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## CONSTRUCTION TAKES A "HIT" IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Florida's Construction Industry is taking a turn for the worse. Statistics show a drop in commercial and residential construction. Many jurisdictions have "cut back" and lay-offs continue. However, economists expect the industry to bounce back within the next 2-6 years.

### CLOAF's GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (May 22, & 23, 2008 – Ocala Hilton)

**CLOAF extends a very special thanks to all of our presenter's listed below:**

- Sanford Minkoff, Country Attorney, Lake County
- Ron Collodi, Code Enforcement Administrator, Lake County
- Rodney Fischer, Pinellas County
- Deborah Haatajai-Deratany, Mediation Program Analyst
- Robert Irion, President, AAA Construction School, Inc.
- Bob Lambert, District Supervisor for the Dept. of Financial Services/W/C
- JB Clark – Legislative Consultant/Representative
- James Patton, Regional Program Administrator, DBPR
- Paul Uzialko, Prosecuting Attorney, DBPR
- Steven Webster, Executive Director, Florida Marine Contractors

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**Local Chapters:**

**Don't Forget to participate in a Local Chapter near you to be kept informed of regional and Statewide issues.**

**SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR CHAPTER LOCATIONS AND CONTACTS**

**Robert Lambert discussed Florida's Worker's Compensation – Employers working in the State of Florida must obtain a Florida Policy/Endorsement using Florida class codes, rates, rules and manuals (440.10). Mr. Lambert reminded members that the Penalty Amount Assessed has increased regarding stop-work orders. There is now a database available to the public regarding "Stop Work" orders. See Worker's Compensation website for more information: [www.myflorida.com.wc](http://www.myflorida.com.wc) or [www.myfloridacfo.com](http://www.myfloridacfo.com)**

**Steven Webster discussed the upcoming new statewide license for Marine Contractors; license is expected to start August of 2008. New licensure will require contractor to carry Longshore Insurance (exemption applies to three officers). You can check out Florida State Act Code 6006F and FS 440.103.**

**"Sandy" Minkoff discussed the Sunshine Law and the definition the a "Meeting"**

**A Meeting is described as: Anytime two or more individuals are discussing work related business activities (Not necessarily in a forum). Also includes the telephone, written material, e-mail, etc...**

**To comply with the Sunshine Law you must:**

**Advertise any meeting with sufficient notice (Statute states reasonable notice)**

**Meeting must be open to the public – facility must have handicapped access**

**Minutes of the meeting must be kept.**

**What is a Public Record? Basically anything that you make/create or receive in the course of your job duties.**

**For more information – See Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes.**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**GET EDUCATED -- GET CREDITS TOWARD CERTIFICATION LEVELS AT THE NOVEMBER 2008 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!**

**IF YOU ARE NOT YET A MEMBER OF CLOAF BUT WISH TO RECEIVE FUTURE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS: EMAIL YOUR NAME, MAILING ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, PHONE AND FAX NUMBER TO: [cloafwb@aol.com](mailto:cloafwb@aol.com) SO WE CAN KEEP YOU INFORMED.**

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**NEW CHAPTERS ARE IN THE INITIAL ORGANIZATIONAL STAGES IN:**

**THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA [cloafwb@aol.com](mailto:cloafwb@aol.com) ( APPROXIMATELY A 12 COUNTY AREA SURROUNDING LEON COUNTY)**

**THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL AREA [cloafwb@aol.com](mailto:cloafwb@aol.com) (CAPE CORAL, COLLIER, HENDRY, LEE, CHARLOTTE, GLADES, DESOTO, HIGHLANDS AND LOWER SARASOTA)**

**WE ENDEAVOR TO KEEP CHAPTER AREA MEETINGS CENTRALIZED TO KEEP TRAVEL TIME AT A MINIMUM. YOU MAY ATTEND ANY CHAPTER OF YOUR CHOICE. THERE IS NO CHARGE TO ATTEND.**

**CONTACT A REPRESENTATIVE FOR MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE NOVEMBER 12-14, 2008 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT THE ALTAMONTE SPRINGS EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL. YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS MEETING.**

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND WE'LL SEE YOU IN NOVEMBER**

***CLOAF  
welcomes  
suggestions for  
YOUR  
NEWSLETTER***

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