

**Construction Codes Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2009
Minnesota Room**

Members Present:

Mark Brunner
Bob Dahm (Dept. Of Public Safety Commissioner's Designee)
Gerhard Guth
Bruce Hutchins
Gaylin Beam for Robert Jewell
Tom Joachim (Commissioner's Designee)
Kenneth Kammerer
Dan McConnell
Kathleen Ostrom
Tom Seanger
Luke Stemmer
Bob Bastianelli for Larry Stevens
Matt Anfang for Kent Warden
Kevin White

Members Absent:

Thomas Downs
Stephen Lucas
Pete Nelson
Mike Stillman

Staff Present:

John Schultz
Randy Vogt
Annette Trnka

Visitors:

Pam Weaver
Pete Parris
Bill Heaney

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Joachim at 1:04 p.m. Announcements were made and administrative information was given.

II. Introduction of CCAC Members

Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. The members of the audience announced themselves.

III. Approval of Agenda

Brunner made a motion, seconded by McConnell, to approve the meeting agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Dahm made a motion, seconded by Kammerer, to approve the April 9, 2009 Minutes. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

V. Reports of Officers and Committees

There are no reports at this time.

VI. New Business

A. Legislative Update

- i. CCLD Budget – Joachim gave an update on the budget and the resulting administrative changes for the Department of Labor and Industry.
- ii. CCLD Cleanup Bill, HF927 – Joachim gave an update on the Department's cleanup bill for the 2008 Legislative session. The housing property maintenance issue was added late in the session and caused the bill to fail in its entirety, so will be amended and brought back to the next Legislative session.
- iii. Homeowner Warranty ____ (6) – Joachim stated that one of the Homeowner Warranty Bills is going to be assigned to a Technical Advisory Group to look at a process to assist the Homeowner/Builder before it gets to litigation. Charlie Durenberger and Steve Hernick will head this committee to make a recommendation to the Legislature. Ostrom gave an update on the legislation regarding the six bills, of which one passed, and five were vetoed by the Governor. Kathe Ostrom stated she would like to be on this Committee.

B. Advisory Committees or Task Forces

- i. Misclassification of Workers – Joachim discussed what the Technical Advisory Committee would be discussing and would then make a recommendation to the Legislature on independent contractors. Kathe Ostrom stated she would like to be on this Committee also.
- ii. Elevators/Manlifts in Churches and Grain Elevators – Joachim gave an update on the legislature regarding the annual inspections and annual operating fee for inspections on all elevators and devices. What has been found is that there are a number of manlifts that are strictly manlifts and operated by hand that are so old there isn't any maintenance done. Joachim then discussed what the Technical Advisory Groups would be looking at regarding maintenance criteria to make a recommendation back to the Legislature. One committee will look at manlifts and grain elevators. The other committee will review elevators and wheel chair lifts in churches.
- iii. Another Committee that will be formed is the piece of legislature that caused the DLI cleanup bill to not pass. The housing property maintenance codes and the State Building Code will be looked at (Chapter 1300, Chapter 1311; along with the State

Fire Code and the State Fire Codes' appendix chapter that adopts the International Property Maintenance Code as an option.)

C. Rules Update

- i. MN Rule 1350 – Manufactured Homes
<http://www.dli.mn.gov/PDF/docket/1350ManuHomes.pdf> - Randy Vogt of the Department of Labor and Industry gave an overview of the proposed Rules.
- ii. MN Rule 5230 – High Pressure Piping, add definition of “repairs”
http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister//33_48.pdf - Bastianelli gave an overview of the Board of High Pressure Piping’s recent rulemaking and why this portion of the rule has been separated from the previous rulemaking.

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Approval of CCAC Bylaws dated June 18, 2009. Ostrom made a motion, seconded by Dahm, to approve the draft Bylaws. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

VIII. Open Forum

There were no requests for Open Forum.

IX. Council Member Discussion

Ostrom asked about specifics on the various task forces that will be formed. Joachim stated within the next month on the two Statutory charged task force/advisory committee, notices will go out to members of the industry outlining the issues and asking for members to volunteer. He went on to state that each group should be approximately 12 members and should represent a range of the industry to get input. Some issues are more time sensitive than others and will determine the exact time frame.

Guth asked about the 2009 building code that Wisconsin is looking to adopt - whether DLI has reviewed that code to see what could be coordinated with Minnesota. Joachim stated the two Governors had asked the two codes units to meet to discuss what could be coordinated with the codes and licensing of each state. Wisconsin hasn't started their process with their 2009 codes yet. They have their own home grown residential code and do not adopt the International Residential Code. Minnesota and Wisconsin staff will continue to look for avenues to bring our codes and licensing programs in line to provide easier access to all of the industries we serve.

X. Announcements

- A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings:
- i. Thursday, September 17, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI

ii. Thursday, December 10, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI

XI. Adjournment

Kammerer made a motion, seconded by Ostrom, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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