



Newsletter

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OCTOBER INTERIM MEETINGS INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

Legislators met in Charleston this week as part of the October interim meetings and a number of issues relating to construction were discussed. Members of the Joint Committee on Government and Finance heard an update on the state's recalculated prevailing wage. Counsel for the committee talked about the surveys received by WorkForce West Virginia and said they are waiting to get more information before analyzing any data. They are to report at next month's interim meetings. WorkForce West Virginia also talked about the state's unemployment rates while legislators received an update on the state's General Revenue Fund and the State Road Fund. Also discussed were reports on construction projects underway by the Department of Administration including Building 3, the Governor's mansion security wall and the Lottery Building.

The Legislative Post Audits Subcommittee discussed the state's move to the wvOASIS system, as well as hearing about the WV Division of Highway's conversion to wvOASIS in May 2016. A discussion of the Courtesy Patrol Program was also held. The program was transferred from the WV Division of Tourism back to the WVDOH this year. Lawmakers asked for a list of costs associated with operating the program that will be presented at the November interims, which will be held November 15 and 16.

NEARLY 400 MEMBERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MIDYEAR EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT

Nearly 400 members have registered for the CAWV Midyear Meeting, which will be held February 12-17 at Walt Disney World's Grand Floridian Resort and Spa. They have taken advantage of the early-bird discount which expires today. The discount was extended one week due to the large number of members registering last week. Members can still get the discount by registering by midnight tonight.

"I encourage everyone to attend this year's Midyear Meeting," said CAWV Program Committee Chairman Doug Meeks. "A lot of great business and networking sessions are planned, as well as family-themed events. We had nearly 500 members and guests attending the last CAWV Midyear held at Disney World. I expect we will come close to that figure this time."

Rooms at The Grand Floridian will be on an availability-basis only after today. With February being a high tourism month, the hotel is not projecting a lot of rooms being available for the February meeting. All hotel reservations must be made through Disney. To register for your hotel click [here](#).

AGC WEBINAR: WHAT THE NLRB'S NEW JOINT EMPLOYER STANDARD MEANS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS - NOVEMBER 3

The AGC of America is offering a free webinar on the NLRB's new joint employer standards on November 3, from 2:00pm to 3:15pm. The NLRB's recent ruling in the Browning-Ferris Industries case relaxes the standard for determining when two companies constitute "joint employers" under the National Labor Relations Act. Attorney Larry Marquess of Littler Mendelson will explain the implications of the ruling specifically for employers in the construction industry and how such employers can minimize the risk of being deemed a joint employer of workers employed by their subcontractors, staffing firms, and others. The presentation will be part of AGC of America Open Shop Committee's Quarterly Web Meeting, which will also include a broader labor law and activities update. The web meeting is free and open to all AGC members. Members can click [here](#) to register.

FINAL NOTICE --- QUARRY RULES SEMINAR OCTOBER 27

Nearly 40 members are registered for the "Rules Governing the Safety of Those Employed In and Around Quarries in West Virginia" seminar conducted by the West Virginia Crushed Aggregates Council on Tuesday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, WV. Representatives from the WV Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training will present the new safety rules which went into effect July 1, 2015. To make reservations, please call the CAWV office immediately.