



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
**Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board**  
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**Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board Minutes**  
Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.  
DLIR Conference Room, 321

**Present:** Trustees: Tristan Aldeguer (Vice Chairperson), Jim Weander, Angie Chinen, and Richard Lentos, III  
**Staff:** DLIR Deputy Director Jade Butay, Executive Director Robert M. Armstrong  
**Excused:** Chairperson Joaquin Diaz  
**Visitor:** Dan Purcell

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Aldeguer.
- 2. 29 July 2014 Minutes:** The minutes were moved by Weander, seconded by Lentos and unanimously approved without discussion.
- 3. Executive Director's Report:** (a) Slow progress was noted with several ongoing issues such as the office installation of the CJIS-Hawaii (e-crim) system, a response from Diantha Goo and HIOSH on last month's issues, the approval from the Governor's office regarding new Trustees and other matters. Armstrong was confident these matters will be resolved by months' end.

The Board and he went over needed changes to the application form. Most were grammar related or efforts to make the form easier to use and fill out. However, a key discussion developed as to what U.S. and State government identification forms would be accepted, and later expanded to include TWIC, AOA, and military identification forms. Needed suggestions were also made about the language around the birth certificate requirement.

As per Walter Medina's recent request, the Board adopted the City/County of Honolulu's physical examination requirements and added to the application form. CIC and Operating Engineers Local 12 certifications were also added to the NCCCO certification options.

A discussion regarding which specialties should be recognized commenced. After recognizing that organizations differ on capacity versus type, the Board decided to drop all four letter designations and remove SGP and RIG designations, as they aren't hoisting activities. The Board instructed the Executive Director to add STC and a new "other" designation to replace those new vacancies. Bob will see if Gebco can accommodate

additional categories for BTF and other certification, but cautioned these changes will take time to modify the software.

The Board also debated the relevance and redundancies of some questions on pages 2 and 3. In all, the above changes were moved by Lentes, seconded by Chinen, and unanimously approved. The new changes will be forwarded and reviewed by the Attorney General.

Finally, (b) Armstrong reported eight certifications were processed this month and the purchase of annual office supplies were made along with the parking passes. It was his opinion HMOAB will be unable to provide credit card processing anytime soon as online safety is a major concern, and presently extremely limited resources within DLIR exist to move that issue or make changes with our website. Bob did report he is working with the sole technology person, Glenn, to affect the application page changes as soon as possible.

- 4. Old Business:** As earlier reported (a), our issues with HIOSH are still pending. Vice-Chair Aldeguer underscored his belief HMOAB must begin envisioning a Strategic Plan to “map out” the next important issues and time frames for the organization.

Most prominent in the discussion was the possibility of HMOAB to be involved with certification and rigger qualifications for general industry. Trustee Lentes reported that in the last three years of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, when the last available statistics were available from OSHA, there were 158 crane accidents, 80 of which were in non-construction industries. It was also the belief of Trustee Chinen, underscored by other members, that OSHA will never certify riggers because every situation for their work is different. She, as a trained instructor, emphasized the important distinction between “qualified” and “certified” licensing.

Aldeguer suggested checking with California regulations for crane operations pertaining to general industry to begin the process of possibly amending HMOAB rules. It was further stated that perhaps our group and HIOSH should work more closely to compile such rules and statistics. Trustee Weander reminded all present one reason HMOAB exists is to provide expertise to help their inspectors do their job well.

Finally, it was restated future changes may see the expansion of our organization’s activities to include the advancement and education of those in industry regarding tower and crane safety, as well as individual members.

(b) Bob Hornauer’s visit is still anticipated for the October Board meeting, once he gets clearance from his superiors. The topic of his visit will be fixed at that time.

- 5. New Business:** A brief discussion involved current HMOAB certification fees, which has not changed in some time. While the \$10 replacement card option being dropped, it was the general consensus of Trustees our fees were fair and reasonable, and did not necessitate a change at this time.
- 6. Community Concerns:** Dan Purcell shared his observations of the State Building Code Council and complimented HMOAB for its appreciation of safety in its work. He

encouraged the organization to collect such information and asked rhetorically, if not us, “who?” He also asked about the length of time each Trustee serves, as he was confused as to who the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of HMOAB were given our recent changes.

A brief discussion ensued about the size of the labor pool in industry, which seems to be limited with so many running, qualified construction projects Island-wide. In fact, a new generation of crane operators may now be emerging. Particularly for tower people, the conundrum of how a potential worker gets experience for a license while needing to acquire a license in order to get experience was briefly discussed.

7. **Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in DLIR room 321.
8. **Adjournment:** Chinen moved and Lentes seconded to close the meeting at 3:01 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved without discussion.