

Safety

The Governing Committee and Advisory Board

Company: Crane Institute of America Certification Inc., Sanford, Fla.
Nominated by: Debbie Dickinson, Executive Director, Crane Institute of America Certification

Members of the Sanford, Fla.-based Crane Institute of America Certification Inc.'s Governing Committee and Advisory Board are being recognized for the countless hours they have volunteered in order to improve safety and oversee certification of the knowledge, skills, and abilities of personnel in the lifting equipment industry. According to Debbie Dickinson, executive director of Crane Institute of America Certification, every

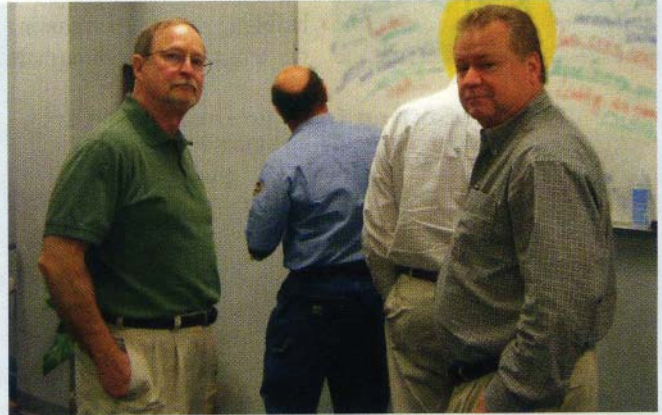
Crane Institute of America Certification's Governing Committee and Advisory Board

William (Cliff) Dickinson	Crane Industry Services
Paul Zorich	RPZ International
Larry Warren	Southern Company
Dave McElrath	McElrath Insurance
James Headley	Crane Institute of America
Keith Morical	4ROI
Tom Horvath	Employee Advocate
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Ron Scott	Deep South Crane Rentals

decision the Governing Committee and Advisory Board makes is tested by the question, "How will this benefit, improve, or better serve the crane industry?"

The committee's tasks are numerous; frequent responsibilities include reading and analyzing in-depth research and studying worksites, equipment, and industry changes and expectations so the lifting industry can be safe. In short, they put themselves in the shoes of lifting personnel to evaluate the work from personal insights.

Additionally, members work on policies, procedures, and



subcommittees, such as ethics, discipline, and item writing. "We're now in the process of accreditation for our rigger and signal person program, so they are working diligently on those items as well," Dickinson says. In summer 2008, the Crane Institute of

America Certification received accreditation for its national crane operation testing and certification program from the National Commission for Certifying Agencies. The Governing Committee was heavily involved in the certification.

Each member of the CIC Governing Committee and Advisory Board is a recognized industry field expert and has first-hand knowledge of best practices to keep the people in the industry safe. When the CIC was formally initiated in 2007, Dickinson said the Crane Institute contacted a number of industry professionals, including those involved in crane manufacturing, rental, utilities, and other aspects of the crane industry, to join the board. Members serve for at least three years. Today, members are nominated by others on the committee. "It's a very amicable group, working with the best interest of the industry at heart," she says.

Members of the Governing Committee and Advisory Board generate ideas at a recent meeting.

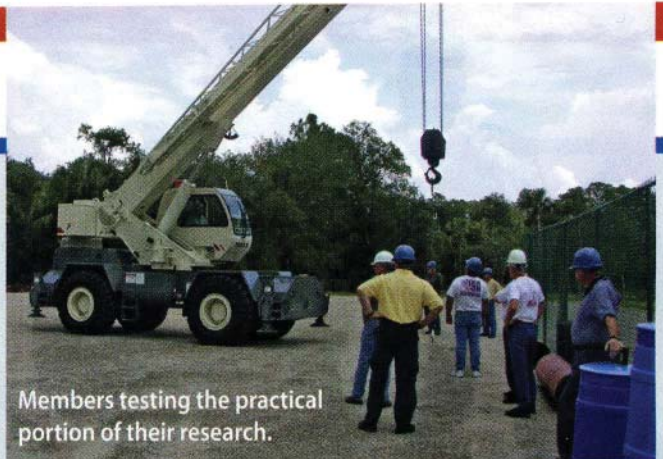
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They work diligently to understand the challenges facing the industry and strive to make certification worthwhile and beneficial. These experts are safety directors, crane manufacturers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, insurance providers, operators, inspectors, riggers, signal persons, trainers, industry advocates, engineers, and more.

The CIC Governing Committee and Advisory Board also serves the industry in a variety of ways. Members volunteer for ASME, ASCE, and numerous safety councils. Additionally, they volunteer to support schools and care for those in need, including raising funds for heart transplants, cures for multiple sclerosis, cancer, and Alzheimer's disease.

Their wisdom, experience, and diligence benefits the people who work in the lifting equipment industry. Dickinson notes their combined exper-



Members testing the practical portion of their research.

tise is remarkable and appreciated. "They did not seek this recognition, but we are proud to know, work with, and submit this nomination on their behalf," she adds.