

Elevator Association of Florida
October 12, 2004

Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order
- Introduction of members and guests
- Approval of July meeting minutes
- Treasure Report – Good financial condition – **Dues for this year are due.**

- First Guest Speaker - **Doug Boydston, of Handi-Lift, Inc.** A18.1 Code changes
 - o Floor penetration is now allowed for Platform lifts (no more than one floor)
 - o Constant pressure operation required
 - o Commercial units must be tested semiannually
 - o A18.1a Addenda- One floor penetration
 - Intermediate stop OK
 - Keyed operation now optional (2.10.1)
 - WCL sides are to be a min. of 42” high (2.1.1.7)
 - New rule allowing flexible hydraulic hose for hydraulic units (8.1.7)
 - Added rule prohibiting full passenger enclosure (2.6.8)
 - Ceilings on high walls shall not be load bearing. (2.6.8)
 - Unenclosed lifts up to 5’-0” travel. (2.7.1)
 - Increased travel and capacity on residential lifts so that requirements are the same as for commercial units.
 - Inclined lifts – Added headroom requirement of 80” for loading and landing area – only 60” at any point in the travel. Signage required to indicate operation while seated only.
 - Permits barrier arms instead of solid platform sides and gates on inclined lifts.
 - o A18.1b – Several minor changes
 - o A18.1 – 2003 –
 - Changes definition of lift, both vertical and inclined
 - Changed ramp inclination for short ramps
 - Added means for manual operation requirement
 - “No Freight” signs required instead of “Mobility Impaired Persons Only” signage, but international symbol of accessibility still required.
 - o A117.1 – 2003
 - Clearances to lock side based on approach
 - All doors and gates on wheelchair lift must be powered except for pass through design (36”w X 48” platform). All other door arrangements must be 48” X 60” platform.

These are just some of the main points covered. Handouts on lift code changes and comparisons to old and new rules were distributed and are available.

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- Second Guest Speaker – **Mark Hennessey of Adams Elevator**
 - o Fine presentation of their ability to supply OEM parts to the industry as well as a display of their manufacturing capabilities. Adams is the largest manufacturer of elevator wheels and rollers.
 - o Life Jacket – Does not damage the piston when activated
 - Reviewed installation and operation of unit

Bureau of Elevator Safety – Cathy White

- Questions/ Answers - **This is a summary – you may request a written copy of Q&A**

Q 1- Question regarding a QEI inspector hiring a helper to perform required tests, and then performing both supervision of the helper and witnessing services at the same time.

- We know that Certified Elevator Inspectors, Certified Elevator Technicians and Elevator Helpers under the direct supervision of either a Certified Elevator Technician or Certified Elevator Inspector can perform the work.

The question actually appears to be a complaint. If this is the case and you know of someone that is performing work on elevators that are not properly credentialed we will need specifics on who it is so that we can follow up on it. (Much discussion ensued and this may be reviewed and revised) Complaints may be made directly on line at ww.myflorida.com.

Q. 2- Question regarding Broward County bidding procedure for inspections and witnessing.

- All elevators in Florida are subject to Florida Statute 399, Florida Administrative code 61C-5 and the ASME code.

Q. 3- Does the State Fire Marshall determine the NFPA-70, National Electrical Code in effect?

- Yes

Q. 4- Are power operated doors required on 90 deg. and enter/exit same side platform lifts?

- Yes

Q. 5- How do we know if elevators meet the fire key requirement to report it to the Bureau as requested in a recent “Industry Advisory”?

- The key has not been determined for any of the seven districts – Enforcement as of 7/1/07 for all existing units over 5 stories, since 7/01/04 for new and altered units over 5 stories. The advisory was for notification of the change in the law and the process is not complete.

Q. 6- Is the State going to start notifying the industry they regulate in writing when policy decisions are made?

- All requirements are contained in the Florida Statute 399, Florida Administrative code 61C-5 and ASME Code. Elevator personnel should rely on these.

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A discussion ensued regarding code data plates. Cathy stated that due to interpretations the code committee's intent was for the code data plate for all existing elevators. Audience comments included that this data is rarely available, and there is still a question of whether Florida Statutes permits the enforcement of retroactive codes.

Cathy White also commented on the following:

- If a complaint is to be filed, the Bureau needs:
 - The name and address of building including directions
 - State Serial number(s)
 - Who installed
 - Who inspected
- Newly designed inspection forms are not yet back from the printer.
- The Safety Technical Advisory Committee will be looking at new rules.
- Chapter 399 Florida Statutes are being revised including changes to 399.061 & 399.13.
- Fire key selection is not yet completed.
- Florida Building Code Revisions are to be adopted on July 1, 2005

New Business:

The January 2005 EAOF meeting will be held in Gainesville, and the April meeting will be held in Sarasota.

This is supposed to be the annual business meeting, but due to being behind schedule, a motion was made and seconded to postpone the business session to the January meeting, and the motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.