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Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division  
**Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board**  
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## **Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board Minutes**

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

1:30 p.m. HT

830 Punchbowl Street, Room 114

Honolulu, HI 96813

Board Members Present: Richard Lentes III, Angela Chinen, and John Mihlbauer Jr.

Excused: Tristan Aldeguer, Doc Bailey

Staff: Executive Assistant Mel Chang

1. Call to Order: A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Rich Lentes III at 1:40 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes from 13 June 2018. Mihlbauer moved and Chinen seconded to approve minutes as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.
3. DLIR Director – no report.
4. HIOSH – Clayton Chun reported that the utility company has been issued six citations in the crane fatality incident.
5. Executive Assistant Mel Chang Report
  - a. Certifications and applications report – Chang reported that 17 applications were processed since the June 18 meeting (6 new applications and 11 renewals). Seven people completed their applications online.
  - b. Fund Status–Chang reported that the latest HMOAB Special Funds Report of June 2018 shows the current month of June 2018 showed a plus \$1,243.46 in revenues over expenses. The year to date fund status has \$10,589.16 in revenues over expenses. The \$1,300 in expenses under dues/subscription is for a HMOAB exhibition booth at the October 9-10, 2018 at the 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Pacific Rim Safety and Health Conference.
6. Old Business:
  - a. Proposed legislative and administrative rule changes – there was continued discussion about the future role of the HMOAB in light of the proposed OSHA rules on crane operator certification which is now expected to take effect around September 2019 or later. When OSHA adopts the final rules, HMOAB certification would be redundant.  
The Board discussed two options:

- 1) Hawaii would adopt the OSHA rules. Section 12-48 of the Administrative Rules would be revised to eliminate the need for HMOAB certification. The Board would continue to serve as an advisory body to HIOSH.
- 2) Hawaii could adopt a standard stronger than OSHA's rules. The Rules would be revised where HMOAB would expand its scope to include the certification of crane operators in general industry and utilities. HMOAB would continue to function as currently constituted.

The Board instructed Mel Chang to setup a meeting between Director Leonard Hoshijo and the HMOAB on August 22 or on a day at the Director's choosing to discuss these options and the future direction of HMOAB.

7. New Business  
a. None

8. Community Comments – None

9. Next Board Meeting: **Wednesday, Aug 22, 2018 @8:30 am**, HMOAB Room 114.

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

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