

State of Connecticut Board for Crane Operators
Minutes of the February 4, 2015, Meeting

Members Present: Nate Brown; Richard DeJulio; Edward Shapiro

Also Attending: Elliot Henowitz, State Crane Inspector; David D'Ostilio, Local 478; Bill Edwards, Local 478; Linda Spring, DCS

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes of December 3, 2014, meeting – approved and seconded.
3. Old Business:
 - A. Agreements – None
 - B. & C. Continuation of discussion of Crane Bill No. 323, now Public Act No. 12-99 took place. The recertification testing process is moving along. A letter informing operators of testing dates at our facility in Hartford is being sent out. The Crane Board held a discussion on the fact that certification does not mean qualification. In addition, a discussion took place with respect to some Crane Board members being under the impression that the Crane Board had approved of accepting or has the power to approve of outside or third party testing agencies be accepted by the State of Connecticut for compliance with state statutes for crane and/or hoisting operation. It was stated that the department's legal advisor clearly addressed the Crane Board and stated that they do not have the authority to grant approval of outside or third party testing for compliance with state statutes. Further discussion on approval of outside testing agencies was tabled to the next meeting.
4. New Business:
 - A & B. Apprentice Crane Operators and Crane Operator applicants were reviewed by the Crane Board for compliance to the state regulations.
 - C. Hoisting operator William Edwards appeared at the meeting to show why his hoisting license was not received by the state within the 60 day allowable time period for hoisting operators to renew by the state regulations. The Crane Board heard hoisting operator William Edwards and voted to allow his license to be re-instated for renewal.

The Crane Board held a discussion on changing the hoister and/or crane operators licensing time period to four years vs. the current two year period. Fire Marshal William Abbott will look into the suggestion.
5. Comments from the public: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.