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Winter Committee Meetings

February 2, 2023

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 2, 2023
 - Fall Minutes Approval: October 27-28, 2022

Business Meeting Adjourn

- 9:15 a.m. Outreach Welcome – Stacy Criswell
- 9:30 a.m. Legislative Overview – Tim Woodard and Marian Dacca
- 11:30 a.m. Education Committee Update – Max Booth
- 11:40 a.m. Open Forum
- 12:00 p.m. Committee Meetings Adjourn

Announcements:

Accreditation Committee Meeting: February 8, 2023 – Virtual (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)
Annual Education Institute: March 20-24, 2023 – Lynnwood Convention Center
ICC Committee Action Hearings: Off Cycle Year
Annual Business Meeting: April 20-21, 2023 – Leavenworth, WA
Summer Quarterly Business Meeting: July 20-21, 2023 – Ocean Shores, WA



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

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Proposed MINUTES – 2022 Fall Business Meeting

Spokane, Washington

October 27-28, 2022

Call to Order

The fall business meeting of the voting representatives was called to order by President Andy Higgins on October 27, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call

The following executive board officers were present:

Andy Higgins	-	President
Ray Cockerham	-	1st Vice President
Todd Blevins	-	2 nd Vice President
Kurt Aldworth	-	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
Max Booth	-	Education
Stacy Criswell	-	Outreach Services
Ryan Mumma	-	Emergency Management
James Tumelson	-	Accreditation
C. Ray Allshouse	-	Past President
Trace Justice	-	Past President

The following management personnel were present:

Tara Jenkins	-	Executive Director
Troy Jenkins	-	Jenkins Management Solutions
Tanner Jenkins	-	Jenkins Management Solutions

Introductions

The active member voting representatives, associate members, and guests introduced themselves. Registration list on file at WABO office.

Agenda

The President presented the proposed Agenda for the October 27-28, 2022, 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 28-29, 2022.

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

President's Report

President Andy Higgins reported on the ICC Annual Business Meeting and Public Comment Hearings and stated the highlight was the strong West Coast presence as well as the election of David Spencer and Jack Applegate.

Executive Board Report

No Report.

First Vice President

No Report.

Second Vice President

Todd Blevins announced the Professional Development 'Who Says Who Stamps?' and encouraged members to stick around for the panel that will include the assistant attorney general, engineers, and architects. Todd also announced that the strategic plan will begin a review process.

Election of Board of Director Nominations

Kurt Aldworth announced this is the last quarterly business meeting before our Annual Business Meeting (ABM) that will occur in Leavenworth. The WABO Board of Director elections will be held at the ABM on April 20, 2023. At this time all board positions are currently filled, but members can run against incumbents and situations could change where a position could open before the next meeting. You must be one of two voting representatives for the jurisdiction and obtain management approval for involvement. The WABO office will send out nomination reminders to the membership prior to the meeting. For more information on serving and time commitments please contact Kurt.

Immediate Past President

No Report.

Executive Director

Tara Jenkins announced the meeting logistics to the membership. Tara announced a new committee volunteer page on the WABO website where members can review all the committees and sign up as a volunteer online.

Meeting recessed for committee meetings at 8:35 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

GUEST REPORTS:

International Code Council

Director Jim Sayers reported that he is our new ICC liaison and that we can reach out to him, David Spencer, or Jack Applegate at any time. Jim announced ICC has approved decarbonization communication, as energy can be controversial. ICC wants to be at the forefront so they can be a part of the decision-making process. Jim announced calls for Exams Development committees closes on October 31st and encourage members to get their applications in. Jim reminded members of the Building Safety Journal and Podcasts that ICC has available as member resources. ICC ABM will be held next year in Saint Louis, MO October 8-11, 2023 and EduCode will be held February 27- March 3, 2023 in Las Vegas, NV.

Jack Applegate helped represent ICC in world standards day. Jack reported that Dominic Sims was Master of Ceremony of the process to help ICC celebrate the Clean Water Act and attended the event at the White House.

ICC Region II

No Report.

ICC Local Chapters

No Reports.

IABO

No Report.

WPLBO

No Report.

OBOA

Jack Applegate announced OBOA Fall Quarterly Business meeting will be held November 18, 2022 in Albany, OR and highlighted that Virtual Inspection Training will be held, training will be presented by Clark County.

NFPA

Gary Honold announced NFPA has a network newsletter that is customizable based on your preferences. Gary reported a new Electrical Inspector Membership that includes a free copy of the NEC. Gary informed the membership on the standard development process through NFPA and encouraged AHJ's to participate in the standard development process (NFPA.com/enforcer). Gary provided a presentation on NFPA's subscription-based standards on their website available at: [link.NFPA.org](https://link.nfpa.org).

WABO/SEAW

Hoyt Jeter asked members to be consistent amongst jurisdictions. If there are any concerns/issues with engineers, please bring the issues to Hoyt Jeter or Jon Siu so they can be presented to the committee for discussion.

State Agencies

No reports.

State Building Code Council

Micah Chappell announced that SBCC Director Stoyan Bumbalov came to WABO's 2022 Spring QBM in April and stated that the SBCC was not going to produce the insert pages for the 2021 codes. The members at WABO's ABM in July stated that was going to be a problem and members volunteered to create a custom code (without asking for SBCC staff members assistance) but would need to ask for a delay in the code implementation date to help with ICC's timeframe. October 21, 2022 the Council did not approve the Building Official's request for a 3 month code implementation delay. Micah reported the Council directed the SBCC to produce insert pages for the 2021 code cycle and Stoyan is working with ICC to produce the 2024 codes. Micah reported that Stoyan would like for jurisdictions to review their SBCC funding and fees, it appears that they are not being sent in. Micah reported the SBCC has added one new staff member and their next meeting will be for Group B final language.

MyBuildingPermit.com (MBP)

Kurt Aldworth announced MBP's 20-year anniversary and the first city to issue a permit was the City of Kirkland! Kurt announced MBP will be providing ½ day Permit Technician training Nov 15-17, 2022 and I-Code training in early 2023. Kurt report the Structural Committee is now the Technical Codes Committee to expand its scope of work. MBP updated the software platform for improved functionality and added more custom messaging for applicants. Kurt reported the Executive Board approved procurement of MBP sponsored backend permitting system.

Liaison Reports

WA Cities Electrical Code –

Kurt reported Tim Hingtgen who chairs the committee is retiring from the City of Bellevue and and that Gary Bartelheimer from the City of Kirkland has accepted the committee chair position and is transitioning into the role. Kurt reported there is a delay that may push back the implementation date of the 2023 NEC and the next committee meeting will be held January 2023.

State Electrical Board –

James Tumelson announced a 33% reduction of electrical inspectors. L & I have a desire to assemble the TAG on time to get adoption on July 1, 2023.

IAS –

James Tumelson reported that his work on the committee consists of listening to testimony and make recommendations to the group. IAS is discussing the possibility of going back to in-person meetings.

WSAPT –

Jessica Lether encourages permit technicians to join the Washington Association of Permit Technicians. Jessica announced the association has a newly designed website and improved communications.

Strategic Planning Kickoff

Todd Blevins asked the membership to review the Strategic Plan as the Strategic Plan Subcommittee will be fine tuning the document. The committee level documents will be incorporated into the individual committee charters. Todd asked for comments to be submitted by April 2023.

Energy Code Task Force

Brian Smith informed the membership of the different proposal received from Evergreen Technology Consulting and he took the membership's comments and concerns back to Lisa Rosenow. Lisa Rosenow presented the new scope based off WABO member feedback regarding the WSEC Plans Examiner Certification Program.

Meeting recessed for code forum at 3:45 p.m.

Friday, October 28, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. – Meeting reconvened

President Higgins reconvened meeting at 8:00 a.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C & R Committee

Nothing to report.

Technical Code Development Committee

Micah Chappell reminded the membership that if you get involved, TCD has scholarships available up to \$2k for actively involved members and \$1,500 non-active participation. Micah reported the Public Comment Hearings in Louisville, KY were successful. WABO's high priority items had a 77% success rate, overall success rate for hearings was 76% rate. Micah announced the proposed wind study that was done by SEAW can be found on the WABO resource page under the tsunami maps. Micah reported that the State Building Code Council will be finalizing Group 2 and that the 2021 codes will remain with an implementation date of July 1, 2023. Micah announced the SBCC has been directed to create insert pages for the 2021 codes. Micah reported TCD will reconvene meetings summer of 2023.

Government Relations Committee

Tim Woodard reported the Government Relations committee worked on finalizing the 2023 legislative positions. Tim announced the Government Relations committee has a discussion board circle where legislative topics are held outside of e-mails. If you are interested in joining the government relations committee to send Tara a request to gain access to the Government Relations Circle. Tim announced the committee will continue the successful practice of quick 15-minute weekly update meetings during session to keep everyone informed in real time. Tim provided an update on the Winter Committee meeting and the request for members to meet virtually with their representatives. The Government Relations Committee will meet in early January to get firm commitments and Marian will schedule the meeting with the representatives. Tim presented the committee's two new legislative positions to the membership for consideration.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that a new bullet point on code language in RCW as presented and revised be approved.

The motion carried.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that a new bullet point on building permit efficiency as presented be approved.

The motion carried.

Finance Committee

Angela Haupt provided the membership with an overview of WABO's 2022/2023 first quarter financials.

Education Committee

Max Booth provided an overview of the 2023 Annual Education Institute (AEI) that will be held at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Max announced that he wanted the committee to look at ways to help local ICC Chapters get training closer to home. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to him.

Outreach Services Committee

Stacy Criswell encouraged members to check the attendee list in the packet and reach out to them and bounce ideas off your colleagues. Stacy reminded members of the WABO resource page that includes helpful checklists and tip sheets. Stacy encouraged the membership to utilize the Building Official Handbook that can also be found on the WABO website as a helpful tool. Stacy suggested outreach jurisdictions do monthly breakfasts with neighboring jurisdictions to help with communication. Stacy promoted the Permit Tech Association and asked jurisdiction to help support the association which has revamped their website and communication platform. The Permit Tech Association has scholarship available as well as WCIA will reimburse the Spring & Fall conference (1 per jurisdiction). Stacy reminded members that WABO has a mentor list on the website and if you need to run a question by someone to please visit that resource, or if you would like to become a mentor, please let Tara know in the WABO office and we can add you to the list.

Emergency Management Committee

Ryan Mumma reported that WABO helped create WAsafe, a coalition comprised of SEAW, ASCE Seattle, and AIA WA Council. Ryan announced that WAsafe is developing a refresher training course that will satisfy the renewal requirements and will be good for 5 years. Ryan reported that EMD King County is looking at applying for a training grant (wind, ice, snow, and fire). Ryan reported that EMD is working with WA Trust for Historic Preservation to develop a database of Unreinforced Masonry Buildings (URM's).

Accreditation Committee

James reported on the Accredited Code Officials (ACO's) program and encouraged members with active participation to apply. James announced that the Code Official Accreditation Program is running 2 concurrent first year classes for the first time and that we have noticed a slight drop in registrations due to budget constraints. James informed the new members attending that the first year of the program is the Permit Technician track, 2nd year is the Building Inspector track, 3rd year is the Plans Examiner track, and the 4th year is the Building Official track. James provided an update on the 12 module self-paced Plumbing course that Dave Cantrell is currently developing.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Motion and Action Items

None.

Announcements

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

**WABO Winter Committee Meeting
February 2, 2023
Attendee List**

KURT ALDWORTH CBO, ACO
CITY OF KIRKLAND

SEAN ANGELEY
CITY OF BELLINGHAM

R. TODD BLEVINS CBO
CITY OF WEST RICHLAND

MICAH CHAPPELL MBA, CBO
CITY OF SEATTLE, DCI

GREGORY COLVIG CBO, ACO
THE CODE READER

MARIAN DACCA
WASHINGTON ASSN OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

MICHELLE FINLEY
CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEV.

ANGELA GARCIA
CITY OF PORT ORCHARD

MARTY GILLIS CBO
WEST COAST CODE CONSULTANTS, INC.

ANGELA HAUPT CBO
CITY OF KIRKLAND

ARDEL JALA PE
CITY OF SEATTLE, DCI

ANDIE LORENZ CBO, ACO
ADAMS COUNTY

JIM MUIR
CLARK COUNTY

DAVE NAKAGAWARA
CITY OF PORT TOWNSEND

THOMAS PHILLIPS CBO, ACO
TOWN OF WOODWAY

KRAIG STEVENSON CBO
ICC GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

QUYEN THAI CBO, MCP
CITY OF TACOMA

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

KIM BARKER CBO
KING COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING

MAX BOOTH
CLARK COUNTY

RAY COCKERHAM CBO
CITY OF PUYALLUP

STACY CRISWELL CBO, ACO
CITY OF MONROE

TYLER FARMER
CITY OF LAKE STEVENS

MEGAN FLETCHER
CLARK COUNTY

MARIVEL GARCIA
YAKIMA COUNTY

MATT HART
NBBJ

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

TARA JENKINS
WASHINGTON ASSN OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

CAROL MANUS
CITY OF LAKE STEVENS

DERMOTT MURPHY CBO, MCP, ACO
CITY OF SPOKANE

MITCH NICKOLDS CBO
CITY OF WALLA WALLA

BRIAN SMITH CBO, ACO
CITY OF CAMAS

DAVID SWASEY CBO, ACO
CITY OF BOTHELL

KELLY THOMPSON
CITY OF COVINGTON

JAMES TUMELSON CBO, MCP, ACO
CITY OF EDGEWOOD

LYNN WARD
KLICKITAT COUNTY

TIM WOODARD
CITY OF BLAINE



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Year 2023

February 02	Winter Committee Meeting	Zoom Conferencing
March 20-24	Annual Education Institute	Lynnwood Convention Center
April 20-21	Annual Business Meeting	Enzian Inn, Leavenworth
July 20-21	Summer Business Meeting	Convention Center, Ocean Shores
October 26-27	Fall Business Meeting	Marcus Whitman, Walla Walla

Year 2024

Jan/Feb TBD	Winter Committee Meeting	Zoom Conferencing
March 25-28	Annual Education Institute	Lynnwood Convention Center
April 18-19	Annual Business Meeting	Enzian Inn, Leavenworth
July 18-19	Summer Business Meeting	TBD
October 17-18	Fall Business Meeting	Heathman Lodge, Vancouver



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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Registration Fee: \$105 (Lunch & Awards Banquet Included)

Location:

Enzian Inn

590 U.S. Rte 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826

Date:

April 20 - 21, 2023

Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (12:00 Lunch Break)

Thursday Awards Banquet 6:00 PM

Friday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Congratulations to the following Accredited Code Officials

Kurt Aldworth, CBO, ACO

C. Ray Allshouse, CBO, AIA, ACO

Michael Barth, MCP, ACO

Dave Cantrell, ACO

Sean Carlstrom, MCP, CBO, CFM, ACO

Gregory Colvig, CBO, ACO

Stacy Criswell, CBO, ACO

Dean Giles, AIA, ACO

C. Andrew Higgins, MCP, CBO, ACO

Willie Hill, CBO, ACO

Trace Justice, CBO, ACO

Lee Kranz, CBO, ACO

Gary Lampella, ACO

Andie Lorenz, ACO

S. Kelly Mayo, CBO, ACO

Mary Kate McGee, CBO, ACO

Ryan Mumma, CBO, ACO

Dermott Murphy, CBO, MCP, ACO

LG Nelson, CBO, ACO

Tim Nordtvedt, CBO, ACO

Thomas Phillips, CBO, ACO

Sheila Salerno, CBO, CFCO, ACO

Gary Schenk, CBO, ACO

Jon Siu, PE, SE, ACO

Brian Smith, CBO, ACO

David Spencer, CBO, ACO

David Swasey, CBO, ACO

James Tumelson, CBO/MCP, ACO

WABO
Budget Comparison
07/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

		<u>This Period</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Member Services				
	Income	\$ 50,980	\$ 77,520	65.8%
	Expense	\$ 152,629	\$ 264,790	57.6%
Bookstore				
	Income	\$ 44,769	\$ 361,785	12.4%
	Expense	\$ 40,788	\$ 337,923	12.1%
Welder Program				
	Income	\$ 233,621	\$ 547,345	42.7%
	Expense	\$ 108,580	\$ 229,098	47.4%
Special Inspection Program				
	Income	\$ 60,021	\$ 108,650	55.2%
	Expense	\$ 71,350	\$ 116,885	61.0%
Education Institute				
	Income	\$ -	\$ 159,500	0.0%
	Expense	\$ 5,737	\$ 157,431	3.6%
Seminars				
	Income	\$ 7,500	\$ 15,000	50.0%
	Expense	\$ 8,358	\$ 10,392	80.4%
Accreditation				
	Income	\$ 19,950	\$ 38,725	51.5%
	Expenses	\$ 26,236	\$ 59,173	44.3%
Finance				
	Income	\$ -	\$ -	
	Expense	\$ 11,987	\$ 24,100	49.7%
Government Relations				
	Income	\$ -	\$ -	
	Expense	\$ 18,747	\$ 44,050	42.6%
Outreach				
	Income	\$ -	\$ -	
	Expense	\$ 603	\$ 4,250	14.2%
Technical Code Development				
	Income	\$ -	\$ -	
	Expense	\$ 34,637	\$ 104,500	33.1%
Emergency Management				
	Income	\$ -	\$ -	
	Expense	\$ 5,543	\$ 17,801	31.1%
Administration				
	Income	\$ 15,121	\$ 11,700	129.2%
	Expense	\$ 19,277	\$ 46,157	41.8%
Total				
	Income	\$ 431,963	\$ 1,320,225	32.7%
	Expense	\$ 504,472	\$ 1,416,550	35.6%

WABO - Summary
Profit & Loss
July through December 2022

	Jul - Dec 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Accreditation	
Accredited Code Official Progra	600.00
Total Accreditation	600.00
Bookstore	
Book Sales	39,352.42
Book Sales - ICC Sales	3,457.94
Shipping & Handling Income	1,959.05
Total Bookstore	44,769.41
Interest	
Money Market	109.58
Total Interest	109.58
Investment Income	
Dividends	15,011.88
Total Investment Income	15,011.88
Job Postings on Web Page	4,050.00
Membership Dues	32,645.00
Registrations	34,330.00
Returned Check Fee	75.00
Special Inspection	
Agency Applications	770.00
Agency Audits	1,418.75
Fabricators	
Facility Application	1,750.00
Facility Audits	14,480.86
Facility Renewals	600.00
QC Personnel	3,511.20
QC Transfer Applications	65.00
Fabricators - Other	0.00
Total Fabricators	20,407.06
Key Personnel	6,578.82
Special Inspectors	30,846.73
Special Inspection - Other	0.00
Total Special Inspection	60,021.36
Sponsors Income	6,805.00
Welder Certification	
Agency Applications	900.00
Agency Audits	2,345.81
Examiner Application & Renewals	3,990.00
Welder Applications & Renewals	226,150.00
Welder Performance Test Records	160.00
Welder Certification - Other	0.00
Total Welder Certification	233,545.81
Total Income	431,963.04
Gross Profit	431,963.04

WABO - Summary
Profit & Loss
July through December 2022

	<u>Jul - Dec 22</u>
Expense	
Awards	1,107.48
B&O Taxes	4,800.79
Bank Charges	40.00
Bookstore Purch - COGS	30,906.50
Computer Expenses	
Computer Software	164.16
Web Page Fees	4,350.42
Computer Expenses - Other	1,244.25
Total Computer Expenses	5,758.83
Credit Card Fees	9,555.13
Dues & Fees	
Registration Fees	280.00
Dues & Fees - Other	175.00
Total Dues & Fees	455.00
Executive Board	
Donations/ Other Agency Support	2,000.00
Meetings	12,031.29
Travel	8,388.38
Total Executive Board	22,419.67
Insurance/Licenses	2,143.00
Lobbyist	18,000.00
Management Fees	262,089.96
Marketing/ Advertising	
Scholarships	33,261.22
Total Marketing/ Advertising	33,261.22
Meals	1,882.82
Meeting Expenses	
Quarterly Meeting Expenses	
Meeting Scholarships	5,295.05
Member Promotions	2,174.50
Social Events	1,155.20
Quarterly Meeting Expenses - Ot...	17,657.46
Total Quarterly Meeting Expenses	26,282.21
Meeting Expenses - Other	1,097.21
Total Meeting Expenses	27,379.42
Postage and Shipping Expense	9,374.72
Printing	
Amendment Printing	125.93
Printing - Other	3,963.58
Total Printing	4,089.51
Publication Expense	316.05
Speaker/Presenters	17,263.75
Supplies	2,655.56
Tech Consultant Services	
Consultant Travel Fee & Expense	10,287.83

WABO - Summary
Profit & Loss
July through December 2022

	Jul - Dec 22
Fabricator Consultant	5,557.50
SIRP Consultant	7,667.50
Technical Code Consultant	22,329.71
Welder Consultant	1,738.75
Tech Consultant Services - Other	172.50
Total Tech Consultant Services	47,753.79
Telephone and Internet	1,769.48
Travel Expense	1,449.21
Total Expense	504,471.89
Net Ordinary Income	-72,508.85
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Unrealized Gain/Loss	-32,076.23
Total Other Income	-32,076.23
Net Other Income	-32,076.23
Net Income	-104,585.08



Washington Association of Building Officials

2023 Legislative Talking Points

“Streamlining Permits”

- This year, and for the past several years there have been bills introduced aimed at streamlining the permitting process.
- We understand there is a housing crisis, however, ask the legislature to ensure that as they are making decisions, they don't put health and safety standards at risk.
- The building permit process is the last resort for enforcement of state and local priorities by an agency without a financial interest. These priorities include environmental concerns like wetlands, landslides, protected species, and shorelines. If a project triggers compliance with the requirements for these priorities a two-week process can become a six-month process and a perception that the building officials delayed the process.
- There are over 20 bills WABO is currently reviewing so while we don't have a specific bill to talk to you about today, we hope to be able to reach out in the future as we flag concerns.
- **As a proactive measure, WABO is working with Rep. Senn on a budget proviso to update a 2008 report that identifies best practices for local governments in permitting and planning. It was completed with a consultant and the Office of Regulatory, Innovation and Assistance (ORIA) and will include feedback from cities, counties, and builders. It is estimated to cost \$150,000 and we hope the legislature will fund it.**

“Maintaining a high-level of understanding and enforcement of the energy code”

- The energy code requirements have advanced in complexity over the past few code cycles. The “low hanging fruit” to achieve more energy efficiencies like more insulation and better windows are a thing of the past. Now we are relying on advanced technology and integration of whole building concepts to meet the newest standards.
- The time it used to take to review plans for energy code requirements was approximately 10%, but now it can be up to 60% which adds hours to each review.
- WABO is working on a budget proviso, that would create an optional prescriptive Energy Code Standard Plans and Construction Submittal Documents to speed up permitting processing and encourage the use of a standard approach to energy code compliance. A standard approach should help streamline residential construction practices and drive market inventory.
- WABO is also proactively creating a new certification to help vet energy code plan reviewers and establish a network that any jurisdiction can tap into for assistance. We are currently working on licensing through the state and hope to get additional support as we work to enact the legislature's goals for construction.

“Codes should be written by the State Building Code Council”

- The current SBCC (State Building Code Council) is comprised of subject matter experts from varying backgrounds.
- We ask that whatever policy decision the legislature wants to make (electric vehicle charging stations / wildfire mitigation / building code changes), they still task the SBCC with writing the actual building codes and fund them appropriately.



2023 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, the ability to readily access funding, 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.
- **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.
- **Energy Code Compliance.** WABO supports legislation that promotes resource allocation for effectively achieving substantial compliance via plan review and inspections of the WA State Energy code.
- **Increase in Housing Supply:** WABO understands the statewide need to increase all housing types and urges lawmakers to ensure housing continues to comply with the state building code council adopted codes to ensure a safe built environment.
- **Building Permit Efficiency:** WABO urges the legislature to consider the significant role that building permits play in ensuring health and safety in the built environment. All permitting efficiency efforts intending to speed up the permit process also need to be viewed in the lens of the essential purpose of the permit itself: ensuring substantial compliance with the applicable laws in effect at the time of permit application.
- **Code language in RCW:** WABO recognizes that the role of the legislature is to set policy direction, however requests that all new code development is tasked to the appropriate state agency, such as SBCC, and is funded appropriately.



Nominations for WABO Leadership

Volunteer leadership and participation of the members is what makes the Washington Association of Building Officials a superior organization and we urge you to consider serving on the Executive Board or as a Committee Chair. Candidates for elected office must be a voting member. Committee membership is open to all WABO members.

Application for WABO Executive Board

Name: _____
Title: _____
Jurisdiction: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone: _____ FAX _____
Email: _____

Elected Positions

Officers:

____ President ____ First Vice-President ____ Second Vice-President

Directors (Committee Chairs)

____ Technical Code ____ Education Institute ____ Certification and Registration ____ Outreach Services
____ Finance ____ Government Relations ____ Emergency Management ____ Accreditation

I am applying for the position indicated above and understand there is a time commitment involved in serving WABO membership in this capacity. I understand that I will be expected to attend quarterly business meetings and participate via email and/or teleconferences.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Supervisor: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Please return to WABO, P. O. Box 7310, Olympia, WA 98507 or fax 360-918-8021



Annual Awards



JURISDICTIONAL OUTREACH AWARD

Purpose: The Jurisdictional Outreach Award is to salute jurisdictions that have made an exceptional effort to communicate with their communities and customers. This annual award recognizes a jurisdiction that demonstrates a commitment to its customers through the successful implementation of a program designed to expand the awareness of building codes and safety in the community.

Who: Any department or division of a local government in Washington that has the authority and responsibility for administration and enforcement of the building codes is eligible to receive the award. Nominations may include more than one jurisdiction to recognize mutual efforts.

Award: A plaque honoring the recipient. A certificate is presented to the jurisdiction's chief executive officer, administrator, or elected official and to the ICC Chapter president.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Purpose: The Outstanding Educational Achievement Award is to honor ICC Chapters and the members that are leaders in educating building code administration and enforcement professionals in standards of professionalism. This award recognizes an ICC Chapter or Chapter member that has demonstrated outstanding commitment, effort, and achievement in promoting high standards of professionalism for individuals involved in building code administration and enforcement in Washington.

Who: All ICC Chapters and Chapter members in the state of Washington.

Award: A plaque honoring the recipient

CODE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Purpose: The WABO Code Official of the Year Award is to recognize individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the Washington Association of Building Officials and to building officials throughout Washington. Criteria for the award are contribution to WABO, promotion of WABO ideals, philosophy, and goals, and contribution to building safety on a statewide level.

Who: Must be a member of WABO.

Award: A plaque honoring the recipient

ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Purpose: The WABO Associate of the Year is to recognize an Associate Member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Washington Association of Building Officials and to building officials throughout Washington. The criteria for the award are contribution to WABO, promotion of WABO ideals, philosophy, and goals, and contribution to building safety on a statewide level.

Who: Must be an Associate Member of WABO.

Award: A plaque honoring the recipient.

Nomination Procedures:

The official nomination form for all awards must be completed and returned to the WABO office thirty days prior to the ABM. Awards will be announced at the WABO Annual Awards Banquet during the Annual Business Meeting. Nominations will be screened by the Nominations Committee and voted on by the Executive Board. All award winners will be featured in an article of *The WABO News*.



Washington Association of Building Officials

Awards Program Nomination Form

(check one)

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Jurisdictional Outreach Award

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Outstanding Educational Achievement Award

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WABO Code Official of the Year Award

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WABO Associate of the Year Award

Name _____

Jurisdiction _____

Chapter _____

Company _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Individual or Group Making the Nomination:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Description of accomplishments (use additional pages if necessary). Samples of materials, web addresses, and other pertinent materials may be included.

**Send Nomination form to WABO, P. O. Box 7310, Olympia, WA 98507
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