

SAIF celebrates 100 years of workers' comp

Until you, or someone you love, has a workplace injury, you probably never think twice — or even once — about the system that makes sure injured workers are taken care of, and prevents the rest from getting hurt in the first place.

That system, called “workers compensation,” is 100 years old this year in Oregon. 2014 also marks the 100th anniversary of SAIF Corporation (known in 1914 as the State Industrial Accident Commission). SAIF Corporation is Oregon’s not-for-profit workers’ compensation insurance company.

As part of its celebration, SAIF is honoring the people and organizations



From left to right are Bob Shiprack, Kevin Jensen, state Rep. Margaret Doherty (D-Tigard), SAIF board member Rob Van Cleave, John Endicott, Elana Guiney and John Mohlis.

that have had an impact on the workers’ comp system over the course of the last century with the “100 Faces of Change” exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland.

The exhibit showcases photos and artifacts from Oregon industries, along with 100 short stories of those people and organizations. There are governors (and one president), inventors, business, and labor. Mention in the list of 100 are Bob Shiprack, a retired executive secretary of the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council (OSBCTC), and Irv Fletcher, a retired president of the Oregon AFL-CIO. Both men were part of the 1990 Mahonia Hall Workers’ Compensation Reform delegation, and Shiprack was one of the original members of the Management- Labor Advisory Committee (MLAC), which also is highlighted at the museum.

The interactive exhibit opened March 29 and runs through June 22 at the OHS museum at 1200 SW Park Ave., Portland.

Several union members attended the grand opening. Besides Shiprack, there was current MLAC members John Mohlis, executive secretary of OSBCTC, and Elana Guiney, legislative director for the Oregon AFL-CIO; SAIF board member Kevin Jensen, business manager of Iron Workers Local 29; former SAIF board member John Endicott, a retired business manager of Plumbers and Fitters Local 290; and state Rep. Brad Witt, a union rep for United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555 and a former MLAC member.

On July 1, SAIF will publish the “100 Faces of Change” stories and photos on saif.com.

Former Labor Press editor helped pass workers’ comp law in Oregon

Former Oregon Labor Press Editor William A. Marshall was considered “the godfather” of Oregon’s workers’ compensation law. A member of the Multnomah Typographical Union No. 58, Marshall helped push through a law to provide compensation to injured workers and widows and orphans of those fatally hurt.

In 1912, Gov. Oswald West appointed Marshall to the first State Industrial Accident Commission, where he served until 1927. In that job he became known nationally as an authority on what at that time was referred to as “workermen’s compensation.”

Later, he was appointed an administrator in Seattle of the federal job-injury compensation program for long-shoremen and harbor workers.

William Marshall died in Seattle in 1963 at age 88.



WILLIAM MARSHALL

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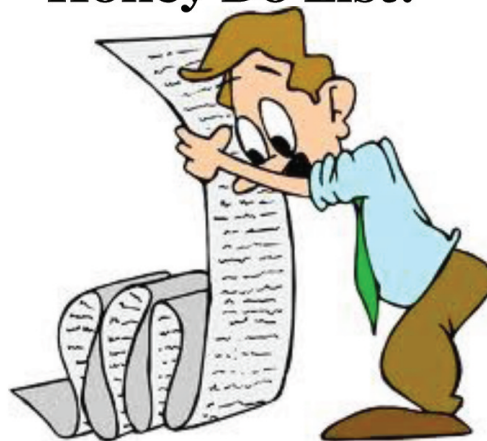


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