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## STATE CONTRACTORS' BOARD

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHIP BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE CONTRACTORS' BOARD HELD MARCH 25, 2002

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The workshop was called to order at 3:05 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2002, at the offices of the State Contractors' Board, 2310 Corporate Circle, Suite 200, Henderson, Nevada 89074.

## **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Michael Zech, Chairman

Mr. Douglas Carson

Mr. Jerry Higgins

Mr. Dennis Johnson

Mr. Randy Schaefer

## STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Margi Grein, Executive Officer

Mr. George Lyford, Director of Investigations

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In addition: Ms. Gaylene Potter, Bid Depository, Inc.; Ms. Irene Porter, Southern Nevada Home Builders Association; Mr. Ed Lubbers, Southern Nevada Home Builders Association; Mr. Barry Duncan, Southern Nevada Home Builders Association; Mr. Kim Gregory, President of Hansen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.; Mr. Russell Rowe, ACEC; Mr. Mike Lynch, BANN; Judy Nagle, SMACNA; Mr. Steve Holloway, AGC; Mr. Ross Farr, NECA; Mr. Dennis Nelson, NECA; Mr. Richard Lisle, Mechanical Contractors Association; Mr. Gary Miliken, AGC; Mr. Warren Hardy, ABC; Mr. Robert Jones, BANN; Ms. Linda Harris, AGC.

And members of the industry as shown on the attached Sign In Sheet.

Chairman Zech called the meeting to order and explained the purpose of the workshop was to express ideas about mutual areas of concern in the construction industry. Areas of concern discussed were: Construction Defects; Lien Laws; Prompt Pay; Unlicensed Contracting; and Legislative Initiatives.

Ms. Grein indicated that the notice of the workshop was posted in compliance with NRS 233B on March 19, 2002 at the Las Vegas City Hall, the Sawyer State Building, the Clark County Library, and the offices of the State Contractors' Board in Reno and Las Vegas.

Mr. Kim Gregory, President of Hansen Mechanical Contractors Inc. and former Chairman of the State Contractors' Board, provided his opinion on the role, responsibilities, and authority of the Board in dealing with construction defect cases.

Ms. Irene Porter, Executive Director of Southern Nevada HomeBuilders' Association, informed those present that AGC, ABC, NCA and Nevada Subcontractors Association have formed an industry coalition to draft legislation on construction defects. She stated there are over 200 active construction defect cases in the district court and a three-judge panel is going to do nothing but hear construction cases. Ms. Porter said the next meeting of the coalition is scheduled for April 18, 2002.

Mr. Steve Holloway of AGC indicated possible legislative revisions to the Nevada mechanic lien laws. Future meetings will be scheduled to discuss a possible bill draft request.

Mr. Gregory commented on the increased number of false liens being filed and the average cost of removing a lien. He stated that most states prohibit a lien being filed by anyone other than the general contractor.

Mr. Holloway opined the new prompt pay laws appear to be working well.

Mr. Holloway stated that the unlicensed contractor usually does small residential jobs and is generally not in commercial construction. Discussion ensued regarding unlicensed firms performing construction management services for a fee.

Mr. Holloway stated that AGC is working with public works agencies, on legislative initiatives, to help streamline their work.

Chairman Zech thanked the group for their comments and said future workshops would be scheduled.

The workshop was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Mertz
Recording Secretary
Approved:

Margi A. Grein, Executive Officer