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**NEVADA STATE COMMISSION ON CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION MEETING HELD TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 19, 2013 AT THE STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD, VIDEOCONFERENCED BETWEEN THE
OFFICES LOCATED AT 2310 CORPORATE CIRCLE, HENDERSON, NEVADA 89074 AND
9670 GATEWAY DRIVE, RENO, NEVADA 89521**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting of the Nevada State Commission on Construction Education was called to order by Chair Jennifer Lewis at 9:00 a.m. It was noted for the record that Commission members Guy M. Wells and Ed Horan were absent.

The oath of office was administered to recently appointed member of the Commission Tom B. Pellett.

It was noted for the record that notice of the meeting had been posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law of the State of Nevada on November 6, 2013.

2. Public Comment

No members of the public were present to offer comment

3. Approval of July 16, 2013 minutes.

It was moved and seconded to approve the July 16, 2013 minutes. The motion carried.

4. Status Report of the Construction Education Account.

Deb Lumbert, Accounting Manager of the State Contractors Board presented a report outlining the history and current status of the Construction Education Account. The report was accepted.

5. Discussion and approval of Quarterly Reports:

a) AGC – Las Vegas Chapter for the period ending 12/31/12 (Grants awarded 11/12/09 and 11/15/11).

The Commission expressed concern that money from the grant had been expended on lunches. It was noted that commission policy restricts the use of grant funds for food expenditures. The commission also noted that if grant funds must be reallocated to a different category of expenditure, grantees should bring the reallocation request to the commission for approval. The commission voted to approve the report.

b) AGC – Las Vegas Chapter for the period ending 12/31/12 (Grant awarded 9/13/12). The Commission voted to approve the report.

c) AGC – Las Vegas Chapter for the periods ending 3/31/13; 6/30/13 and 9/30/13. (Grant awarded 11/8/12). The Commission questioned the use of out of state instructors for certain classes and the cost methodology used for classes. The Commission approved the report.

d) Nevada Chapter Associated General Contractors for the periods ending 6/30/13 and 9/30/13 (Grant awarded 11/8/12). The Commission approved the report.

e) University of Nevada, Las Vegas for the periods ending 3/31/13 and 6/30/13 (Grant awarded 11/18/12). The Commission approved the report and commended UNLV for its second place win in the international Solar Decathlon event.

6. Discussion of Grant Applications.

a. **Academy for Career Education (Ace High School) – Request \$43,950.**

Leigh Berdrow, Director for Ace High School provided an overview of the grant request. Student Victor Albiniano also spoke in support of the application. The Commission voted to award a grant in the amount of \$43,000. Commission member Lowry recused himself from voting on this item since he is a member of the Ace High School's Board.

b. **ASCE Southern Nevada Region Future City – Request \$10 or amount Commission deems appropriate.**

Guy Foss & Wendy Fenner, Regional Co-coordinators provided an overview of the grant request. The Commission voted to award a grant in the amount of \$15,000. Commission member McElwain recused himself from voting on this item since he is employed by Clark County School District. Commission member Danoski disclosed a distant personal relationship with one of the co-coordinators.

c. **Desert Research Institute (DRI) Research Foundation – Request \$10,520.**

Curtis Robbins and Fayth Ross, Green Power Northern Coordinator provided an overview of the grant request and indicated a partnership with Ace High School for the project. The Commission voted to award a grant in the amount of \$10,500. Chairman Lewis abstained due to her employer's relationship with DRI and member Lowery recused himself from voting due to his membership on Academy for Career Education's Board.

d. **Associated General Contractors (AGC), Las Vegas – Request \$101,550**

Sean Stewart, Executive Vice President AGC/NCA provided an overview of the grant request for various training programs. The Commission voted to award a grant in the amount of \$40,800. Commission member Danoski disclosed that his company is a member of AGC, Las Vegas.

e. **Associated General Contractors (AGC), Las Vegas – Request \$35,000**

Sean Stewart, Executive Vice President AGC/NCA provided an overview of the grant request that will purchase construction related training guides and textbooks to be donated to Clark County School District. The Commission voted to award a grant in the amount of \$28,229. Commission member McElwain abstained based on his employment with Clark County School District.

f. **University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Request \$120,000**

Donald F. Hayes, Chair and Professor of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering & Construction provided an overview of the grant request. The Commission voted to award a grant in the amount of \$41,000. Mr. Danoski disclosed he serves on an Advisory Committee for UNLV.

7. Public Comment

There were no members of the public present to offer comment.

8. Adjournment

It was determined that the next meeting of the Commission will be held on May 13, 2014. The grant applications will be accepted on the regular deadline of April 15, 2014. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Reynolds
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Jennifer Lewis
Chair