



Government Relations Advisory Committee

August 8, 2011

Conference Call

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Owen Smith- Acting Chairman-Anzalone & Associates
Bernie Gingras-New Jersey Glass & Metal Contractors Association
Ray Fujii- PDCA of Hawaii
Matt Marquis- Minnesota
Don Vulich- Endurance Painting (Chapter – LAP & FCA)
Greg Quinn- LAP & FCA
Janisse Merelos – FCA of Chicago
Dan Wienstroer – Painting & Decorating Foundation – St. Louis Chapter

Others:

Jeremy Fitch – FCA
Anthony Darkangelo – FCA
Mike Oscar – Gray & Oscar, LLC

3. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion being duly made, seconded, and approved, the minutes from the June 16, 2011 meeting were approved.

4. Old Business

- a. **FASB Update** – Jeremy Fitch briefed the committee on FASB’s recent voting in the construction industry’s favor in regards to ED-715.

5. New Business

- a. **Mission Statement** – The committee discussed and approved the Government Relations Advisory Committee’s mission statement. The statement is as follows:
 - i. “The Government Relations Advisory Committee is a group of Contractor Professionals assembled to assist the Finishing Contractors Association in its government relations efforts.”
- b. **3% Withholding** – Ray Fujii raised the point that 3% withholding is still out there and still a threat, despite it being pushed back a year. Discussion followed and Jeremy Fitch agreed to discuss with Dana Thompson of SMACNA who is highly involved with QCA about the QCA’s plans to combat this issue.
- c. **Other Issues Facing FCA Members** – Mike Oscar, of Oscar and Gray, LLC introduced himself to the committee and gave a brief overview of issues that affect union contractors in the

construction industry. Topics he reviewed included: The debt ceiling, Highway Reauthorization Bill, e-Verify, and Environmental Regulations.

6. Action Items

- a. Jeremy Fitch will discuss 3% Withholding with Dana Thompson and find out what steps the QCA will take to combat the issue.

7. Closing Remarks – Adjournment

The next Government Relations Advisory Committee Conference Call will be Monday, October 3rd at 3 p.m. EDT

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.