



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

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MINUTES – 2020 Spring Update Virtual Meeting

Zoom Conferencing

April 23, 2020

Call to Order

The spring update virtual meeting of the voting representatives was called to order by President Ray Allshouse, on April 23, 2020 at 9:05 a.m.

Roll Call

The following executive board officers were present:

- C. Ray Allshouse - President
- Kurt Aldworth - 1st Vice President
- Lee Kranz - 2nd Vice President
- Tom Phillips - 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
- Andy Higgins - Accreditation
- Jon Siu - Past President
- Trace Justice - Past President
- Gary Schenk - Past President

The following management personnel were present:

- Tara Jenkins - Executive Director

Introductions

Registration forms on file at WABO office.

Agenda

The President presented the proposed Agenda for the April 23, 2020, Spring Update meeting.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

The motion carried.

Minutes

President Allshouse presented the proposed minutes for the January 30, 2020 Winter Committee Meeting in Tumwater, Washington.

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

President's Report

Ray Allshouse provided an overview of BIAW's and WABO's joint effort to request a code delay to the Governor's Office. The code implementation date has been delayed to November 1, 2020. Ray reported that WABO provided stakeholder input to the Governor's office regarding restarting construction activity in communities. WABO reviewed Master Builders 2018 Energy Code delay request submitted to the SBCC and we did not support the delay. The WABO Board was approached for a second letter submittal to the Governor's office for clarification on the Stay Home Stay Healthy proclamation, a consensus could not be reached. Ray announced that the Board is paying attention to the Bylaws for the Annual Business meeting elections and are working on contingency planning in the event our in-person meeting must be modified due to COVID-19.

Elections of Board of Directors Nominations

Tom Phillips announced that the WABO Board of Director elections will be held at the Annual Business Meeting in July. Members can also run against incumbents; you must be one of two voting representatives for the jurisdiction and obtain management approval for involvement. Tom encouraged members to get involved. If interested in running, please fill out a Nomination for WABO Leadership Form. For more information on serving and time commitments please contact Tom.

Contingency Planning for ABM

Tom Phillips reported WABO plans to hold the Annual Business meeting on July 30-31, 2020. In the event COVID-19 restricts public gatherings or some jurisdictions still have travel bans still in effect in July the Board will discuss a 100% virtual meeting, partial virtual meeting or pushing the ABM off to the fall.

Code Adoption Date

Micah Chappell announced that Mason County submitted a 2018 Energy Code delay request for July 1, 2021 to the SBCC that will be addressed at their next meeting. Micah reported that Governor Inslee's office received a delay request from members of the Washington State Legislature for the International Energy Code, International Mechanical Code, and the International Plumbing Code to delay until July 1, 2021.

WA Custom Codes

Lee Kranz announced that Richard Brown, Tara Jenkins, himself, and key players at the City of Bellevue worked with ICC on incorporating the WA State amendments into the base model code. The 2018 Washington Building Code, Washington Fire Code, Washington Existing Building Code, and the Washington Wildland Urban Interface Code are all available for

purchase. The Washington Residential, Washington Mechanical and Washington Energy – Commercial and Residential should be ready by the end of May early June. The Washington Custom Codes are available in soft cover, PDF, and premium access subscription. Lee reported one errata has already been found and encourage members to inform him or Tara if other erratas are discovered and we will submit to ICC. Lee provided an update that the City of Bellevue has contracted with General Code to incorporate their local amendments into the WA Custom Codes, encouraged members that are interested to reach out to Mark Johnson at ICC.

Standing Committee Updates

- **Technical Code Development** – Micah Chappell announced that TCD schedule still posted on the WABO website and all meetings will be virtual until further notice. Micah reported that ICC’s 2021/2022 code development schedule is available and stated Group 1 changes need to be submitted by January 11, 2021. Micah stated the SBCC schedule should be aligning to ICC’s Group A and Group B codes. Micah announced you can view Washington State changes by going to WAC 51-50, you can see what is currently adopted and what changes are coming.
- **Education** – Todd Blevins stated the 2020 Annual Education Institute was postponed to June 15-19, 2020. The plan is still to hold the event in-person with a virtual option for members that have travel restrictions still in place. If the governor extends the ban on public gatherings, the event will be converted to an entirely virtual platform.
- **Government Relations** – Tim Woodard provided a 2020 session update:
 - WABO opposed bills to change the composition of the State Building Code Council failed
 - Legislation WABO opposed related to religious organizations housing the homeless has passed (ESHB 1754). The bill contains a grandfather clause for jurisdictions with local ordinances governing this type of activity if the ordinances were adopted prior to the implementation date of the new law in June.
 - Legislation to allow adult family homes to increase capacity to eight beds passed.
 - A bill WABO supported to create a commercial property clean energy and resiliency program for financing energy efficiency retrofits and new construction (E2SHB 2405) has passed. Due to COVID-19 budget cuts the Governor has defunded the financing for this program.
 - Legislation WABO opposed to delay implementation of the energy code failed.
 - SB 6170 Concerning plumbing requires a separate permit for plumbing and requires jurisdictions to provide written notice to the permit applicant of plumbing contractor license laws and the potential risk and liability to the homeowner for using an unlicensed plumbing contractor.
- **Outreach Services** – Stacy Criswell reminded everyone to share their resources already developed and they can be posted on the WABO website. Stacy announced the requested English to Spanish translations are complete and can be found on the resources page. Stacy requested all beneficial resources be e-mail to scriswell@monroewa.gov.

- **Certification & Registration** - Brian Smith reported that July 1, 2019 Washington State retroactively added mass timber to the 2015 codes. The SIRP Board established a Mass Timber subcommittee to develop a special inspection category. The subcommittee has developed three written exams and will recommend the category be added as an endorsement to the existing lateral wood category. The subcommittee is finalizing the oral interview questions and defining periodic special inspection for mass timber. The SIRP Advisory board hopes to present their recommendation to the C & R committee at the Annual Business meeting for approval by the membership.
- **Accreditation** – Andy Higgins reported the 3rd quarter of the 1st year of the 2nd cohort is currently in session. COAP instructors have been able to update, enhance and improve the course curriculum. The instructors will be working on updating the Building Inspector/Plans Examiner courses and coordinating to review for overlap and expansion opportunities. Andy announced the COAP committee wants to create a robust backup of instructors and will be starting an outreach effort to recruit. Call for instructors will be requested in the next WABO newsletter. James Tumelson reported the instructors are working hard to put together a clear and concise program. Having the training completely virtual is great resiliency for the program.
- **Emergency Management** – Ray Cockerham announced the WAsafe steering committee is working on the operations manual, and very close to issuing WAsafe credentials. Ray announced Quyen Thai, from the City of Tacoma, has volunteered to be the alternate for the State Emergency Management Council. Ray asked for volunteers to serve as coordinators who would need to complete a ½ day training at Camp Murray and FEMA ICS 230.
- **Finance** - Angela Haupt provided the membership with an overview of WABO's 2019/2020 third quarter financials.

COVID – 19 Updates – Stacy Criswell led the discussion on what jurisdictions are doing during COVID-19. Stacy asked the following questions and asked for responses to be e-mailed to scriswell@monroewa.gov. What is determined essential? Is your jurisdiction doing shear wall? Is your jurisdiction doing finals? An open discussion was held and determined that a consensus on what is considered essential probably will not be reached. Use good judgement and document, document, document.

Video Inspections – Stacy Criswell reported that video inspections have been done on Google Duo, Facetime, Skype and Zoom.

Open Forum -

David Spencer provided an ICC update stating the summer board meeting will be held virtually on May 5th. Dave encouraged members to participate in the 2 surveys being conducted, one on how you are responding to COVID-19 and another on the ABM being postponed. Dave reported ICC has several COVID-19 resources available.

Tom Phillips asked for an update on WABO's state electrical board representative. John Brickey announced the April 30, 2020 meeting was cancelled where he was going to tender his resignation. John Brickey reported James Tumelson was interested in the position and he recommended the Board consider sending a recommendation letter to the Governor's Office for the new appointment. John announced Chief Electrical Stephen Thornton will be retiring on June 1, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.