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Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, November 14, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
DLIR Conference Room, 321

Present: Trustees: Joaquin Diaz (Chairperson), Tristan Aldeguer (Vice Chairperson), Rich Lentes, and Angela Chinen.
Staff: Executive Director Robert M. Armstrong and Soon Hye Edgerton, HIOSH
Excused: Trustee Jim Weander
Visitors: None

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Chairperson Diaz.
- 2. 22 October 2014 Minutes:** Aldeguer moved, Chinen seconded to approve the minutes without discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 3. DLIR Director's Report:** No report.
- 4. HIOSH Report:** Soon Hye Edgerton was introduced as the Hawai'i Occupational Safety and Health agency's representative to the HMOAB Board. Ms. Edgerton sought to clarify with the Board previous legislation and guidelines which had been passed.

A brief discussion followed regarding a recent possible electrical problem at a construction worksite and if it met the criteria of a HMOAB "accident." After some discussion, Board members believed the incident, which caused a three-to-five hour delay during a concrete pour, does not fit the commonly accepted definition used in the industry. Further clarification of what is an accident, an incident, a near-miss, and the like needs to be studied, along with defining what constitutes a crane today, for possible future legislative action.

Finally, members and Edgerton both agreed it's important to have HIOSH and OSHA regulations unified and to consider compiling local accident data independently.

- 5. Executive Director's Report:** Armstrong reports a relatively slow month for certifications with seven applications initiated, renewed, and/or replaced. Fourteen hundred and fifty dollars was taken in against less than thirty dollars spent in expenses.

Mention was made of a recent OSHA directive received on 10/17/14. He and the Board members agreed it wasn't particularly relevant to the agency's needs or actions.

Finally, Armstrong shared a directive last Friday from the DLIR Legislative Director, on behalf of DLIR Director Takamine, of the HMOAB office's surprise office move in six hours. Continued concerns regarding possible DLIR violations of State Acts 135, 136, and 137 regarding record privacy as well violating terms of the new office portal with the Criminal Justice Data Center for criminal background checks of applicants have been made.

- 6. Old Business:** After waiting nearly two months, Armstrong reports some Board minutes and the latest certification application are now available on the HMOAB webpage. None of the other thirteen or so proposed improvements have been enacted nor is there any indication it will be addressed before the current administration ends. The recent news of the office move will also necessitate additional new changes on the website, application, and physical documents.

The HMOAB annual report is currently being written and should be completed by Thanksgiving, barring any last-minute changes or directives from the Department.

- 7. New Business:** The upcoming visit of NCCCO President Graham Brent to Hawai'i in hopes of addressing HMOAB members was discussed. Because of a recent opinion from the Deputy Attorney General regarding Board travel, it was decided to cancel the proposed session with Mr. Brent on Maui Island scheduled for Wednesday, 7 January 2015.

Further, her decision creates numerous concerns for the O'ahu event on Thursday, 8 January 2015. After much discussion, Labor Union #3 has tentatively agreed to cover the cost of his appearance for an after-work address, if the logistics can be worked out. Trustees Chinen and Diaz agreed to see if plans can be worked out and will report back to the Executive Director. These events also indicate the need for more robust computerized office recordkeeping of members, which should be a goal for the upcoming year.

A list of 21 possible goals for the future was presented to the Board from the Executive Director and a brief discussion ensued. An additional item, the possible State licensing of future riggers and general construction crane operators, was also added. The Chairperson asked the Executive Director to prioritize his five most important goals.

In light of the multitude of actions and issues facing HMOAB at the moment, no discussion or changes were made regarding the 2015 HMOAB budget. All Trustees agreed the agency was working with an eye toward the 2016 legislative and financial year.

HMOAB future Wednesday meeting dates in 2015 were identified as 18 February, 18 March, 15 April, and 20 May. Armstrong will schedule the meeting for the 321 conference room.

- 8. Community Comments:** None.
- 9. Next HMOAB Meeting Date:** Wednesday, 21 January 2015.
- 10. Adjournment:** Lentes moved and Aldeguer seconded to conclude the meeting at 3:21 p.m. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.