krane (WSP)
* Chad Crosby (WSP)
* Denis Darveau (Videotron)
* Yanic Raymond (WSP)
* Lee Drenman (WSP)
* Carm Cirillo (Rogers)
* Scott Martin (Ericsson)
* Emilie Filion (Cognibox)
* Grant Sill (Trylon)
* Philippe Lavoie (TELUS)
* Gordon Lyman (eSystem Training Solutions)
* Domonique Valdez (eSystem Training Solutions)
* Mike Hunter (IHSA)
* David Wannamaker (Skyhook)
* Mathew Koziell (Azimuth Services)

Non-Member Attendees:

* Dennis Graham (CBC)
* Ron O’Neil (3M)

Meeting Notes:

1. Introductions
   * Meeting participants introduce selves
2. STAC Fall Protection Standard
   * Participants discuss whether STAC standard should identify different levels of training by same titles used by NATE (ie: competent climber, authorized climber, etc …)
   * Ron O’Neil notes that titles used in NATE CTS were drawn from OHSA and have specific meanings in the US that they don’t have in Canada: suggests staying away from using terms “Qualified,” “Competent,” and “Authorized”
     + General agreement that STAC document should not use these terms if it can be avoided
     + Gord notes that there should be different sections that group training requirements by area of expertise (ie: reinforcing vs. rigging, etc …)
   * General agreement that climbers should go through a gradual progression of training to reach different levels of authorization,
     + Eg: would need to be a Climber 1 for minimum of six months before becoming a Climber 2, etc …
     + General agreement that there should be a mentorship component involved to ensure new climbers aren’t alone on a tower
     + Suggestion that STAC could look at [NWSA’s](http://nws-a.org/) different levels and the requirements needed to progress from one level to the next
       - Participants note that NWSA is not doing any training itself: only certifying that individuals can pass a test
   * Participants briefly discuss potential differences that should be reflected by Climber 1 vs. Climber 2 designations
     + General agreement that knowledge and experience are key differentiators
     + Question as to what can be said about crews
       - Gord says he believes both people in a 2-person crew should be capable of rescuing each other
   * Gord says most important thing we can is to identify what should be included in the training
     + Notes that checklists are useful: can confirm that training has been received and that necessary tools are present
     + Ron O’Neil says that it would be useful clearly identify training and exactly how it happens for each category/position
   * General agreement that the best place to start is by working on the Climber 1 and Rescuer 1 sections
     + Question: Should Rescue 1 be included within/simultaneously to Climber 1
     + Ron O’Neil notes that some useful items to consider at the outset will be:
       - Scope/objective
       - References
       - Comparison of worldwide standards that are similar
       - Business case
   * General discussion of other specific items that should be included in the end product
     + Iain Harrison suggests basic site safety for first day on the job
     + Denis Darveau suggests that an issue we may want to consider is working in isolated areas
     + Dennis Graham suggests we look at hazard identification (ie: inclement weather, animals, 9/11 locating)

Notes from Breakout Session:

* General agreement that Climber 1 training will require a classroom-based component and one day of practical training
* General agreement that Rescue 1 requires Climber 1 training plus an additional day of practical training focused on rescue
* Question as to whether crews require two Climber 2/Rescue 2 personnel on-site at all times
* Action item:
  1. Look up various definitions for Authorized Climber/Climber 1 and Authorized Rescuer/Rescuer 1
  2. Identify sources of these definitions
  3. Examine the NATE CTS and make the decision to keep these section as is, to change or to supplement
     + If changed, cite reference material
     + Can then be sent out to sub-committee for a review
* Possible Climber 1 topics/headings include:
  1. Fall protection
  2. Basic PPE
  3. Hazard Assessment
  4. Types of Structures
  5. Types of Antennas
  6. Working at Night
  7. Rules and Regulations
  8. Anchor Point
  9. Inspection of Fall Arrest Devices
  10. Safety Procedures/Forms
  11. Hard Hat Safety
* Team Leads Assigned:
* Climber 1: Dominique Valdez and Yanic Raymond
* Rescue 1: Denis Darveau and Iain Harrison

Project Structure Proposal (Nick and Clay’s recommendations):

* First Edition of STAC Best Practice document to include training recommendations for Climbers and Rescuers
  + Training recommendations for Tower Technicians and Riggers will follow in the Second Edition
* General proposal to combine Climber 1 and Rescue 1 into a single section to ensure all climbers have ability to rescue themselves from their first day on the job
  + Would include additional sections for:
    - Climber 2
    - Rescue 2 (ability to rescue others through the use of additional equipment)
    - Rescue 3 (ability to rescue others through the use of your own equipment, free-stand resuce)
  + Recertification would be required for C2 and for R2&R3 after every three years