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## CLOAF BOARD MEETING & GENERAL MEMBER CONFERENCE Information from the NOV. 16-17, 2017-EMBASSY SUITES, ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

CLOAF Extends A Very Special "Thank You" To Our Sponsors: Estelle Sprague-McConnell-Building Trades Educational Services; Henry Sorensen, PROV Exam and; Renee and Steve Lodes, Credit Check, Inc.

The following Instructors presented classes and programs:

TOM ALLEN, ICC REPRESENTATIVE

GARY GLASSMAN, ESQ., ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY DAYTONA BEACH

RUEN LERO, INNOVATIVE INSPECTION TECHNOLOGY

HARDY L. ROBERTS III, CAREY, O'MALLEY, WHITAKER, ROBERTS PA

REGINALD R. GARCIA, PA-ATTORNEY LOBBYIST-TALLAHASSEE

KENNETH NOTO- SEMINOLE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

ANDREW SABOLIC, ASST. DIRECTOR FOR THE DIV. OF WORKERS  
COMPENSATION, DIV. OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

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Technical Assistance**

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**The following is a synopsis of the presentations provided by Instructors for Certification Classes, held at the November 16-18, 2017, General Membership Conference:**

**TOM ALLEN:** Described his background and duties with the International Code Council. (ICC) and; the many codes that the organization review and write. (Examples, Building, Pool, Fire, Electrical etc....) and the importance of the training and educational classes that they provide for the Life Safety, Health and Welfare in the Construction and Building Trades. In closing he opened the floor for questions and responded to the members

**GARY GLASSMAN, ESQ:** Explained the Florida Sunshine Law and as well the Public Records Law (Which has legal provisions for documents, recordings, memos, emails, letters, notes and recordings both audio and video, etc... and the time frame they must be kept and the process to go through prior to their destruction as required by law... He explained what is meant by meetings and subjects that may or may not be discussed by members of boards etc.....\_Before closing he opened the floor for questions and responded to the members questions

**RUNE LERO: NEW INSPECTION PROCESS.** He explained in depth how his system works and the use of modern cell phone technology in performing the inspections and approval process that would save valuable travel time, fuel, vehicle mileage and safety because of less travel time in heavy traffic areas on dangerous highways and back roads, for local government and building Inspectors and; How the system he has developed would allow for time/cost savings in minimally staffed Building Departments, in relation to issuing permits or on the site re-inspections. Prior to closing he opened the floor for questions and responded to members questions.

**HARDY L. ROBERTS III:** 489/553 PERMITTING AND LICENSING. He reviewed his background after graduating from The University of Florida, Fredric C. Levin College of Law in 1995, he followed his career in Construction Law, Real Property, Probate Law, Business, Civil Litigation, Government & Administrative and has practiced before the U.S District Courts in the North, Middle and South Florida Federal Courts. He is working on the Business side after being involved with the Government for so many years. At the end of his presentation he opened the floor for questions and responded to the members questions.

**REGINALD R. GARCIA:** Reginald is a “CLEMENCY” attorney and he explained that each year in Florida 30-35,000 felons are released who are unable to vote, serve on juries, run for office etc..... Reginald explained that many of those felons got into trouble as youths that had been without guidance. He explained that for 18 years he had taken on cases for clemency and almost all the people that he was able to get their rights

your suggestions for the Web Site and Meetings.

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**IMPORTANT:**

Most Classes that we provide at our meetings (Conferences) are applied to FACE CEU's and: All classes will be applied to CLOAF Members' CEU's.

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back, were business owners or professionals.

He explained that until Governor Scott and his cabinet created new eligibility requirements people had to wait 5-8-10 years to regain their rights. He explained that through is firm they offer hope to help individuals who may have turned back to criminal activities as a method of survival. In closing he opened the floor for questions and responded to members questions.

**KENNETH NOTO: DANGER OF OPIODS.** He explained what opioids are, how to recognize different actions of people on them and the deadly outcome of overdosing. He discussed the thousands and thousands of young and adults that die each year from over prescribed and/or purchased in the black market through illegal sales and drug cartels, who operate in and beyond our borders. In closing he opened the floor for questions and responded to the members.

**ANDREW SABOLIC: FS 440 WORKERS COMPENSATION.**

He explained the different functions of the Division, the processes, fee schedules and penalties for violations; the different ways for members to check for required coverage, workers compensation exemptions etc. Andrew explained the different regional office locations, web site and the information on their website. He discussed previous legislation that the Legislature passed to increase their authority and fine fee structure and penalties. Andrew reviewed Workers Compensation cost drivers like Hospital Costs etc.....

Prior to closing he opened the floor for questions and responded to members questions

**February 7-9, 2018 – Board/Committee Meeting** at the Altamonte Embassy Suites (Orlando North). The Agenda for the February 7-9, 2018 Board and Committee meeting will be emailed to Board/Committee members in early January.

**May 9-11, 2018 – Board Meeting and Member Conference** Will be at the Altamonte Embassy Suites (Orlando North) The Agenda and Meeting Registration form for the May 2018, General Membership Conference, will be e-mailed to 2018 Members the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April 2018 (Or upon the confirmation of all instructors and speakers) and be posted on the web site no later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April 2018.

**Plan!!! Mark your calendars now!!!**

**HAVE A SAFE, HEALTHY, HAPPY AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY SEASON and; A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY 2018.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN MAY.**

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