

State of Connecticut Board for Crane Operators
Minutes of the December 2, 2015, Meeting

Members Present: Edward St. John; Richard Cop; Nate Brown; Keith Murphy; Edward Shapiro

Also Attending: Elliot Henowitz, State Crane Inspector; David Doherty, Cianbro; Chris Syrek, CT ABC; David D'Ostilio, Local 478; Jesse Kramer, Hesco; Craig Metz, Operating Engineers Business Manager; Linda Spring, OSFM

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2015, meeting – approved and seconded.
3. Old Business:

A. Agreements – None

B. Crane regulations – The State Crane Inspector stated that we must add a requirement that the shift inspection for a crane must be in writing.

Also, the Board continued with the discussion of having requirements on limiting the hours of tower crane operators. Chairman Edward St. John asked Edward Shapiro to form a committee to finalize this regulation requirement.

C. Old Colony Construction, LLC, contact with electrical line. The State Crane Inspector spoke with Vincent Neri of Old Colony Construction, LLC informing him of the Crane Board's decision to impose the two civil penalties totaling \$1,000. Vincent Neri asked to submit additional information to the Board for review. Mr. Neri assures that he has not and will not operate his crane until this accident is finalized by the Crane Board.

D. The Crane Board continued review of a fraudulent crane operator license in the possession of an employee of O & G Industries. The State Crane Inspector spoke with the Legal Department within the Agency requesting that it be handled as a criminal matter as requested by the Crane Board. The Legal Department will address the Board at its January 2016 meeting.

4. New Business:

A & B. Crane applications were reviewed by the Crane Board for compliance to the state regulations at this meeting.

C. No letters were submitted.

5. Crane Testing. The State Crane Inspector explained that the Office of State Fire Marshal will be handling all of the testing requirements and has hopes of having more testing dates than was previously assigned.

6. Accidents – The Crane Board reviewed an accident which occurred in Derby, CT when the Summit Crane Corporation was installing the swing away jib on their Grove crane. In the process of installing this jib, the mechanic helper did not follow proper procedures while installing the swing away extension. This Summit Crane employee received a serious injury requiring medical attention when the jib fell on him. The Crane Board did not take any action as a result of this accident.

The Crane Board was informed of accident which occurred in New Haven at Yale College when a tower Crane's hoist line came in contact with another crane on the site. No injuries occurred as a result of this accident. Additional information will be submitted shortly by Dimeo.

7. Comments from the Public:

Retest announcement letters should be sent out again. Also David D'Ostilio stated that the underbridge inspection equipment based on an articulated crane (snooper) should be looked into to be regulated under the state's articulated crane standards.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.