

Center for Job Order Contracting Excellence
Alliance for Construction Excellence
CJE Steering Committee Meeting
Conference Call
December 11, 2006

I. Attendees

1. Ron Ecker, 3D International
2. Charlie Bowers, 3D International
3. Mike Ladino, Valley Metro Rail
4. Gary Aller, ACE/ASU
5. Rick Farrag, KBR
6. Bob Gair, RS Means

II. Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order @ 11:05 a.m. by Ron Ecker; attendance was noted. The minutes from the November 1, 2006 Quarterly Business meeting were reviewed. There was a motion by Rick Farrag to approve the minutes, as written. Seconded by Bob Gair. No opposition. The November 1, 2006 Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes were approved.

III. Committee Reports

Education – Bob Gair Bob reviewed the opportunities for CJE to participate in association meetings, as speaker and show booth presenter. He identified the following associations as potential target opportunities: COAA (Construction Owner Association of America – May 9 – 11, New Orleans), NASFA (National Association of State Facilities Administrators – June 10 – 14, Lake Tahoe), APPA (Association of Physical Plant Administrators – July 21 – 24, Baltimore) APWA (American Public Works Association – Sept 9 – 12, San Antonio) CEFPI (Council of Education Facility Planners Institute – Toronto, Oct 7-8) IFMA (International Facility Management Association – New Orleans, Oct 24 – 26). Bob further noted that with Mike Ladino’s support, a response was filed to speak at the NASFA conference. Mike shared his proposed topic with the group that would focus on the looming design liability in JOC. Gary contributed his experience with COAA, an organization that has an inconsistent track record, and IFMA where past experience working with them has not netted any positive results. Bob noted that he will continue to pursue speaking opportunities as they are called by the associations.

Membership – David Carrithers was not on the call.

Financials – Gary Aller – Gary reported no change since the Quarterly Meeting in November.

Election – Charlie Bowers - Charlie reported that the slate was set. Gary reminded Charlie that this needed to be publicly recorded per the by-laws.

IV. Old Business:

1. JOC Survey – Ron noted that Gary Ohrn does not have a firm publishing date at this time. Also, David Carrithers is summarizing for the Newsletter.
2. Texas Update - Mike Ladino – Mike made note of the email distributed to the CJE membership by Patrick Eno of KBR. The email was a summary of discussions between the Texas State Legislature representatives and representatives from KBR and Centennial. The Texas Legislature is still grappling with the definition of the word ‘minor’ relating to project size. Mike noted that this correlates to the topic he has proposed to address at the NASFA Conference. Rick added further comment by noting that the CEC representing architects against Design-Build and JOC want to delete the word ‘construction’ as a way of protecting their interests. Mike stated that it was very important for KBR and Centennial to continue their efforts with Texas as the results from Texas could well impact the future of JOC nationally. Gary recommended that Patrick Eno’s email be attached to this months meeting notes to insure it is part of the record.

V. New Business:

1. CJE Newsletter – David has submitted a draft for review; should be on schedule. Everyone needs to get comments to David immediately.
2. Annual Training Conference January 29, 2007 – Ron noted that the key roles players for the conference, David Sturtevant, Charlie Bowers and Greg Ohrn have been joining him on weekly calls to firm the Sherlock script for the conference. Ron walked everyone through the program. A discussion on the value of videoing the conference was pursued; the consensus was that the value to cost was not worth the effort. Gary raised a great note of concern that only two attendees had signed up to-date, with a minimum requirement of forty required to break-even. Gary further noted that he had exhausted his sources for marketing the conference, thus it is up to the membership to pursue attendees. Ron and Charlie both noted that an effort should be made to promote the Survey as a way of pulling attendees. They also recommended that as attendees sign-up that we request that they file a note to the Conference Committee discussing their JOC experience.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11: 47 a.m. by Rick Farrag. Seconded by Charlie Bower. The meeting was adjourned by Ron Ecker.