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## **Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board Minutes**

Wednesday July 10, 2019

1:30 p.m. HT

830 Punchbowl St, Room 114

Board Members Present: Tristan Aldeguer, Doc Bailey, Richard Lenten III, Angela Chinen, and John Muhlbauer Jr.

Staff: Executive Assistant Mel Chang, HIOSH Administrator Norman Ahu, HIOSH Bronson Luis

John Muhlbauer, Jr. took the Oath of Office before the meeting.

1. Call to Order: A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tristan Aldeguer at 1:32 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes from 14 May 2019. Lenten moved and Chinen seconded to approve minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Director's Office – There was no report from the Director's Office.
4. HIOSH – Luis informed the Board about an accident involving a digger derrick that came into contact with an overhead electrical power line.
5. Executive Assistant Mel Chang Report
  - a. Certifications and applications report – Chang reported that the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2019 and so the report only covers those applications processed up to June 30, 2019. There were a total of 29 applications processed from May 13, 2019 to June 30, 2019 (6 new applications, 20 renewals, and 3 updated or replaced). Two refunds were processed and another refund for a duplicate application is being processed.
  - b. Fund Status—Chang reported that the latest HMOAB Special Funds Report of May 2019 showed \$ 261.06 in revenues over expenses. The Year to Date showed a gain of \$1,126.88.
  - c. The Board instructed Chang to purchase copies of the ASME B30.3 and B30.5 standards.
6. Old Business:
  - a. Adding Electrical Industry Certification Association (EICA) to HMOAB's approved list of certifying agencies. The Board discussed the benefits which would bring more people into the program. A motion to add EICA was made by Bailey and seconded by Muhlbauer. The motion passed with one abstention. Two new categories will be added to the HMOAB card—stationary control and rotating control cranes. HMOAB will

mail a letter to employers informing them of the addition of EICA and the situation with CIC.

- b. CIC certification. There has been no update on CIC's efforts to get ANSI accreditation. Until CIC gets this accreditation, the HMOAB will only accept CIC certificates issued before May 31, 2018 for telescoping boom cranes and August 31, 2018 for lattice boom carrier cranes.

7. New Business

- a. Discussion on sun setting the HMOAB. Aldeguer reported about the May 14, 2019 meeting of the HIOSH Advisory Committee, where there was very strong objection voiced about sun setting the HMOAB. Union members of the committee felt that the continuation of HMOAB was essential for safer operations of cranes in the state and also wanted HMOAB to expand its coverage to other equipment such as digger derricks or to general industry. The April 27, 2019 crane collapse in Seattle, Washington which killed four people was brought up as an example of the need for more oversight on crane safety such as in the assembly and disassembly of tower cranes.

Norman Ahu wants HMOAB to be proactive and keep everyone's attention on crane safety. HIOSH wants subject matter experts and HMOAB is better suited to promote crane and operator safety. Ahu suggested HMOAB could hire someone to inspect cranes on an ongoing basis. The federal OSHA will be doing a one-week training for HIOSH on cranes. Bronson Luis will be the main contact person with HIOSH.

The Board agreed that HMOAB will not sunset. The Board will work on a long range plan for HMOAB which will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

- b. Discussion on adding medical/physical examination requirements. Chinen voice the opinion that the expiration date of HMOAB certifications should be the same as the physical examination expiration. Bailey and Chinen will work on a sample medical form which is good for three years.

8. Community Comments – None

- 9. Next Board Meeting: The next meeting will be: **Wednesday, September 11, 2019**  
@1:30 pm, at 830 Punchbowl Street, Room 114.

- 10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

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