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Elevator Association of Florida Meeting Minutes January 9, 2007 in Cocoa Beach

****8:30** Call to order by President. Introduction of BOD by individual board members. Followed by introductions of members and visitors.

****8:33** Former Association president, Lee Rigby, was honored with a plaque in recognition of his service to the Association.

****8:36** Treasurer's report was given by Tim Newton. The secretary also addressed outstanding member dues. Motion to accept treasurer's report and approved.

****8:38** Minutes of September meeting were displayed on the overhead screen for everyone to review. Following review questions were solicited, having none, a motion was made to approve the minutes as read and seconded.

****8:41 Tom Warmingham of Monitor Controls** was introduced and talked about the new requirements for Firefighters' operation and the in car panel with layout now required. Mr. Warmingham displayed a sample of an in car box/panel that Monitor Controls produces for new or existing applications. **Jonathon Latham of Janus Elevator Products** was introduced by Mr. Warmingham to discuss new emergency communication requirements addressed in A17.1S-2005. This was a very good presentation with a lot of questions from those present concerning the use of emergency phones in elevators.

****9:45 Lee Rigby** was given the floor to discuss recent changes in Florida relating to fire detection in open air lobbies. Mr. Rigby also informed everyone of a cut off date for submitting change request for NFPA 72. Questions were fielded and an open discussion was conducted.

**** 9:52 Break was announced.**

****10:10** Returned from break. President introduced **Shawn Crow of Austen Electric**. Mr. Crow discussed the electrical requirements for elevators including requirements for emergency generators. Mr. Crow gave a very informative presentation on the national and state requirements for emergency power and where they apply. Following a lengthy question and answer session, the presentation concluded at 10:42.

****10:43 Assoc. President** followed this presentation with remarks that also apply to the emergency power. Mr. Waardenburg also discussed the importance of the “cracker barrel” session held the night before the quarterly meetings.

****10:47** President introduced **John Calpini, Bureau Chief for the State of Florida Bureau of Elevator Safety**. Mr. Calpini discussed some of the Bureau’s changes. He spoke about the State’s violation list problems and indicated that the list is being worked on and changes would be forthcoming. Also discussed were the testing requirements for Certificate of Competency (CC), the Bureau is working on the changes for the tests and process. No date was given to have changes made to the test(s). Mr. Calpini then discussed the “date certain” as applied to the renewal process for State provided credentials. He stated that all applications received to date had been processed. When renewing your credentials you must send in your continuing education requirements by the old expiration date even though the State’s list indicates your “card” may not expire until 31 December. You will then be issued a new card that may only be validated for a couple of months. Following this short renewal period you will then have to renew again by 31 December. A few questions were taken by Mr. Calpini and the discussion concluded at 11:15. President Waardenburg then followed up this discussion with an address about questions submitted or asked of the Bureau.

**** 11:19 Mr. Waardenburg then began to discuss “Old Business”**. The president began to discuss the BOD submission of newly drafted “By-laws”. These by-laws as drafted were a product of a BOD meeting held on 09 Jan. 2007. Notice was hereby given that a vote would be taken on 10 April 2007, which corresponds with the quarterly meeting that is to be held in Clearwater, for the membership’s approval of the drafted by-laws. Motion was made following discussion by Charlie Slater and seconded by Lee Rigby to have job postings on the Association’s website; some discussion was held. Motion was rescinded by Charlie Slater. Decision was made to discuss this issue at the next BOD meeting.

****11:32 Began new business** discussion by Mr. Waardenburg with a destination of Ft. Lauderdale for the July Association meeting. A vote was taken by a show of hands and approved. Mr. Hub Williams then asked to speak about the State’s handling of accident inspections or lack thereof. Noted was the Bureau’s non involvement in accident inspections. Motion was made by Bert Calhoun and seconded by Bill Snyder to have the Association, through the BOD, have a letter go the State to encourage the State to investigate accidents or provide an unbiased inspector to investigate accidents and ask BOMA for joint involvement to give the proposal more clout. Motion was carried by a show of hands and approved.

****11:56 Motion was made and approved to adjourn meeting.**