

State Board for Crane Operators
Minutes of the August 7, 2013, Meeting

Members Present: Edward St. John, Chairman; Edward Shapiro, Richard DeJulio; Nate Brown

Also Attending: Elliot Henowitz, State Crane Inspector; William Abbott, SFM; Glenn Carrezola, IUOE Local 478; Terry Brouwer, DAS/DCS/OSFM; Jenna Padula, DAS/DCS; Linda Spring DAS/DCS/OSFM

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. Minutes of the July 16, 2013, meeting were approved.
3. Old Business:
 - A. It was suggested to archive agreements 1-9 and bring forward 10 & 11.
 - B./C. Letters were sent out and the office is receiving returns for re-certification. The OSFM is in the process of finding locations to test. One feasible facility is the Operating Engineers Training Facility. Summit Crane, Central Construction and Industrial Riggers were approached to help accommodate applicants without availability to cranes. The Crane Inspector inquired as to how to treat requests for refunds on licenses that have recently been renewed. One operator recently sent in his renewal but now with the re-certification, would like a refund and will no longer operate a crane. The Board's recommendation was that the State not refund the money. Re-certification testing will be scheduled during the week and will begin in about 3-4 weeks.
 - D./F. Frank Papa and Preston Ward have had their licenses re-instated. The Crane Inspector will file his administrative reports with the Board in order to proceed with any further action.
 - E. Dave Perzan-Quick Pick will not have a report. A letter will go in his file and is now concluded.
 - G. Illegal crane usage by private citizen – pending legal advice. Legal staff reported that any complaint should follow Board procedures, regardless of the source. Moving forward, the Board asked the Crane Inspector to give an administrative report so the Board can decide the action.
 - H. The Board reviewed and approved the Apprentice Crane Applications. One applicant's co-signed Crane Operator (John Fernandez) owns his own business and will need to submit a notarized letter that he will be present for the applicant.
 - I. Discussion continued from last month regarding personnel lifts. It was reiterated that less than two thousand pound capacity is considered a man lift. Two thousand pounds and greater capacity is considered a crane and requires a licensed crane operator.
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 - A. Review of new applicants for crane testing – compliance with two (2) year prerequisite requirement- none.
 - B. The Board granted a late renewal application from a hoister who's application was late due to documented active military duty.
 - C. Terry Brouwer distributed information pulled from the Crane and Hoisting Regulations that included fees and requirements. Board members will review the information for discussion at the next meeting.
 - D. The Chairman asked for motion to amend the agenda for discussion on the testing procedure. Motion made and seconded. Discussion concerned following-up on the testing procedure and streamlining it. This will be added under new business under letter D on the present agenda. The testing procedure for re-certification was discussed to either use CT testing or national testing. The Chairman did research one national testing facility. This would be an option for the Crane Operator seeking certification. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.