



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

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MINUTES – 2021 Spring Quarterly Business Meeting

Zoom Conferencing

April 22, 2021

Call to Order

The spring quarterly business meeting of the voting representatives was called to order by President Kurt Aldworth on April 22, 2021 at 9:05 a.m.

Roll Call

The following executive board officers were present:

Kurt Aldworth	-	President
Lee Kranz	-	1st Vice President
Andy Higgins	-	2 nd 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
Trace Justice	-	Past President
Gary Schenk	-	Past President

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 April 22, 2021, Spring Quarterly 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 Winter Committee Meeting on February 4, 2021.

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

President's Report

President Kurt Aldworth announced ICC Code Action Hearings just completed Track 1 (April 11 – 21, 2021) and Track 2 will start on April 25, 2021 and conclude on May 5, 2021. Kurt thanked the TCD committee and their active involvement and dedication to the code development process. Kurt reported the ICC ABM and Public Comment Hearings will be in-person September 19 – 29, 2021 in Pittsburgh, encouraged members to get involved in TCD to experience the hearings. Kurt shared the signed Building Safety Month Proclamation from Governor Inslee for May 2021. Kurt announced WPLBO will be holding a candidate's forum in Las Vegas on July 29-30 and Gary Schenk, Trace Justice, Andy Higgins and he will be in attendance. Kurt reported that he will be establishing an Energy Code Task Force to discuss the 2018 Energy Code and possible programs to assist jurisdictions.

First Vice President

Lee Kranz reported the SB5795 Contractor Accountability Workgroup concluded and submitted their report to the legislature. If the legislature enacts the recommendations from the workgroup, it will create a new consumer tool that provides more contractor information. Lee announced he is still working with ICC and the SBCC to discuss timeline efficiencies on code publishing production. Lee reported TCD will have several public comments in the Fall. Lee Kranz announced his official retirement will be on June 30, 2021 and he expressed his appreciation to WABO and encouraged members to get involved.

Second Vice President

Andy Higgins announced the professional development training that will be offered on April 23, 2021 and encouraged members to attend. Andy requested future professional development topic request be e-mailed to him for scheduling.

Election of Board of Directors Nominations

Ray Allshouse announced that the WABO Board of Director elections will be held at the Annual Business Meeting in July. There will be an open Officer's seat with the upcoming retirement of Lee Kranz. To be eligible for a board position you must be a voting representative. If interested in running, please fill out a Nomination for WABO Leadership Form.

Award Ceremony

Kurt Aldworth presented Joyce Lem and Paul Brallier the 2020 President's Award in appreciation of their continued support of WABO and their commitment to the WAsafe program. Kurt presented Jon Siu and Gary Schenk their 2021 Lifetime Honorary Member Award for their years of dedication and commitment to the organization.

International Accreditation Services Committee (IAS) Volunteer

Tom Phillips announced WABO is looking for a volunteer to replace his position on the IAS committee. Tom provided an overview of the committee makeup and expectations. Tom encouraged anyone who wants to broaden their professional horizons to volunteer.

Ray Allshouse announced that he will be looking for a replacement for his building official seat on the NFPA cultural resource international committee.

Gary Schenk announced that he will be looking for a replacement on his seat for the Construction Underground Economy (CUEAC) since he no longer represents a jurisdiction.

STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Technical Code Development Committee

Micah Chappell thanked Jon Siu for providing the administrative assistance on the TCD Committee and thanked all the TCD volunteers who just completed 120 hours of code change testimony for Track 1 of the ICC Committee Action Hearings. Track 2 will be starting on April 25, 2021. Micah informed the membership that WA did adopt the IWUIC so please be aware of the new code requirement. The TCD Committee will be having a series of meetings in May for state level changes and encouraged members to attend to have their changes heard. Micah informed the membership of TCD scholarships that are available to assist members to attend Committee Action Hearings and Public Comment Hearings.

Jon Siu provided an update on ICC's Long Term Code Development Process Committee (LTCDP) and an ICC Bylaw proposal regarding voting representatives currently on the table that may be presented to the membership for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting.

Education Committee

Todd Blevins provided a brief overview of the 2021 Annual Education Institute (AEI) and reported the committee has met and started putting together the schedule for the 2022 AEI.

Government Relations Committee

Tim Woodard provided an overview of the 2021 legislative 'virtual day on the hill' and the bills WABO helped successfully defeat. Amy Brackenbury requested member feedback regarding their experience on their virtual legislative meeting and reported legislators had very positive feedback with the meeting format. Amy stated that some elements of the virtual session may remain as options in future legislative sessions.

Outreach Services Committee

Stacy Criswell put a background up that sparked conversation and encouraged members to do the same to communicate with the public through their virtual platform. Stacy reported that you can bring attention to your building department by writing a small blurb to publish in the local paper. Stacy led the discussion on when building departments are going to reopen from the pandemic shutdown and encouraged jurisdictions talk to their neighbors to ensure that everyone is on the same page.

C & R Committee

Brian Smith reported the Weld Advisory Board is continuing to work on updating the standard to include agency requirements and verifying figures and tables are up to date. Brian announced a few violation reports have been received on WABO registered Special Inspection Agencies. The SIRP Advisory Board would like to have a symposium with interested building officials and key individuals from WABO Special Inspection Agencies. The symposium will focus on what is going well and areas that can be improved upon. Brian encouraged building officials that are interested in attending to contact himself or Tara.

Accreditation Committee

James Tumelson announced that Fall 2021 registration is now open for enrollment and classes will begin on September 13, 2021. James reported that there are 15 students currently registered in the 1st year of the program and 7 students in the 2nd year. Dick Bower and Micah Chappell are now contracted as instructors for the program and the committee is developing a mentor program. James mentioned the Accredited Code Officials (ACO's) program and encourages members to visit the website for more information and to apply.

Emergency Management Committee

Ray Cockerham informed the membership that the Emergency Management Council has a new chair, Jason Biermann, who will be developing a new report to submit to the Governor's office. Ray reported the WAsafe Operations Manual for coordinators is completed and a small table-top exercise is currently being planned. Ray announced WAsafe is tied to Cascadia Rising 2022, but Paul Brallier is sworn to secrecy so we do not know if the system will be deployed in the next test.

Finance Committee

Angela Haupt provided the membership with an overview of WABO's 2020/2021 third quarter financials.

GUEST REPORTS:

International Code Council

Kurt Aldworth reported on David Spencer's behalf. Kurt announced the ICC Bylaws committee is continuing to bring items to ICC Board of Directors for consideration and if approved to the membership at this year's ABM. Kurt reported the ICC ABM is going to be held in-person and registration will be available in May. Kurt asked members to provide David Spencer with feedback regarding the virtual code hearings both positive and negative. Kurt announced that David Spencer is hoping to receive ongoing support from WABO for reelection as an ICC Director.

ICC Region II

Trace Justice reported that ICC Region II is the most active region and is financially sound. The Region II Military Veteran Program may have new initiatives coming forward. Trace reported Jim Brown and David Spencer are chairs on the ICC Bylaws committee and if you have any concerns, please make them aware of them.

ICC Local Chapters

No report.

IABO

Gary Schenk reported that IABO has not been active during the pandemic. Nothing to report.

WPLBO

Gary Schenk stated nothing additional to report for WPLBO than what was reported in the President's report.

State Building Code Council

Stoyan Bumbalov introduced himself as the new Managing Director effective February 1, 2021. The SBCC is currently working on 2021 Group 1 (IBC, IFC, WUIC, WSEC-C) and the deadline for code change proposals is May 31, 2021 at 5:00 PM. Stoyan projects Group 2 (IBC structural, IRC, IEBC, IMC, UPC, WSEC-R) will start in October/November 2021. Stoyan announced the SBCC is dealing with editorials mistakes and non-editorial mistakes that need to be fixed with expedited rulemaking on the 2018 codes. Stoyan stated the council has two new council members and hired John McEntyre as their new Code Specialist.

State Agencies

Department of Health

Al Spaulding reported Department of Health (DOH) resources have been pulled during the pandemic. DOH is proposing to adopt rules in WAC 246-337 that would have the effect of classifying the occupancy types for RTF's based on certain criteria. Al encouraged member feedback.

WABO/SEAW

Lee Kranz announced the WABO/SEAW committee have completed $\frac{3}{4}$ of the white papers to the current code editions and have 3-4 white papers left to update. Lee requested members that are interested in the committee to contact him.

MyBuildingPermit.com (MBP)

Tyler Running Dear announced MBP publications committee has updated most tip sheets to the 2018 codes. Tyler reported the Electrical & Training committee was providing WA Cities Electrical update training seminars provided virtually through Microsoft Teams. Tyler updated the membership on dashboard improvements and the possibility of adding geographic mapping function. Tyler reported Auburn and Federal Way intend to onboard by mid-2021 and the city of Woodway intends to onboard by the 4th Quarter of 2021. MBP's ABM will be delayed to the fall with an attempt to hold an in-person event.

AGC of Washington

Tara Jenkins provided the AGC report on behalf of Celina Venegas-Sanchez.

Tara Jenkins reported AGC of Washington (AGCW) is headquartered in Seattle, but also have offices in Bellingham, Fife, Olympia and Yakima. Their member-centered programs include Government Affairs, Labor Relations, Safety, Group Retro, Future Leadership Forum, Continuing Education and more. AGCW has more than 600 member companies and has significant programs involving government and labor relations, group insurance, workplace safety, workforce development and more. Celina attended the meeting to learn more about WABO and how it relates to AGCW members as many of them come to them with questions regarding classes to take and/or organizations to join. Tara stated Celina looks forward to continue working with us in the future.

Liaison Reports

AIA WA Council –

Ray Allshouse reported the WA Council continues to be active and they strongly support the SBCC.

AIA Seattle Chapter –

Ray Allshouse reported the AIA Seattle Chapter code development committee meets monthly and has good participation throughout this past year.

Tsunami TAG –

Hoyt Jeter reported on the Tsunami zones and Jon Siu referred people to the DNR webpage for tsunami maps and information.

Energy Code

Kurt Aldworth reiterated that he will be establishing an Energy Code Task Force to discuss the 2018 Energy Code and possible programs to assist jurisdictions.

Motion and Action Items

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Kurt Aldworth announced the spring meeting professional development will be held April 23, 2021 virtually and encouraged the members to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.