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CERTIFICATION AT THE NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING:
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CLOAF BOARD MEETING & GENERAL MEMBER CONFERENCE

May 24-26, 2017–EMBASSY SUITES, ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

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Sprague-McConnell-Building Trades Educational Services; David Cox,
Professional Testing, Inc. (PTI); Henry Sorensen, PROV Exam; Renee and
Steve Lodes, Credit Check, Inc. and; Peter Cafaro, Lowes.**

The following Instructors and Speakers presented programs:

**Alan Harris: Chief Administration of Seminole County Emergency
Management**

**Elias Christ: Environmental Supervisor 1, Florida Department of Health
Lake County**

**Megan Milanese: Environmental Supervisor 1, Florida Department of
Health Lake County**

Jeff Hyde: Contractors Institute, Hudson _

JB Clark, Consultant/Lobbyist, Tallahassee

**Timothy McGrath: Field Office Manager Central Florida, Department of
Business and Professional Regulation**

Todd Ulrich: Consumer Investigations, WFTV-Action 9, Orlando

Thomas Dalton, Deputy Building Official, Altamonte Springs.

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Vice President, Jim Friedrichs: Called the meeting to order, opened with the prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Then requested the Board members to introduce themselves, followed by the members introductions.

Executive Director Bill Brod: Announced the Meeting Sponsors- Estelle Sprague-McConnell, Building Trades Educational Serv.; Henry Sorensen, PROV Exam; David Cox, Professional Testing Inc. (PTI) and; Renee and Steve Lodes, Credit Check, Inc.

The following is a synopsis of the presentations by Speakers and Instructors for Certification Classes and Ceu's.

Alan Harris: Presented a Power Point Program, and discussed the fact that he and his Office of Emergency Management (OEM) responds to "all" disasters; Prepares for all threats and works with a multitude of organizations to be prepared to respond and help the community. The Office of Emergency Management use to be called Civil Defense and the term "Duck and Cover was used (Meaning get under a desk and cover to be protected) He explained that FS 252 provides for moving resources across county lines; Requires OEM to present an action plan, situation analysis, situation assessment, and interpret communications. OEM Recovery; Their move to Emergency Operation Center; Provide a housing plan; Seek & have grants available and; Have a post disaster plan. In closing Alan opened the floor for questions and responded.

Elias Christ: Presented a Power Point Program on Septic Tanks etc..., Explained the Departments Mission, Permitting Responsibilities and covered the following topics: DOH Structure, Their authority under FS 381.0065, 489 Part III and; 386.41, Rule Chapter 64E-6, Florida Administrative Code) and their jurisdiction; Census and Statistics; Permits and when a permit is necessary, Application and Inspection Process and: Other responsibilities of the Department. He advised the group that in Florida there are 20.3 million residents, 9.0 million housing units, 2.6 million Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems (OSTDS) currently in use. In closing Elias opened the floor for questions and responded to the members.

Megan Milanese: Presented a Power Point Program and discussed pool safety. She explained that from 2005-2009 there were 3880 drownings; 20013-2015 there were 1180 fatalities. She indicated that the economic impact in 2012 was \$16,034.00 and Medicaid was the primary payer. 10% were African Americans and 60% were Hispanic/Latin that could not swim. She explained the Safety Laws: Chapter 515 FS (New constructed pools must have one safety feature-424.2 Florida Building Code (All pools must have Entrapment Prevention System and a Self-Closing Barrier. Megan informed the group about the "Virginia Graeme Baker Act" law signed in 2007 and implemented 2008 (Designed to lower the risk of entrapment and drownings-Created Federal Standards and applies to Commercial Pools. Megan opened the floor for questions and responded.

CLOAF welcomes your suggestions for the web site and Conferences.

QUESTIONS?

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IMPORTANT:

Most Classes that we provide at our Conferences are applied to FACE CEU's and:

The members that attend the entire Conference, will receive credits toward Certification and/or CEU's.

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Jeff Hyde: Presented a Power Point Program and discussed the Florida Building Code(FBC) 5th Edition. (2-one hour sessions) He discussed the History of the FBC which started in 2004; every 3 years there is a new code; Relieves Existing Homes and; Maintains compliance. Jeff informed the group that Chapter 6-Structures(Existing) Repairs are completed "With Like Materials") He explained the different Levels of repair per the FBC. Chapter 7- Covers Materials and Alterations to Level 1.

105.15-Opening Protections; Repairs to a home of \$50,000 or More; \$750,000.00 or more, Opening Protections required.

708.1 Roof Covering on Existing Site Built, single family residential structures, removal, replacement, roof decking attachment etc...

708.8-Roof to Wall connections/requirements on homes value of \$300,000.00 or more. Jeff opened the floor for questions and responded to the members.

J. B. Clark: Distributed information which included the Bill Analysis for CS/CS/HB 1021(Revises the process by which the Florida Building Code is updated), CS/CSHB 599(The bill creates s. 255.0992 FS relating to Public Works Projects etc....), CS/CS/CS/HB 727(The bill provides an appropriation to DBPR of \$160,000.00 etc.....) and he also included a copy of HB 2713(Building Code Enforcement Training Program) and he described the contents of the Bills.

JB informed the group that he and several others are on the Workforce Study group established by legislation. Their specific charge is to review and make recommendations to rebuild the construction work force.

Prior to closing J.B. invited anyone who wishes to go up to Tallahassee, to contact him and he would give them a complete tour of the Capitol Complex, The House and Senate Chambers and explain the legislative process. He also referred everyone to the House web site to track bills) After his Legislative Update, JB opened the floor for questions and responded to the members.

Timothy McGrath: Presented a Power Point Program "Investigative Techniques-- Building Your Case" He introduced the program by giving an Overview of what he would be covering: Definitions/Elements of Unlicensed Activity; Collection of Documentation/Evidence; Prohibitions and Penalties; Report Writing/Investigative Report "Do's and Don'ts. Tim reviewed 489.105 Contractor and Contracting; 489.505 Electrical Contracting Contractor and Contracting; Items of Evidence Copies of Contracts, Proposals, Cancelled Checks, Photographs, Advertisements, Permit activity (Owner Builder) Licensure Checks-Certificate of Non-Licensure; Interviews(Witnesses) Documentation of Statements made by subject; Prior History (Cease and Desist, Citations and Criminal Convictions for Unlicensed Activity. Timothy discussed Prohibitions and Penalties as per 489.127(1), 489.127(2), 489.531(1) and 489.531(3) He also discussed the importance of an Effective Investigative Report regarding Accuracy, Logical (In Chronological Order) and Clarity (In Plain Language) _

<p>AVAILABLE</p> <p>FOR</p> <p>BUSINESS</p> <p>AND</p> <p>ASSOCIATION</p> <p>AD'S AND MESSAGES</p>	<p>Conciseness & Completeness and the Report Do's and Don'ts. In closing Tim opened the floor for questions and responded to the members.</p> <p><u>Todd Ulrich</u>: Discussed how he and the news media do Investigative research, the different techniques, reporting and his findings on Consumer Complaints against Contractors, both Licensed and Unlicensed.</p> <p>He opened an in-depth dialogue with members by asking “How they handle complaints against Licensed Contractors in their different jurisdictions?”</p> <p>Todd informed the group about consumer complaints from home owners in the region that he has Investigated regarding Construction Contractors and; the different outcomes of the cases. In closing, Todd opened the floor for questions and responded to the members. _</p> <p><u>Thomas Dalton</u>: Presented a Power Point Program “489 Laws and Rules. He explained FS 489 Part I. He reviewed the Purpose per 489.101. Exemptions, who is considered a Contractor, who is Exempt, who is Required to be Licensed to Perform Work; The Construction Licensing Board; How it Operates and What Authority the Board Has. Thomas explained the Requirements to become a Contractor, The Process for Becoming a Licensed Contractor, How to Renew a Contractor's License, What are the Fees, What are the Qualifications and What are the Restrictions, What are the Required Certifications (i.e. Medical Gas; Workers Compensation); The difference between a Certified and Registered Contractor; The Ongoing Licensure Requirements; Continuing Education and Requirements for Contractors of Various Classifications' Their Permitted Scope of Work; Organization of a Construction Business and Rules Governing “Qualifying Agents” and their Responsibilities; Rules Governing Recordkeeping for Certificate Holders and Registrants; Time Frames for Beginning jobs, etc...Once Money has been Received; Penalties for Unlicensed Activities and Disciplinary Proceedings and Actions Against Licensed and Unlicensed Contractors; Florida Homeowners Recovery Fund; Journeyman Licenses and Apprenticeship Programs. In closing Tom opened the floor for questions and responded to the members.</p> <p><u>Rob Irion</u>: Presented a PowerPoint Program and discussed the Florida history of the Lien Law in detail, from the Florida Constitution up to the current requirements and Laws. He referred everyone to the following www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/cilb/documents/florida_lien_law.pdf site</p> <p>Rob reviewed the notice of Commencement (NOC) the importance of filing the form with the Clerk of the Court and: the fact that the local authority issuing building permits is required to provide the form.</p> <p>He also discussed Chapter 713.135(d) and; Folio numbers and why they are important; Notice to Owner(NTO) and the information that must be on it; The importance of getting a release and who has the responsibility to file it and; What happens if you don't get a release of Lien; The life of a</p>
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Claim of Lien and contesting a Claim of Lien. Before closing Rob opened the floor for questions and responded to the members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17-18, 2017 – Board/Committee Meeting at the Altamonte Springs Embassy Suites. The Agenda for the August 17-18, Meeting, will be sent to Board/Committee Members by June 15, 2017.

November 15-17, 2017 – Mark your calendars TODAY!!!

Board Meeting and Member Conference Will be at the Altamont Springs Embassy Suites.

The Agenda and Meeting Registration form for the November Meeting & Conference, will be e-mailed to 2017 Members, upon the confirmation of all speakers and Instructors or no later than the 1st week of October 2017

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

**HAVE A SAFE, HEALTHY, HAPPY AND ENJOYABLE
SUMMER.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN NOVEMBER.**