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STANDARDS, RULES, REGULATIONS & OPERATING PROCEDURES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Aram Hodess

Handlery Hotel San Diego

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

- Chairperson Aram Hodess called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m. and called the roll.
Members present: Aram Hodess, Chip Martin, Pat McGinn, Christopher Christophersen Sr., Jim Hussey, Paul Von Berg, Susan Anderson, Jack Buckhorn, and Diane Ravnik.
All members present. Carl Goff
A quorum was met.

II. Review/approve January 27, 2016 Minutes.

A motion and a second were made to approve the January 27, 2016 minutes. All were in favor. The motion carried.

III. Old Business

Tom Fredericks, representing DIR, presented several proposed changes to CAC regulations. Commissioner Hussey asked why the notification requirements of contract award in Reg. 230 had been expanded beyond certified mail, to include notification by e-mail and fax. Mr. Hussey explained that e-mail notification in particular seemed unreliable.

Mr. Fredericks advised that he was fine with a singular method of notice that could be by certified mail. There was no final decision made at this time. Anne Quick, N. Cal ABC explained that the DAS website allowed program sponsors to register for this purpose using e-mail to provide notice of award.

Chief Ravnik advised that the proposed regulation revisions would be posted on the DAS website for review. Mr. Fredericks requested that any comments or concerns be submitted on the proposed revisions.

A motion and a second were made to place the proposed regulation revisions on the agenda for the October Rules and Regulation and CAC meeting. All were in favor.

IV. New Business

Chairman Hodess opened the discussion, explaining that AB 566 and SB 785 required contractors on certain types of public projects to employ a minimum percentage of journeymen who were “skilled and trained” as evidenced by their completion of a state-approved apprenticeship. Under specific circumstances, program sponsors could grant credit for work experience and RSI, graduating apprentices on an expedited basis. This had raised concerns in the apprenticeship community about potential abuse.

Chief Ravnik explained that CAC Regulation 224 does allow programs to grant credit for work experience to workers prior to their entering an apprenticeship, but only after verification and/or examination.

Credit for partial completion of RSI may be given by the program sponsor after consultation with the LEA concerning mastery of the RSI required of apprentices. Chief Ravnik expressed concern over a possible sharp increase in the number of apprenticeship agreements of only 6-months duration that could indicate program sponsors entering into 6-month apprentice agreements without proper verification of prior work experience or mastery of RSI. She noted that she had recently informed program sponsors in writing that DAS is authorized to investigate and audit programs and would do so where there is an increase in agreements of less than full term and further, that DAS may commence deregistration proceedings where a program is not conducted in accordance with regulations.

Numerous program sponsors and trade representatives expressed concerns about the potential for abuse of the expedited procedure as attacking the integrity of California apprenticeship. There was strong support for DAS conducting audits as proposed by Chief Ravnik.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.