



FINISHING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

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Government Relations Advisory Committee

6-16-2011

FCA Annual Council

Chicago, Illinois

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:22 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
Brian Gordon- Par-Wall Finishing, Inc.
Don Vulich- Endurance Painting (Chapter – LAP & FCA)
Greg Quinn- LAP & FCA

Others:

Bob Weaver-FCA
Jeremy Fitch-FCA

3. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion being duly made, seconded, and approved, the minutes from June 18, 2010 were approved.

4. Old Business

- a. **Worker Misclassification** – Jeremy Fitch told the committee about S.770, a new bill in the Senate that would make misclassifying workers a federal crime. A discussion followed.
- b. **FASB Update** – Bob Weaver brought committee up to date on FASB's plans for its multiemployer pension plan project. A discussion followed.
- c. **1099 Repeal** – Bernie Gingras explained the 1099 repeal to the committee. A discussion followed covering its repeal.
- d. **3% Withholding** – Ray Fujii discussed 3% Withholding being delayed, but reminded the committee that it is still an issue that needs to be dealt with.

- e. **Ontario Infrastructure Commitment** – Mr.Fitch alerted the committee to the \$35 billion infrastructure commitment Ontario has included in its budget.
- f. **Low-Bidding Selection** – Chairman Owen Smith discussed low-bidding selection, and a conversation followed.
- g. **QCA-** Mr.Fitch discussed the 2011 Quality Construction Alliance Legislative Conference with the committee. A discussion followed about its value, and the importance of getting more FCA members to attend next year’s conference.

5. New Business

- a. **Advisory Committee Structure and Guidelines** – Mr.Fitch alerted the committee to the new advisory committee structure and guidelines. A discussion followed in which the committee selected six executive committee members, and suggested a possible seventh. The six members are: Owen Smith, Matt Marquis, Bernie Gingras, Brian Gordon, Don Vulich, Greg Quinn and Ray Fujii. It was suggested that Dan Wienstroer join the executive committee as well.
- b. **Mission Statement** – Mr.Weaver discussed the need for the committee to draft a mission statement. Committee tasked Mr.Fitch with writing the statement.
- c. **Meeting Schedule/Conference Calls** – Mr.Weaver started discussion on the value of regular conference calls on legislative issues. Discussion followed and committee decided that the calls would be held at 3:00 est. on the first Monday of each quarter. Committee recommended asking QCA individuals to join in on the calls.
- d. **OSHA Standards Improvement Project** – Mr.Fitch told the committee about the third and final phase of the OSHA Standards Improvement Project. Discussion followed.
- e. **Hiring of a Legislative Firm** – Mr.Fitch asked committee for their thoughts on the FCA possibly hiring a legislative firm to bolster FCA’s government relations efforts. Discussion followed questioning why FCA needed a firm when it was part of the QCA, and if the FCA’s government relations efforts were far enough along to even hire a firm.

6. Action Items

- a. Send monthly legislative emails of issues to committee members
- b. Quarterly conference calls the first Monday of the quarter at 3 p.m. est. Request that QCA members join
- c. Mr.Fitch will draft a mission statement for the committee and email it to members for their feedback
- d. Suggest FCA Board pay for registration for the 2012 QCA Legislative Conference
- e. Personally invite FCA Board to 2012 QCA Legislative Conference

7. Closing Remarks-Adjournment

- a. Mr.Weaver thanked Owen Smith for agreeing to serve as Acting Chairman of the committee.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.