

## **AIAVT PUBLIC POLICY MEETING MINUTES: FEB 15 CONFERENCE CALL W/ VT DFS**

Attending from AIAVT Daniel Goltzman, AIA; Alan Berry, AIA; Keith Dewey, AIA; Eric Morrow, AIA; John Alden, AIA; Jennifer Arbuckle, AIA; Exec Dir: Carol Miklos

Topics Discussed:

1. Brought everyone up to speed on our work w/DFS.
2. Code Continuing Education
  - Jennifer indicated that OPR board is in the process of updating their rules and regulations and there may be an opportunity to incorporate code-specific continuing education.
  - The nature of this training will have to be worked out- mandatory? Who manages? It will have to be approved by AIA National.
3. Permit Application Revisions
  - Take revised form created by our committee to DFS meeting and have it in our back pocket as a potential agenda item.
  - DFS would seem to prefer to change the statute than change the form.
4. Statute Violations Enforcement
  - Penalties for violations very light.
  - Committee will first focus on statute enforcement, then on the nature of penalties.
5. Contractor Registration
  - Contractor registration, not licensing, went through in RI in mid-80's.
  - What would licensing involve? Details? Model our system after RI?
  - Check w/OPR if there is a history of complaints about, or violations by, contractors.
  - Talk to NCARB?
  - This issue may be tied into SOR viability.
  - We may need to proceed w/caution in regards to this issue and should fully vet it w/all members of our committee and the Board.
  - Could we get contractors themselves to support this effort?
6. Tom Mullard Issue- State Projects Form
  - A change was made to the form in an incorrect manner rendering it unusable.
  - Distribute email to committee to determine how to proceed.
7. Action Items
  - Carol to keep trying to schedule DFS meeting.
  - Finalize John Alden's permit form revisions for next DFS meeting.

- Jennifer Arbuckle will bring code continuing ed issue up at next OPR board meeting.
- Jennifer to check w/OPR re: history of contractor complaints/violations.