



STATE OF HAWAII
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Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board
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Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, October 24, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
DLIR Conference Room, 321

Present: Trustees: Joaquin Diaz (Chairperson), Tristan Aldeguer (Vice Chairperson), and Angela Chinen.
Staff: Executive Director Robert M. Armstrong
Excused: Trustee Jim Weander and Rich Lentes
Visitors: Nine invited guests from the construction trades and hoisting industries

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Chairperson Diaz.
- 2. 24 September 2014 Minutes:** The minutes were moved by Aldeguer, seconded by Chinen and unanimously approved without discussion.
- 3. DLIR Director's Report:** Dwight Takamine says he and the Deputy Director are planning for the smooth transition of his office for his next successor following the election. The two most important issues right now are 1) preparing the Department's budget starting on 1 July 2015, which he termed as "status quo," and 2) presenting needed legislation for lawmakers in January.

He cautions all financial projections are dependent on economic conditions but pointed out the State is seeing record levels of employment in the Hawai'i workforce during the past three months. He notes unemployment Statewide has dropped from 6.7% to its current 4.2 percent, resulting in a \$119 million savings in the unemployment insurance account. Perhaps revenues to the State will also improve, he said.

He also noted the HMOAB application and meeting minutes have been updated as of today. He thanked the Board for their volunteerism and hard work during his tenure.

Chairperson Diaz thanked Director Takamine for his report and outlined at least four issues the Board hopes to discuss during the next calendar year: a) the definition of "accident" and its subsequent reporting obligations; b) revisiting of the rules for the Director's position and the declination of applicants; c) crane rules in Hawaii as they comply with Federal OSHA regulations (especially concerning "seat time" for apprentice workers); and d) forklift (with hook and/or winch) operating regulations.

4. **HIOSH Safety Manager's Report:** No report.
5. **Presentation from NCCCO California Affair Manager Bob Hornauer:** The former Safety Director for Dillingham Corporation (former parent company of Hawaiian Dredging), Bob Hornauer presented information from the largest national credentialing organization for the industry, the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators. A non-profit since 1995, NCCCO recently reached a historic milestone when the 100,000th person was nationally certified, and is the leading body for such activity in Hawai'i. NCCCO is headquartered in Fairfax, VA with additional offices in Salt Lake City and California, and is officially recognized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Currently 17 states (including Hawai'i) and six cities require certification, with all fifty needing to comply by November 2017.

Bob outlined the six NCCCO classifications for mobile cranes, the three articulating or knuckle boom cranes, tower and overhead cranes as well as digger derricks. A discussion concerning forklifts, with hooks and winches, was also provided. He covered the key aspects of the NCCCO website, and in particular, the verification system online and provided hand-outs about this and their Employer Recognition Program. Finally, Bob addressed the continuing issue of certification versus qualification (the latter which comes from employers), as well as type and capacity issues which are separate concerns.

6. **HMOAB Executive Director's Report:** In the interest of time, Armstrong submitted his report in writing. His office processed fifteen applicants this past month including eight new certifications, while another seven are pending. Over \$5300 was received against less than \$260 in expenses. Now that a dozen updates to the HMOAB webpage has been submitted, work will begin on the agency's annual report and updated member mailing lists.
7. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, **November 12** at 1:30 p.m. in DLIR Conference Room 321.
8. **Adjournment:** Aldeguer moved, Chinen seconded for the meeting to conclude at 2:57 p.m. The motion unanimously passed without discussion.