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STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULATION/CLASSIFICATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE BOARD'S OFFICES

The meeting of the Regulation/Classification subcommittee of the Nevada State Contractors Board was called to order at 8:55 a.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2011 by Chairman Guy M. Wells.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Guy M. Wells
Nathaniel "Nat" Hodgson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Margi Grein, Executive Officer
Ms. Nancy Mathias, Licensing Administrator

It was noted for the record that the meeting agenda had been posted in compliance with requirements of the Open Meeting Law at the following locations: Las Vegas City Hall, Sawyer State Building, Clark County Library and Reno City Hall, Washoe County Court House and Washoe County Library. The agenda was also posted in both offices of the Board and on the Board's Internet Website.

Item No. 2 – Public Comment:

There were no members of the public present to offer comment on any matter not specifically listed on the agenda.

Item No. 3 – Review of Advisory Opinion Number 11-04-21-194 pertaining to installation and maintenance of private fire hydrants and correspondence received from KAP Mechanical Services, LLC; D & R Hydrant, Inc.; and Fire Hydrant Services & Construction, Inc.

There were several individuals present to offer comments concerning the above-referenced advisory opinion.

Mr. Doug Sartain, President for Certified Fire Protection indicated that Advisory Opinion 11-04-21-194 adequately addresses the issues concerning the inspection, testing, maintenance and repair of existing private fire hydrants and the initial installation of new private hydrants.

Mr. Don Griffie, owner of D & R Hydrant provided a history of fire hydrants in the Henderson, Nevada area and explained the scope of his business in testing and repairing fire hydrants. He mentioned the difficulty of identifying public and private hydrants. He provided written hand-out material to the sub-committee members. Mr. Griffie provided additional comments on local jurisdictional ordinances. Mr. Griffie recommended creation of a new subclassification specifically for inspection, testing, maintenance and repair of private hydrants.

Mr. Robert Audenried, Vice Present of Desert Fire Protection stated their work is mostly performed in private industrial parks and requested clarification concerning the actual scope of work allowed by the advisory opinion, specifically relating to the flange directly below the hydrant.

Mr. Bill Rudisill of Foothill Fire Protection requested that consideration be given to offering licensure for fire service technicians and recommended more specific definitions for allowable work.

Mr. Lee Marx, American Fire & Electric supports the advisory opinion as written and further acknowledged the role of the State Fire Marshal.

Mr. David Provost commented on his concerns that the advisory opinion did not clearly delineate the scope of work that could be performed by a licensee holding a C41 or an A19 classification. He was assured that it was not the intent of the sub-committee to expand the work allowed under the C41 classification.

Mr. Mark Silverman, Allstate Fire Equipment stated his support of the Advisory Opinion language as written.

Mr. Steve Schmall, Desert Fire Protection offered his comments concerning the life, safety issues related to non-working fire hydrants. He supports the language of the Advisory Opinion.

Mr. Gordon Marks, Ace Fire Systems indicated that fire protection licensees follow all fire protection guidelines, the NFPA and local ordinances. He recommends further clarification to the Advisory Opinion in order to ensure compliance with the Board's intent.

Mr. Howard Arata, HTA Plumbing & Mechanical feels all types of work are covered under current license classifications, C1, C41 and A.

The subcommittee requested that participants provide written comments. Responses should be forwarded to Licensing Administrator, Nancy Mathias.

Item No. 4 - Review of license classifications pursuant to Governor Sandoval's Executive Order 2011-1 and the Board's Strategic Plan.

Ms. Nancy Mathias provided an overview of staff's assessment of certain classifications or subclassifications that the Board may wish to consider revising in order to streamline and update license classifications to coincide with technological advances and changes in the industry.

Item No. 5 – Public Comment

There were no members of the public present in either location to offer comment.

Item No. 6 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Reynolds
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Margi A. Grein, Executive Officer

Guy M. Wells, Chairman, Regulation/Classification Subcommittee