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STANDARDS, RULES, REGULATIONS & OPERATING PROCEDURES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday – July 28, 2011 9:30 A.M.

I. Call To Order/ Roll Call

CAC Chairperson Aram Hodess called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Members present: Aram Hodess, Julia Dozier, Pat McGinn, Anne Quick, Carl Goff, Jack Buckhorn, and Acting Chief Glen Forman.

A quorum was met.

Members absent: Wayne Lindholm, Neil Struthers and Donna Bechthold

II. Review/Approval of the minutes of April 28, 2011

- It was m/s/c to approve the April 28, 2011 minutes.

III. New Business

- There was a discussion of the effectiveness of the new dispatch rules to the 230.1 revisions. Some program sponsors reported an increase in apprentice dispatch requests. Others noted that there was an actual decline.
- It was also reported that some employers are specifying that they were submitting a DAS 104 for “compliance purposes only”, suggesting they had no intention of employing an apprentice; other employers stated that they would pay all apprentice fringes into the employer’s own benefit plans.
- There was additional discussion of DAS enforcement efforts where employers failed to employ apprentices. Acting Chief Glen Forman noted that DAS investigations are complaint driven and that DAS only investigates violations after a project is completed.
- Any complaints should be directed to Pacia Parker at DAS and should provide as much pertinent information as possible. DAS has a pdf complaint form which Ms. Parker will e-mail upon request.
- Other speakers reported the importance of education employers on the benefit of hiring apprentices; others emphasized the importance of DAS enforcement against those who fail to do so and also the importance of imposing fines and the publication of enforcement activities to encourage voluntary compliance by employers.

- Commissioner Quick noted that Labor Code Section 1777.5 (E) required employers to submit project hours worked by journeymen and apprentices within 60 days of completion of a project. It was suggested that consideration be given to have awarding bodies withhold progress payments where training funds have not been paid.

IV. Old Business

- Renee Bacchini reported that allowing the electronic submission of PW- 13 forms is on track and should be operating within six months. Awarding bodies would have access to submit the forms to a protected website and the data would subsequently be available to the public at the DAS website.
- Renee asked whether there were additional line items that seemed appropriate for an inclusion on the electronic PW – 13 Form. Inclusion of the contractor’s and subcontractors’ names, including contractor’s license number and the trade they were to perform would be valuable to both DLSE and the public. Further, posting this information would relieve the awarding bodies of responding to public records requests. It was also suggested that the contractors’ names be searchable through a “find” feature.
- There was an update on the status of the 20% or 8 hour dispatch rules under consideration by OAL. Mr. Forman reported that OAL would soon be finalizing the rule.
- Carrie Bushman inquired as to the status of OALs review of the revision to the apprentice appeal procedures. Mr. Forman reported that this was also nearing completion.

V. Adjournment

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aram Hodess
Chairman