

Elevator Association of Florida Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2004, Tampa - Clarion Westshore Airport Hotel

The meeting was brought to order at 8:35am by Lee Rigby, President

- Introductions
- Lee – Discussion of EAOF’s increased attendance over the years and requested that all sign the attendance sheet.
- Minutes of the last meeting was reviewed and accepted as written
- Tim Newton gave the Treasures report – Current balance \$6,560.00, and the Association is in better financial shape than at anytime in the past. Dues are due at the next meeting.
- First Guest Speaker was introduced:
James Goodloe, Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention, reported on a meeting held yesterday regarding the implementation of House Bill 129. He discussed the Rule Making process; Ideas can be generated by the Division, from a group of interested parties, or by a meeting of technical advisors. Meeting on Monday was designed to receive input from the “Technical” side of the business to help in writing the rules. There will be future workshops on rule development. For definitions of what are six (6) story “Buildings” refer to the building code. In buildings 6 stories or more, all elevators with fire service will have to use the specified key, regardless the number of landings. All existing elevators 6 stories and higher that have fire service must be converted to the specified key switches by July 01, 2007. The bill does not require retrofitting/ adding Fire Service to existing buildings unless they are “Substantially Improved”. Permitting authority will determine when a building is considered “Substantially Improved”, typically 50% of value. It is the legislative intent to have more than one (1) key in the State, possible one (1) per emergency response district – total of seven (7) districts in the State. No permit required if you are just changing out the key switch. IE: Not upgrading the Fire Control Operation.
- Second Guest Speaker:
Jim Marinelli of Electrolyn Systems announced a new Elevator Monitoring system as well as Maintenance Monitoring system. This system has a multitude of sensors to report vibrations, high speed stops, full pit cans, and other anomalies. This system is not dependent on the controller and is compatible with any elevator system. A presentation on the capabilities & benefits of their system was made and a survey was handed out. A drawing was held for participants, Bob Szelc’s card was drawn, and he went home with a new DVD player.

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Cathy White, Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Elevator Safety then addressed the meeting:

– Industry Bulletin 2004-01 will be posted on website concerning HB129. The newly revised inspection report form is at the printer and it includes a field concerning code compliance with the new key switch. The Division of the State Fire Marshal will enforce HB-129, not the Bureau of Elevator Safety.

- Cathy then answered the questions submitted to the Bureau prior to the meeting.

NOTE: A written copy of the questions and answers has been obtained and was distributed via e-mail. Copies are available from Lee Rigby upon request.

Cathy White then gave the following Comments:

Elevator Accident inspections are the responsibility of the Bureau. Customer has five (5) days to report an accident to the Bureau on the State's form. Local jurisdictions have the responsibility to forward accident reports to the State.

Certificates of Operation will only be issued to those units with a current inspection without violations. Units operating without a current certificate may be issued an administrative complaint and fined. If it comes to the attention of the State that violations are not corrected even though a letter is sent to the State stating that violations are corrected the State can take disciplinary action against either the elevator owner or the registered elevator company for falsifying records.

The Elevator Owner is responsible to notify the State as to the status of their maintenance contract in order to comply with the two (2) stop exemption. If owners cancel a contract and contract with another company they are responsible for notifying the State of this change.

The "Certificate of Operation" must be located in the elevator per Chapter 399 F.S.

HB129 – The latest version of the Law states that Disciplinary action against a CC holder/ QEI or elevator company is the responsibility of the State not an authorized jurisdiction.

OLD BUSINESS

Next meeting will be October 12th at the Clarion Orlando – 3835 McCoy Rd. near the airport. This will be the annual business meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Location for future meetings was discussed. A show of hands was used to decide that the January 2005 meeting will be in Gainesville and the April meeting at Sarasota Beach.

A suggestion was brought up, discussed, and a motion was made, seconded, and approved for the Association to purchase a microphone/speaker system for meetings.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:30.