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Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
DLIR Conference Room, 321

Present: Trustees: Chairperson Joaquin Diaz, Vice-Chairperson Tristan Aldeguer, Angela Chinen, and Rich Lentes
Absent: Jim Weander
Staff: Executive Director Robert M. Armstrong
Visitors: Dan Purcell

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Chairperson Diaz.
- 2. 18 March 2015 Minutes:** Diaz noted the next date of the upcoming HMOAB meeting (item #9) in the previous minutes listed the May meeting date instead of April 15th. He asked the minutes be corrected to reflect today's date. Aldeguer moved and Lentes seconded to approve the amended minutes as stated. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 3. DLIR Deputy Director:** Leonard Hoshijo introduced himself and the Trustees did the same. He notes his background includes fourteen years as the Education and Political Director of the Carpenters Union, among other positions. He announced DLIR Director-designate Linda Chu Takayama's hearing before the State Senate Hearing Committee is scheduled for Monday, 20 April 2015 at 9:30 a.m. Chairperson Diaz welcomed Hoshijo's attendance and asked if the HMOAB office may be relocated back in the Director's office, as public access continues to be a concern for the Board.
- 4. HIOSH Report:** No report.
- 5. Executive Director's Report:** a.) Armstrong reports more than \$2600 in revenue against no expenses for the previous month. b.) There were seven applications processed during the month, three of whom were new. c.) Trustees were given (in writing) a copy of Governor Ige's initiatives and concern was raised about the status of Trustee Chinen's nomination.

d.) As of today, the Agency's webpage has been revised to reflect accurate information (underscored last month from HIOSH), Trustee names, mission, and most importantly, minutes of previous meetings. There is also a stronger, more visible link under 'attached agencies' although more effort is needed for outside applicants to find our materials.

Unfortunately, HMOAB lost its annual reports online, a few legal links, and the member list still needs to be addressed with the new administration. Armstrong thanks Sami and Glenn in IT for moving these items forward, and Dan Purcell complimented the organization for working through these difficulties in an effort to provide greater public transparency.

e.) Preparatory work continues on mailing the annual reports, although each new and renewed applicant is currently getting a copy with their return mail. f.) The Executive Director followed through with the Attorney General and the proposed attendance procedures for the upcoming OSHA Workshop. Various written correspondence requested last month by Trustees was also provided.

6. **Old Business:** a) Upcoming proposed OSHA requirements concerning qualifications were again address by the Board. Trustee Chinen distributed written remarks (from 31 March) from NCCCO Executive Director Graham Brent regarding the proposed requirements in construction crane and derrick standards. Lentes presented and explained legislation and orientation of other States regarding the certification process. Essentially, the regulations are “all over the place” with mainly western states (CA, NV, MT) involved with the process. Discussion points included military and public utility inclusion, clarifying words such as “operating, valid, and qualified” and ongoing standards regarding weight, reach, capacity and operator training hours. Additionally, Trustees briefly discussed the role of rigger and signal person. The Chair thanked Rich for his diligent and substantive work, as all agreed this was a good ‘starting point’ for further discussion and possible legislative proposals for 2016. Lentes adds further statistics will be provided to the Board in the upcoming months, particularly regarding “accidents, injuries and fatalities” nationwide.

b.) Details regarding the OSHA Workshop in May was provided by Aldeguer, who says over 200 attendees are expected. After a brief discussion regarding the itinerary of the day, it was decided the monthly HMOAB Meeting will be moved from that venue to 20 May in the DLIR conference room. The Executive Director will attend the Workshop as a booth participant and have printed materials available there for attendees.
7. **New Business:** Correspondence from Eric Stoddard of the Hawai'i Stevedore Industry Council was reviewed requesting collaboration on a crane training simulator. The Board asked Angie if she could call Mr. Stoddard regarding the unit.
8. **Community Comments:** Questions were raised about Trustee Chinen's upcoming Senate hearing. Dan Purcell offered to escort Chinen to the State Capitol to find out when her attendance will be required. The Board was appreciative to Dan for his interest and kindness.
9. **Next HMOAB Meeting:** As mentioned earlier, after a brief discussion about attendance concerns and time conflicts at the upcoming OSHA workshop, it was decided to reschedule the next HMOAB meeting for Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in room 321 at the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, 830 Punchbowl Street.
10. **Adjournment:** Lentes moved and Aldeguer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m. The motion was unanimously agreed to without discussion.