Dear Mayor Bowser:

On behalf of the Board of Industrial Trades (Board), and as the newly appointed Chairperson, I am pleased to present an overview of the Board’s official business, activities, achievements, and challenges for fiscal year (FY) 2018.

The members of the Board extend appreciation and thanks to Robert L. Smith, Sr. for over 10 years of outstanding service to the Board. Additionally, we extend appreciation and thanks to Raleigh Heyward, Sr., master plumber/gasfitter, for his service to the Board. Mr. Heyward served on the board for nearly a year with professionalism and dedication and we wish him well in his next endeavor.

In FY 2018, the Board worked diligently with its legal counsel to finalize its asbestos rules for asbestos workers and supervisors for publication in the DC Register. The rulemaking codifies pre-existing licensure requirements and practice standards that have been implemented in the District. The Board is making significant progress amending its regulations in other trades and modifying all practice standards to include continuing education requirements.

In its efforts to provide education, experience and licensing information, on November 27, 2017, members of the Board partnered with the Mayor’s Office on Asian Pacific Islander Affairs and held a forum for steam engineer licensees. The event hosted over 50 licensees, in-person and via teleconference, and included information on boiler inspections, regulations, and compliance, application and licensing online processes.

I appreciate my fellow Board members for their dedication and hard work this year. We thank the Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration (OPLA) staff for supporting the Board. We are excited about the initiatives and challenges for the upcoming year and look forward to working with you, the DC Council, and the residents and business members of the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

Alvin Venson, Sr.

Chair, Board of Industrial Trades
MISSION

The Board was established to protect the health, safety, and welfare of external and internal stakeholders. The Board ensures that individuals engaged in occupations as asbestos workers, electricians, elevator maintenance, plumbers, refrigeration and air conditioning mechanics, and steam and other operating engineers have the specialized skills and training required to perform such services for the public.

OBJECTIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Board’s Chair attended the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Association Annual meeting in Nashville, Tennessee from August 27 to August 29, 2018. Mr. Venson attended workshops on trending issues in state licensure and regulations, the importance of uniformity in the trades industry, and received training.
- Utilized OPLA investigators to examine reports and complaints expeditiously and presided over eight complaint cases.
- Established continuing education requirements for the asbestos trades.

BOARD’S OFFICIAL ACTIONS

- On July 20, 2018, the Notice of Proposed Regulations for asbestos workers and supervisors was published in the DC Register.
- Fines were imposed on four licensees totaling $9,500.00.
- One license was revoked.
**FY ’19 VISION**

- Publish a biannual newsletter.
- Join and partner with national membership trade-specific associations and regulatory bodies.
- Fill three vacancies: plumbing/gasfitting master, elevator inspector, and asbestos worker.
- Attend Council of Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulations Annual Training.

**MEETING DATES**

- October 15, 2017
- November 19, 2017
- December 17, 2017
- January 16, 2018
- February 20, 2018
- March 20, 2018
- April 17, 2018
- May 15, 2018
- June 19, 2018
- July 17, 2018
- August – Recess
- September 18, 2018

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

Alvin Venson, Sr. – Chair, Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
Khidhar Abdulshakur – Asbestos Worker
Alex Lemu – Class 1, Steam Engineer
Michael Dalton – Consumer Member
Brian Cooper – Elevator Contractor
Petrick Washington – Elevator Mechanic
Constantin Rodousakis – Master Electrician
Robert Smith – Master Electrician
Terrence Hughes – Master Plumber/Gasfitter
Richard Jackson – Master Plumber/Gasfitter
Michael Johnson – Master Plumber/Gasfitter
Garth Grannum – Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
Vacant – Asbestos Worker
Vacant – Class 1, Steam Engineer
Vacant – Elevator Inspector

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