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## **Winter Committee Meetings**

***February 4, 2021***

***Zoom Conferencing***

### **Agenda**

9:00 a.m.                    WABO Business Meeting Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Introductions (Attendee list in meeting packet)

- Agenda Approval: February 4, 2021
- Minutes Approval: October 1, 2020

Message from the Board

Business Meeting Adjourn

9:15 a.m.                    C & R Update - Brian Smith

9:20 a.m.                    Legislative Overview – Tim Woodard and Amy Brackenbury

11:05 a.m.                    Open Forum

12:00 p.m.                    Committee Meetings Adjourn

### **Announcements:**

TCD Committee Meeting: February 8, 2021 – Virtual (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

Annual Education Institute: March 15-18, 2021 – Virtual Training

ICC Committee Action Hearings (Group A): April 11 – May 5, 2021 – Virtual

Spring Quarterly Business Meeting: April 22, 2021 - Virtual

Annual Business Meeting: July 15-16, 2021 – Port Angeles, WA



## WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

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### **Proposed MINUTES – 2020 Fall Business Meeting**

*Zoom Conferencing*

*October 1, 2020*

#### **Call to Order**

The fall business meeting of the voting representatives was called to order by President Kurt Aldworth on October 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Roll Call**

The following executive board officers were present:

Kurt Aldworth	-	President
Lee Kranz	-	1st Vice President
Andy Higgins	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
C. Ray Allshouse	-	Immediate Past President

The following executive board directors were present:

Brian Smith	-	Certification & Registration
Micah Chappell	-	Technical Code Development
Tim Woodard	-	Government Relations
Angela Haupt	-	Finance
Todd Blevins	-	Education
Stacy Criswell	-	Outreach Services
Ray Cockerham	-	Emergency Management
James Tumelson	-	Accreditation
Tom Phillips	-	Past President
Gary Schenk	-	Past President

The following executive board directors were absent:

Trace Justice	-	Past President
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The following management personnel were present:

Tara Jenkins	-	Executive Director
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#### **Introductions**

Registration list on file at WABO office.

#### **Agenda**

The President presented the proposed Agenda for the October 1, 2020, Fall Business Meeting.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the agenda as presented be approved.**  
The motion carried.

## **Minutes**

The President presented the proposed Minutes for the WABO Annual Business Meeting on July 30, 2020.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Minutes be approved as presented.**  
The motion carried.

## **President's Report**

President Kurt Aldworth announced he attended the ICC Chapter Leaders webinar on August 25, 2020 and provided highlights from the meeting. Kurt reported he attended OBOA's 2020 Annual Business Meeting and announced their newly elected Board. Kurt announced the building representatives for the SBCC 2021 Technical Advisory Groups. Kurt informed the members of the tragic loss of Code Enforcement Officer, Charles Case, in Augusta, Georgia and WABO sent a letter of condolence to WACE. Kurt announced the evaluation team for the Technical Code Committee Technical Consultant has selected Jon Siu to fulfil that role. Kurt urged members to carefully look at e-mails that appear to come from him and make sure it is actually his e-mail as phishers are targeting individuals in leadership positions.

## **First Vice President**

Lee Kranz announced the 2018 Washington Custom Codes reviews are done. ICC is offering the Washington Codes in softcover, PDF downloads and premium subscription. Lee announced a meeting with ICC, SBCC and WABO was held to discuss timeline issues for the 2021 Codes and new technology ICC is working on to increase efficiencies. Lee reported an update on the SB5795 Contractor Accountability Workgroup.

## **Second Vice President**

Andy Higgins informed members that part of his duties as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President include Professional Development training. Andy would like to pivot from technical training to leadership skills and asked for feedback and connections from the members.

## **Immediate Past President**

Ray Allshouse announced he is charged as the nominating committee chair and if you know anyone who is interested in WABO leadership to let him know. Ray is also tasked with the bylaws and seeks input from members and the Board.

## **Award Ceremony**

Kurt Aldworth presented Ray Allshouse the Past President Award in appreciation of his excellent leadership and highlighted his many accomplishments during his tenure.

## **WA Disaster Resiliency Workgroup Report**

Jon Siu provided an update on the WA Disaster Resiliency Workgroup and the recommendation that will be presented to the legislature and Governors office by December 2020.

### **Emergency Management Committee Update**

Ray Cockerham informed the membership that the WAsafe Operations Manual for coordinators is currently being vetted at the City of Puyallup. The WAsafe steering committee will test the call out system early next year. Ray announced he is still looking for coordinators to volunteer and become familiar with the operational manual and reminded members this program is to help building officials coordinate their response efforts during an emergency. Lee Kranz and David Swasey volunteered to help review the Operational Manual.

### **Accreditation Committee Update**

James Tumelson reported that there are 24 students currently registered in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the program and 10 students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The Code Official Accreditation Program (COAP) has some technical aspects in the curriculum but is geared towards the soft skills. James announced the students are from well diverse backgrounds and the committee will continue working on curriculum development and program improvement. James reported there are currently 23 Accredited Code Officials (ACO's) in the program and encourages members to apply.

### **C & R Committee Update**

Brian Smith reported the Weld Advisory Board is updating the standard to include agency requirements and verifying figures and tables are up to date. The SIRP Advisory Board is updating written exams and model guidelines and finalizing the Mass Timber endorsement for incorporation in Standard 1701. Brian announced Gary Schenk is willing to assist the SIRP Program as a technical consultant and remain on the advisory board committee. Brian asked for two volunteers willing to assist the SIRP Advisory Board as the board needs additional representation from building officials.

### **GUEST REPORTS:**

#### **International Code Council**

No report.

#### **ICC Region II**

Kurt Aldworth reported that ICC Region II Board members will carry over an additional year of service. ICC Region II military veteran program going strong through an internship program in the State of Oregon.

#### **ICC Local Chapters**

No report.

#### **IABO**

Gary Schenk reported that IABO is looking into voting representative qualifications for ICC. ICC has reestablished the Long-Term Code Development Process committee to review the voting process.

## **WPLBO**

Gary Schenk announced WPLBO was postponed due to CA still experiencing a lot of shutdowns and anticipate meeting next in the middle of 2021.

## **State Building Code Council**

Richard Brown announced his upcoming retirement and encouraged anyone interested in the Managing Director position to apply. Richard is laying the groundwork for the 3<sup>rd</sup> specialist to be hired. Richard stated the Model Code TAG's are staffed well and still room for alternates. Richard reported a Tsunami Tag has been established to address the maps within the IBC.

## **State Agencies**

Labor & industries

Kelly Mayo stated the process L & I will be moving forward regarding the 2020 NEC implementation date of October 29, 2020 and the model code implementation date of February 1, 2021 and asked for jurisdictional input.

## **WABO/SEAW**

Lee Kranz announced the WABO/SEAW committee will be updating several existing white papers to publish by the end of January 2021. Lee requested members that are interested in the committee to contact him.

## **MyBuildingPermit.com (MBP)**

Tom Phillips announced MBP has finished their e-check project to provide payment flexibility. Tom reported Auburn, Federal Way and Woodway are the newest members to join MBP and will hopefully be running by the end of the year. The program team has a list of 45 new features that will need to be prioritized and presented to the management team for approval to continue new feature and enhancement roll outs.

## **Liaison Reports**

Electrical Cities -

Kurt Aldworth reported the adoption of the 2020 NEC is October 29, 2020. The committee just finished approving changes and are ready for jurisdictions to submit for adoption. Kurt encouraged any jurisdictions that enforce the electrical code to attend the quarterly meetings.

A117.1 Committee

Richard Williams reported the A117.1 committee recently started meeting again and divided into 3 separate task groups. Richard reported he has spoken to Micah Chappell to gain input from the TCD committee and will continue the communication throughout the task group process.

## Electrical Board

James Tumelson reported he has submitted his application to serve on the Electrical Board to the Governor's office on August 17, 2020 and is awaiting appointment approval to replace John Brickey, WABO's current representative, who is retiring.

## SB5795 Contractor Accountability Workgroup

Gary Schenk reported the workgroup will be hearing a proposal from BIAW on how to qualify a contractor and that there is forward progression with the workgroup.

## **Motion and Action Items**

None.

## **Unfinished Business**

None.

## **New Business**

None.

## **Announcements**

Tim Woodard announced the next Government Relations committee meeting will be held December 8, 2020 to codify the 2021 legislative positions.

Todd Blevins reported the 2021 Annual Education Institute class schedule is finalized and will move forward with in-person event planning with backup contingency plans in place if we are still facing in-person meeting restrictions.

Stacy Criswell encouraged jurisdictions to reach out to their neighboring cities during these challenging times. Stacy informed the membership of the WABO Resources page and asked if a jurisdiction has a good handout/resource to consider sharing on the WABO page.

Gary Schenk asked for members to consider sitting on the Underground Economy Construction Task Force committee. The committee looks at illegal contractors with an emphasis on getting them registered and qualified. Please let Gary or Tara know if you are interested in serving on this task force.

Amy Brackenbury announced we will get a better picture of the legislative session after elections are held. A special session might not be held due to improving budget forecast and the 2021 session might be a hybrid type situation where some legislatures and staff might be on-site.

Lee Kranz informed the membership that he asked the SBCC if WABO will be allowed to participate in the selection process of the new managing director. Dianne Glenn must work with DES for this process and ensures the SBCC will be involved in the process. The process will not be opened for other organizations.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**WABO Winter Committee Meeting  
February 4, 2021  
Attendee List**

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**KURT ALDWORTH CBO, ACO**  
CITY OF KIRKLAND

**CLINT ATTEBERRY**  
CITY OF DAYTON

**STEVEN BLAKE**  
CITY OF BURIEN

**AMY BRACKENBURY**  
WABO LOBBYIST

**GREGORY COLVIG CBO, ACO**  
THE CODE READER

**MARTY GILLIS CBO**  
WEST COAST CODE CONSULTANTS, INC.

**ANGELA HAUPT CBO**  
CITY OF KIRKLAND

**C. ANDREW HIGGINS MCP, CBO, ACO**  
CITY OF SEATTLE, DCI

**TARA JENKINS**  
WASHINGTON ASSN OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

**HOYT JETER PE**  
CITY OF TACOMA

**LEE KRANZ CBO, ACO**  
CITY OF BELLEVUE DSD

**TIM LINCOLN**  
CITY OF ORTING

**MARY KATE MCGEE CBO, ACO**  
CITY OF SEATAC

**RYAN MUMMA CBO**  
CITY OF LAKE STEVENS

**THOMAS PHILLIPS CBO, ACO**  
TOWN OF WOODWAY

**MARC SCHOENBERG CBO**  
CITY OF PACIFIC

**BRIAN SMITH CBO, ACO**  
CITY OF BELLEVUE

**C. RAY ALLSHOUSE AIA, CBO, ACO**  
CITY OF SHORELINE

**KIM BARKER**  
CITY OF BELLINGHAM

**R. TODD BLEVINS CBO**  
CITY OF WEST RICHLAND

**SEAN CARLSTROM CBO, MCP, CFM, ACO**  
CITY OF SHELTON

**STACY CRISWELL CBO, ACO**  
CITY OF MONROE

**PAUL GNEIDING**  
WEST COAST CODE CONSULTANTS, INC.

**DANA HERRON CBO**  
CITY OF MILTON

**ARDEL JALA PE**  
CITY OF SEATTLE, DCI

**CHRISTOPHER JENSEN**  
UL, LLC

**TRACE JUSTICE CBO, ACO**  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY

**CAROL LEWIS**  
CITY OF REDMOND

**ANDIE LORENZ**  
ADAMS COUNTY

**ROBERT MEYERS CBO**  
CITY OF COVINGTON

**SCOTT PERRON**  
CITY OF LAKE STEVENS

**GARY SCHENK CBO, ACO**  
WABO

**JON SIU PE, SE, ACO**  
JON SIU CONSULTING, LLC

**DAVID SPENCER CBO, ACO**  
ADAMS COUNTY

**DAVID SWASEY CBO, ACO**  
CITY OF BOTHELL

**JAMES TUMELSON ME, CBO, MCP**  
CITY OF EDGEWOOD

**TIM WOODARD**  
CITY OF BLAINE



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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## YEAR 2021

February 4	Winter Committee Meeting	Virtual
March 15-18	Annual Education Institute	Virtual
April 22	Spring Business Meeting	Virtual
July 15-16	Annual Business Meeting	Red Lion Hotel, Port Angeles
October 28-29	Fall Business Meeting	Campbell's Resort, Chelan

## YEAR 2022

Jan / Feb	Winter Committee Meeting	Lacey/Olympia/Tumwater
March 21-24	Annual Education Institute	Lynnwood Convention Center
April 21-22	Spring Business Meeting	Enzian Inn, Leavenworth
July 28-29	Annual Business Meeting	Kitsap Conf. Center, Bremerton
October 27-28	Fall Business Meeting	The Davenport Hotel, Spokane

## YEAR 2023

Jan/Feb TBD	Winter Committee Meeting	Lacey/Olympia/Tumwater
March 20-24	Annual Education Institute	Lynnwood Convention Center
April 20-21	Spring Business Meeting	Enzian Inn, Leavenworth



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## Congratulations to the following **A**ccredited **C**ode **O**fficials

Gary Schenk, CBO, ACO

C. Andrew Higgins, MCP, CBO, ACO

Willie Hill, CBO, ACO

Michael Barth, MCP, ACO

Trace Justice, CBO, ACO

Gregory Colvig, CBO, ACO

Mary Kate McGee, CBO, ACO

Dave Cantrell, ACO

Sean Carlstrom, MCP, CBO, CFM, ACO

Dermott Murphy, CBO, MCP, ACO

S. Kelly Mayo, CBO, ACO

C. Ray Allshouse, CBO, AIA, ACO

Tim Nordtvedt, CBO, ACO

Kurt Aldworth, CBO, ACO

David Spencer, CBO, ACO

Jon Siu, PE, SE, ACO

Sheila Salerno, CBO, CFCO, ACO

Lee Kranz, CBO, ACO

Thomas Phillips, CBO, ACO

Dean Giles, AIA, ACO

Gary Lampella, ACO

Stacy Criswell, CBO, ACO

Brian Smith, CBO, ACO

David Swasey, CBO, ACO

WABO  
Budget Comparison  
07/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

		This Period	Budgeted	Percentage
Member Services				
	Income	\$ 36,490	\$ 61,700	59.1%
	Expense	\$ 75,771	\$ 229,330	33.0%
Bookstore				
	Income	\$ 148,979	\$ 229,647	64.9%
	Expense	\$ 136,809	\$ 219,820	62.2%
Welder Program				
	Income	\$ 239,301	\$ 486,995	49.1%
	Expense	\$ 108,735	\$ 206,525	52.6%
Special Inspection Program				
	Income	\$ 116,317	\$ 140,875	82.6%
	Expense	\$ 81,430	\$ 136,704	59.6%
Education Institute				
	Income	\$ (225)	\$ 116,250	-0.2%
	Expense	\$ 18,063	\$ 130,720	13.8%
Seminars				
	Income	\$ -	\$ 15,000	0.0%
	Expense	\$ 25	\$ 9,550	0.3%
Accreditation				
	Income	\$ 17,695	\$ 12,515	141.4%
	Expenses	\$ 15,439	\$ 27,582	56.0%
Finance				
	Income	\$ -	\$ -	
	Expense	\$ 11,687	\$ 24,200	48.3%
Government Relations				
	Income	\$ -	\$ -	
	Expense	\$ 18,105	\$ 37,650	48.1%
Outreach				
	Income	\$ -	\$ -	
	Expense	\$ -	\$ 4,000	0.0%
Technical Code Development				
	Income	\$ -	\$ -	
	Expense	\$ 6,338	\$ 79,500	8.0%
Emergency Management				
	Income	\$ -	\$ -	
	Expense	\$ 3,587	\$ 21,750	16.5%
Administration				
	Income	\$ 22,901	\$ 10,250	223.4%
	Expense	\$ 19,531	\$ 45,167	43.2%
Total				
	Income	\$ 581,458	\$ 1,073,232	54.2%
	Expense	\$ 495,520	\$ 1,172,498	42.3%

**WABO - Summary**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**July through December 2020**

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	<u>Jul - Dec 20</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Accredited Code Official Progra	100.00
Bookstore	
Book Sales	141,212.66
Book Sales - ICC Sales	1,975.52
Restocking Fee	97.55
Shipping & Handling Income	5,693.66
<b>Total Bookstore</b>	<b>148,979.39</b>
Education Institute Income	
Registrations -AEI	-200.00
<b>Total Education Institute Income</b>	<b>-200.00</b>
Interest	
Money Market	22.83
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>22.83</b>
Investment Income	
Dividends	21,203.90
Market Change	1,674.33
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>22,878.23</b>
Job Postings on Web Page	2,525.00
Membership Dues	28,214.60
Registrations	
Registrations	-25.00
Registrations - Other	17,595.00
<b>Total Registrations</b>	<b>17,570.00</b>
Returned Check Fee	50.00
Special Inspection	
Agency Applications	1,535.00
Agency Audits	8,261.61
Fabricators	
Fabricator Inital Application	1,575.00
Fabricator Renewals	1,450.00
Fabricators - Other	12,529.59
<b>Total Fabricators</b>	<b>15,554.59</b>
Key Personnel	6,795.00
Special Inspect -Other Income	39,325.00
Special Inspectors	44,846.28
Special Inspection - Other	0.00
<b>Total Special Inspection</b>	<b>116,317.48</b>
Sponsors Income	5,750.00
Welder Certification	
Weld Agency Apps & Renewals	8,640.68
Weld Agency Audit	4,200.00
Weld Applications and Renewals	217,935.00
Weld Examiner Apps & Renewals	2,335.00
Welder Income - Other	510.00
Welder Certification - Other	5,630.00

**WABO - Summary**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**July through December 2020**

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	<b>Jul - Dec 20</b>
<b>Total Welder Certification</b>	239,250.68
<b>Total Income</b>	581,458.21
<b>Gross Profit</b>	581,458.21
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Awards</b>	390.54
<b>B&amp;O Taxes</b>	6,173.26
<b>Bookstore Purch - COGS</b>	
<b>Amendments / Codes</b>	1,526.49
<b>Bookstore Purch - COGS - Other</b>	109,031.57
<b>Total Bookstore Purch - COGS</b>	110,558.06
<b>Computer Expenses</b>	
<b>Web Page Fees</b>	2,158.85
<b>Computer Expenses - Other</b>	964.59
<b>Total Computer Expenses</b>	3,123.44
<b>Credit Card Fees</b>	10,364.51
<b>Dues &amp; Fees</b>	
<b>Membership Fees</b>	683.00
<b>Registration Fees</b>	250.00
<b>Total Dues &amp; Fees</b>	933.00
<b>Equipment &amp; Software</b>	12,300.00
<b>Executive Board</b>	
<b>Meetings</b>	60.00
<b>Travel</b>	507.14
<b>Total Executive Board</b>	567.14
<b>Insurance/Licenses</b>	2,143.00
<b>Legal</b>	495.00
<b>Lobbyist</b>	18,000.00
<b>Management Fees</b>	248,489.76
<b>Marketing/ Advertising</b>	
<b>Scholarships</b>	4,303.32
<b>Total Marketing/ Advertising</b>	4,303.32
<b>Meeting Expenses</b>	50.55
<b>Postage and Shipping Expense</b>	
<b>Postage and Shipping Other NGO</b>	123.85
<b>Postage and Shipping Expense - O...</b>	12,012.23
<b>Total Postage and Shipping Expense</b>	12,136.08
<b>Printing</b>	3,557.09
<b>Public Relations</b>	26.97
<b>Publication Expense</b>	1,063.06
<b>Speaker/Presenters</b>	7,485.00
<b>Supplies</b>	1,620.19
<b>Tech Consultant Services</b>	
<b>Consultant Travel Fee &amp; Expense</b>	17,476.36
<b>Fabricator Consultant</b>	3,937.50

**WABO - Summary**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**July through December 2020**

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	<b>Jul - Dec 20</b>
<b>SIRP Consultant</b>	16,870.00
<b>Technical Code Consultant</b>	6,250.00
<b>Welder Consultant</b>	4,547.50
<b>Total Tech Consultant Services</b>	49,081.36
<b>Telephone and Internet</b>	2,148.17
<b>Travel Expense</b>	510.72
<b>Total Expense</b>	495,520.22
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	85,937.99
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
<b>Unrealized Gain/Loss</b>	70,379.47
<b>Total Other Income</b>	70,379.47
<b>Net Other Income</b>	70,379.47
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>156,317.46</b>

**WABO**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of December 31, 2020**

	<b>Dec 31, 20</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
First Citizens Bank Chg	401,677.41
First Citizens Bank MM	151,371.30
Petty Cash	200.00
Total Equity Market-TRowe Price	479,332.68
US Treasury Int- TRowe Price	646,179.57
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	1,678,760.96
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Accounts Receivable	25,010.28
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	25,010.28
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Conference Deposit	2,960.00
Inventory	40,766.54
Undeposited Funds	385.85
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	44,112.39
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	1,747,883.63
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,747,883.63</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	27,346.68
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	27,346.68
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Sales Tax Payable	5,576.06
Suspense	320.19
Unclaimed Property Payable	115.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	6,011.25
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	33,357.93
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	33,357.93
<b>Equity</b>	
Reserve-Project Impact	17,830.00
Reserve for Apprenticeship Prog	7,334.10
Reserve for WABO ICC Board Cand	9,328.63
Retained Earnings	1,523,715.51
Net Income	156,317.46
<b>Total Equity</b>	1,714,525.70
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>1,747,883.63</b>



## Washington Association of Building Officials

### 2021 Legislative Talking Points

- 1) HB 1150 - Concerning state building code council membership / Representative Larry Hoff (18<sup>th</sup>) / Committee on Local Government – **Oppose**
  - a. The current SBCC (State Building Code Council) is comprised of 15 subject matter experts from varying backgrounds. Adding additional members could change the balance of the Council and could politicize what is currently a technical committee.
  - b. In accordance with SBCC Bylaws 8 votes would be required to pass a code change. With a change to the total council membership current bylaws would likely be changed accordingly and make it even harder to gain a consensus vote.
  - c. By adding members to the council the requirements to gain a quorum would be more difficult. Likely certain subjects would draw a full Council but other business that is not as contentious may fail to draw the attention of the majority of the new council membership.
- 2) SB 5243 - Creating efficiency in housing by streamlining approval of engineered plans. / Representative Chris Gildon (25<sup>th</sup>) / Committee on Housing and Local Government – **Oppose**
  - a. There are many examples around the nation where design flaws resulted in injuries and deaths. This bill would not support the stated goals of the State Building Code to promote the safety of occupants and instead would support the interests of builders and developers.
  - b. Licensed architects and engineers are human like the rest of us. We all make mistakes, but in this case plan review acts as a final audit to try to identify them and ensure our communities have a safe built environment.
  - c. The proposed language is very broad and would allow any professional who wants to work outside their area of expertise to submit designs without having their plans reviewed. For example, a landscape architect or a mechanical engineer could stamp building structural design plans and would not receive a review.
- 3) SB 5380 - Concerning the approval of building permits. / Representative Phil Fortunato (31<sup>st</sup>) / Committee on Housing and Local Government – **Oppose**
  - a. Although we would all hope that after three submittals the project permit application could be approved. Building Officials around the state have had scenarios where required corrections are not made even after three submittals.
  - b. This bill utilizes an undefined qualifier of “a clear violation of substantive and procedural requirements”. It would be logical to assume that is anything that does not comply with the current State Building Code Act; however, we already have code and legislation that requires that. This creates a question of what exactly is a “clear violation of substantive and procedural requirements”.
  - c. This could make it difficult for Building Departments to provide good customer service to applicants that are not design professionals.
- 4) HB 1147 - Creating the Washington state office of resiliency. / Representative Cindy Ryu (32<sup>nd</sup>) / Committee on Community & Economic Development – **Support**
  - a. This bill is based on the recommendations of a 30-member work group that was created last legislative cycle.
  - b. The creation of an Office of Resiliency will help to implement a statewide resiliency strategy for the benefit of all Washingtonians. Studies have shown that for every dollar spent in prevention it can result in six dollars saved in mitigation.



## 2021 WABO Legislative Positions

- **Funding for State Building Code Council:** The Washington State Building Code Council (SBCC) is mandated by state law to develop the construction codes used in Washington and that effort requires adequate funding to accomplish their mission. WABO supports continued adequate funding for the SBCC and clarification for consistent fee application by local jurisdictions.
- **Protect Local Authority:** WABO supports protecting local authority to amend, adopt and administer construction codes.
- **Code Cycle:** WABO supports keeping Washington consistent with the national model code adoption cycle.
- **Consumer Protection:** WABO supports measures to protect the public from unqualified and illegal contractors, such as requiring contractor training and education, and establishing minimum qualification standards for contractors and Building Officials.
- **Electrical Code:** WABO supports legislation that provides jurisdictions with equal authority to develop and adopt the Washington State Electrical Code.
- **Unfunded Mandates:** WABO recognizes that jurisdictions have limited fiscal capacity and opposes unfunded and under-funded mandates.
- **Seismic Retrofit:** WABO supports legislation to assist building owners to retrofit existing seismically vulnerable buildings, in order to protect the public during an earthquake from collapsing structures, and to reduce the impact of seismic events by focusing on promoting economic resiliency of our communities.
- **IPC (International Plumbing Code):** WABO supports legislation to reduce barriers for jurisdictions to use the International Plumbing Code.
- **Certification and Training:** WABO supports improving the efficiency of the construction permit and inspection process with training and certification for code officials and code technicians.
- **Affordable Housing:** WABO supports efforts to create more affordable housing as long as that housing complies with minimum codes to ensure a safe built environment.