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

Present: Trustees: Joaquin Diaz (Chairperson), Tristan Aldeguer (Vice Chairperson), Jim Weander, Angie Chinen, and Richard Lentas, III
Staff: Executive Director Robert M. Armstrong
Visitor: Dan Purcell

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairperson Diaz.
- 2. 20 August 2014 Minutes:** The minutes were moved by Weander, seconded by Lentas and unanimously approved without discussion.
- 3. Installation Ceremony:** In separate ceremonies, Chairperson Diaz formally installed both Richard E. Lentas III and Angela A. Chinen as HMOAB Trustees, with terms ending on 30 June 2018. The event was later witnessed and verified by a Notary.
- 4. DLIR Deputy Director's Report:** No report.
- 5. Executive Director's Report:** A brief financial report was given indicating overall revenue will be just shy of \$400,000 for the calendar year. Certifications are being tracked so Trustees will have a sense of the volume of new applicants, renewals, and replacements in any given month. A question was raised about applications which are rejected but none have since the new ED began. Armstrong verified he will use the previously approved Trustee-created rubric, if needed. Finally, it was hoped that our webpage would be soon updated but the Executive Director had no idea when that might occur. It has been over a year since our minutes have been updated online, and of course, our new application form is not available for use, creating some difficulties in the office.
- 6. Old Business:** a.) HIOSH has confirmed their attendance at future HMOAB meetings beginning in October. Soon Hye Edgerton will be the representative, although perhaps more HIOSH employees may want to attend on 22 October to hear Bob Hornauer of NCCCO.

b.) Due to an oversight last month, it was necessary to formally approve a "notarized copy of one's Social Security card" as an accepted identification source on the operators' application. Lentas moved the question with Weander seconding. The motion was approved with Trustee



Chinen abstaining. In addition, the National Center for Construction Education and Research approved previously will be added to the application as a certifying body.

c.) It was discovered that the Trustees had been unintentionally misinformed of Bob Hornauer's visit. He will be visiting on Wednesday, 22 October at 1:30p and presenting a five point presentation covering general NCCCO programs, operations, website, the VCO system, and Federal OSHA delays. To give him maximum time, next month's meeting agenda will be greatly abbreviated.

7. **New Business:** a.) Details about an industrial accident was shared and the need to centralize and perhaps improve reporting information regarding such incidents was voiced. The incident occurred opposite the Ward Theaters and was essentially misreported by the media, according to Chinen. It was a hoist motor issue on a crane that malfunctioned and a weight had to be lowered manually. The brake on the machine did fail during the process but the 25,000-pound balancing weight was never in a freefall. The equipment was not damaged, no one was injured, and the public was never in any danger.

A robust discussion followed involving HMOAB, HIOSH, the DLIR and proper reporting procedures for accidents and incidents. It was concluded that public education campaign is sorely needed in this area and perhaps an open discussion about any gaps or issues missing in State regulations.

b.) Chairperson Diaz once again invited suggestions for strategic planning items from the Trustees. He identified three initial areas so far: 1. Improved communication efforts, especially for operators so that they know who to call for information and the eventual development of a HMOAB newsletter; 2. Reopen or revisit reporting guidelines, and in particular the definition of 'accidents' and how "major, moderate and minor" should be classified; and 3. Continuing the dialogue with HIOSH so that together both agencies can be more proactive and cooperative in their work for the good of Hawaii's citizens.

As a part of this discussion, Trustee Lentes offered to find a better means of acquiring statistics related to past accidents in both the construction and general industry. Several agreed this information, while complicated to find, would be valuable to have available.

8. **Community Comments:** Dan Purcell complimented the Board for turning a corner as an organization "with a mission." He suggested polling the other States which have NCCCO licensing procedures and perhaps surveying the labor force for their anticipated needs in our area. Responding to a question, it was noted that training in our discipline, especially on field gear, has always been a critical issue in the process.
9. **Next Board Meeting:** has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 22 at 1:30 p.m. in DLIR room #321 to accommodate Bob Hornauer's presentation. Invitations will be going out for the event in two weeks. Two Trustees, Weander and Lentes, report having prior engagements at that time.

10. Adjournment: Trustee Weander moved and Aldeguer seconded to close the meeting at approximately 3:03 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved without discussion.