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Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board Minutes

Wednesday November 17, 2021

1:30 p.m. HT

By Videoconference

Board Members Present: John Mihlbauer, Jr., Angela Chinen, Doc Bailey, Thomas Jacobs

Guests Present: William Kunstman for the DLIR Director, Bronson Luis for HIOSH, Clayton Chun for HIOSH, Dennis Ling

Staff: Tracy Takano

1. Call to Order: A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mihlbauer at 1:31 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2021 meeting: Upon motion duly made and seconded, minutes were approved unanimously.
3. DLIR Director's Report: none
4. HIOSH Safety Branch Report:
 - a. In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Luis and Mr. Chun explained that inspectors do not come in contact with crane operations very often because cranes are usually used in early phases of construction. HIOSH is not able to have an inspector solely dedicated to cranes because this would be considered "targeting" by the employers. Inspectors do investigate accidents or complaints and have cited operators who do not have current HMOAB or NCCCO certification. Mr. Mihlbauer requested a brief report on recent citations for the next HMOAB meeting.
 - b. Mr. Chun and Mr. Luis clarified that because of federal restrictions following 9/11, HIOSH is not able to inspect or investigate accidents and complaints at maritime and military worksites.
 - c. Mr. Chun and Mr. Luis stated that HIOSH wanted to be present at meetings to inform the Board and to receive information or questions from HMOAB.
 - d. Ms. Chinen recently returned from an NCCCO meeting and informed the Board and HIOSH that OSHA will be issuing a new directive on cranes very soon.
 - e. The Board will draft a response to Norman Ahu's questions and comments regarding expansion of HMOAB's jurisdiction. This draft will be discussed at the next HMOAB meeting.
5. Executive Assistant's Report:
 - a. Takano presented his report dated November 15, 2021
 - b. Takano has asked the Fiscal office for clarification on the August, September, and October 2021 General Funds Reports.

- c. Upon motion duly made and seconded, report was unanimously approved.
6. Old Business
- a. Expansion of HMOAB jurisdiction:
 - i. On hold pending further discussions with Mr. Ahu.
 - b. Replacement for Executive Assistant:
 - i. Applicant Dennis Ling answered questions from Board members.
 - ii. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to appoint Mr. Ling to replace Tracy Takano who is resigning. Mr. Mihlbauer, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Jacobs voted in favor. Ms. Chinen abstained.
 - iii. Takano to work with Mr. Ling through the hiring process and train the new Executive Assistant.
 - c. Update on new Board applicant
 - i. Takano to follow up with applicant.
 - ii. In addition to the current applicant, the Board needs to recruit two more applicants for the terms expiring June 30, 2022.
7. New business:
- a. Discussion on changing specialties currently recognized for HMOAB Operator Certificate: deferred until next meeting.
 - b. HMOAB Annual Report:
 - i. Main content of draft presented was approved, and some members will provide updated information on their individual biographies.
 - ii. Final Annual Report to be completed and forwarded to Mr. Kunstman before December 1, 2021.
8. Community Concerns:
- a. The Board discussed an inquiry from HCDA regarding operation of tower cranes over State right of ways. No one at the meeting was aware of any state laws or restrictions. Contractors will inform adjoining property owners and the community of any planned crane operations. In certain situations, a “luffer crane” has been used to limit the swing of the load.
 - b. Takano will report the Board’s discussion to HCDA and see if there are more specific questions the agency would like HMOAB to address.
9. Next Board Meeting: The next meeting will be held by videoconference on **Wednesday December 15, 2021 at 1:30 pm.**
10. Adjournment: Upon motion duly made and seconded, meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.