

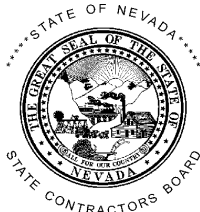
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The joint meeting of the Louisiana and Nevada State Contractors' Board was called to order by Vice-Chairman Mike Zech at 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 2, 2001, at the Omni Royal Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana. Exhibit A is the Meeting Agenda.

### PRESENT:

State of California  
Joe Tavaglione, Board Member

State of Louisiana:  
Vic Weston, Board Member  
Courtney Fenet, Board Member  
Joy Evans, Administrator  
Charles Marceaux, Executive Director

State of Nevada:  
Douglas Carson, Board Member  
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State of Oregon:  
Sydney Brewster, Board Vice Chairperson

Ms. Grein stated that Gary Leonard had posted the agenda in compliance with Nevada's open meeting law on October 29, 2001 at the Washoe County Court House, Washoe County Library, and Reno City Hall. In addition, it had been posted in both offices of the Board, Las Vegas and Reno, and on the Board's Internet web page.

Mr. Weston provided a brief overview of the events of the NASCLA (National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies) conference. He was pleased to have the opportunity to host the joint meeting, and felt that all Boards would benefit by sharing information and discussion problems facing the construction industry.

### Construction Education Funds

The Louisiana Construction Education Fund was established in 1992. Currently four (4) construction programs at State Universities and "tech" schools were receiving support from the fund. Additionally, the fund participated in the support of thirteen (13) endowed professorships. Programs were also being sponsored at the grade school level.

Those interested in receiving funds were required to submit their proposed program curriculum to the Commission.

Ms. Grein gave a brief report on recent legislation in the State of Nevada which created a Commission on Construction Education. The program was funded by voluntary contributions by licensees, and fines assessed by the State Contractors' Board.

### **Design Build Construction**

Design build construction is not currently permitted in the State of Louisiana. They were interested in the effectiveness of design build programs in other states.

California has found the program most beneficial in emergency situations, such as the Northridge earthquake. The program enabled California to begin construction of damaged freeway systems immediately, saving the State a substantial amount of time and money.

Ms. Grein reported on the recent changes in Nevada law, stating that the program was not widely used.

### **Prompt Pay**

All states expressed concern regarding prompt payment to subcontractors upon completion of work. The prompt pay laws had little affect when contracts contained "pay when paid" provisions.

### **Gaming Industry Licensing Issues**

With the introduction of legalized gaming in the State of Louisiana, they had experienced an increase in unlicensed activity associated with the construction of casinos. The companies hired by the casino owners were not licenses, or would hire unlicensed subcontractors.

Mr. Zech stated that Nevada had not experienced this problem to any great degree, and that many of the gaming properties also held contractor's licenses.

### **Public Comment**

No one from the general public was present to speak for or against any items on the agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chairman Mr. Zech at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Mathias, Licensing Administrator

APPROVED:

Margi Grein, Executive Officer

Mike Zech, Vice – Chairman