



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

*“Leading the way to excellence in building and life safety”*

**MINUTES – 2019 Spring Business Meeting**

*Leavenworth, Washington*

*April 25-26, 2019*

**Call to Order**

The spring business meeting of the voting representatives was called to order by President Ray Allshouse on April 25, 2019 at 8:05 a.m.

**Roll Call**

The following executive board officers were present:

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

The following executive board directors were present:

Brian Smith	-	Certification & Registration
Micah Chappell	-	Technical Code Development
Angela Haupt	-	Finance
Rick Prosser	-	Education
Tim Woodard	-	Government Relations
Andy Higgins	-	Accreditation
Jon Siu	-	Past President
Trace Justice	-	Past President
Gary Schenk	-	Past President

The following executive board directors were absent:

Todd Blevins	-	Outreach
Ray Cockerham	-	Emergency Management

The following management personnel were present:

Tara Jenkins	-	Executive Director
Troy Jenkins	-	Jenkins Management Solutions, LLC

**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 April 25-26, 2019, Spring Business Meeting.

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

## **Minutes**

The President presented the proposed Minutes for the WABO Winter Meeting on January 31, 2019.

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

## **Election 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. The Education Committee is one position that will be open. 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 any of the Officers.

## **President's Report**

President Ray Allshouse announced that SB 5795 that the Government Relations committee has been involved with will be signed by the Governor. Ray informed the membership over the last quarter an updated WAsafe MOU has been signed by each of the sponsors. Ray reminded the membership that WABO helps sponsor members to attend International Code Council (ICC) code hearings and that jurisdictions would just need to donate the time. The importance of good quality codes in Washington State starts with the national codes. Ray encouraged members to get involved with the Residential State Technical Advisory Group (TAG) committee and participate in the process. Ray announced that Micah Chappell has been nominated to the State Building Code Council (SBCC) and he is waiting for the Governor's appointment. Jim Tinner had to retire from the SBCC due to medical issues. Ray encouraged members to get involved in the code hearing process both in both the state and national level.

## **Executive Board Report**

Nothing to report.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report**

Kurt Aldworth stressed the importance of WABO committees. The strength and success of the committee is determined by participation. Kurt encouraged members looking to get involved to find what they are passionate about and join a committee. Any questions can be directed to the committee chairs or the WABO office.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report**

Lee Kranz announced the Professional Development presentations have been booked through July of 2020. The Fall 2020 meeting is still open and asked for member suggestions. Lee announced Michelle Yee from Simpson Strong-Tie will be presenting on Project Impact. Lee provided an update from the Strategic Plan subcommittee that was developed to improve contractor accountability. SB5795 that is being signed by the Governor will have a workgroup created to provide solutions to increase consumer protection, WABO will have a voice on that workgroup. Lee discussed the WA Custom Codes that are being developed by ICC, SBCC and WABO to incorporate the model codes and amendments. The timing will be very tight and asked the membership to hold off purchasing their model codes until March of next year when they are released.

## **Immediate Past President**

Nothing to report.

## **Executive Director Report**

Tara Jenkins reported on the meeting logistics to the membership. Tara thanked Patti Justice who graciously volunteered to facilitate the WABO +1's companion group. Tara announced the Code Official Accreditation Program (COAP) is now accepting registrations for the first quarter of the Permit Technician Track. Tara informed the membership that the WABO website is undergoing a redesign to a responsive website that will recognize smart phones, tablets and desktops and convert the website accordingly.

Meeting recessed for committee meetings at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

## **GUEST REPORTS:**

### **SBCC**

Ray Allshouse reported that the SBCC and DES have approved a third staff code specialist, Richard Brown is waiting until he has hard numbers on the Energy Code Base Line Analysis Proposal and cost of updating the website before hiring for the position. Ray provided updates on the current TAG committees and stated the Washington Unreinforced Masonry Building Inventory report is now available. The SBCC has received stakeholder input for Council Process Modifications to the Review of Proposed Statewide Amendments as required by HB 1622. A public Executive Committee meeting will be scheduled to review stakeholder input.

### **International Code Council**

Kraig Stevenson announced that ICC has a draft letter you can download and modify that can help you gain approval from your jurisdiction to attend the Annual Business Meeting. Kraig reported the ICC Leadership Academy will be held June 4-5, 2019. Kraig informed the membership that ICC count's the CEU's from the date of when you last renewed, and that ICC allows for you to bundle your certifications into one renewal date.

## **ICC Region II**

Trace Justice reported that Region II has new people joining and financially doing well. Region II is real involved in the High School Training program and Veterans program. Trace announced Gary Lampella started a new ICC Chapter in Eastern Washington. Gary Schenk reported that Region II has applied for the Region Spotlight of the Year Award. Gary reported that WABO will sponsor 2 individuals from the state of Washington to participate in the Region II Safety 2.R program.

## **Western Pacific League of Building Officials (WPLBO)**

Trace Justice announced the candidate forum will be held August 22-23, 2019 in SeaTac, WA. Region I and Region II will be involved. Gary Schenk reported that WPLBO had discussed ICC mergers and acquisitions of for-profit companies and the effects it will have on ICC's non-profit status.

## **IABO**

Gary Schenk announced that IABO is sending 4 individuals to the Committee Action Hearings to participate in the code process. Gary reported that IABO is looking into qualifications of individuals that building officials regulate. FEMA has approached IABO to find out what can be done to provide better code enforcement in the country.

## **Labor & Industries**

Kelly Mayo & Craig Sedlacek, Factory Assembled Structures, reported that SB 5383 passed the chambers and now Tiny Homes (all types) will be constructed to a State adopted code. L & I provides consumers with Tiny Homes handouts that directs them to contact the Building Official as L & I does not regulate zoning. He encouraged members to send any questions on Factory Assembled Structures to [fas1@lni.wa.gov](mailto:fas1@lni.wa.gov).

## **Department of Health**

Al Spaulding updated the membership on several bills that have passed through legislation on behavioral health facilities. Al requested that building departments reach out to the Department of Health if a facility is coming to their jurisdiction.

## **MyBuildingPermit.com**

Tyler RunningDeer announced that he is the new Executive Director and accepted the position in January. Tyler provided updates on improvements to the customer and jurisdictional dashboards. Michele Miller is currently working with Wenatchee and Chelan County trying to get them on board.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **WA Cities Electrical Committee**

Tom Phillips reported that the WA Cities Electrical Committee is a subcommittee of WABO and MyBuildingPermit (MBP). Tom reported that AC units are triggered to have plan review because the planning department wanted to see the site plan identifying the setbacks. Tom announced electrical training opportunity; registration can be found on the MBP website. Tom announced if you have an electrical vehicle charger it will require a \$200 breaker. NFPA has issued a temporary interim amendment which was not vetted. Tom stated the committee would like to see training on Solar PV Panel training. There are several cities that do their own electrical program, if interested Tom can provide information on permit fees and other information on running your own electrical program.

### **ICC Building Safety Security**

Micah Chappell announced that ICC held the Building Safety and Security ad hoc committee meeting and that he has been placed on a workgroup. If you have any comments on occupancies, please send to Micah.

### **WABO/SEAW**

Lee Kranz announced that the dust has settled on reviewers not accepting engineering judgement in lieu of calculations. Lee stated the committee will need a new co-chair on SEAW side as Charlie Griffes is stepping down. The committee will be updating white paper #7 and creating a new white paper on fire resistive rated assemblies and how they impact structural design.

### **Underground Economy Task Force**

Gary Schenk reported that 78 million owed in taxes, and that the cheaters would rather pay the fines. Gary stated only 1% of the businesses get audited and that the passage of SB 5795 will create a work group to help increase consumer protection against contractors.

Meeting recessed for Code Forum at 2:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 26, 2019 8:00 a.m. – Meeting reconvened**

### **Motion and Action Items**

Kraig Stevenson announced that Craig Sedlacek from Labor and Industries has applied to ICC to serve on the Offsite and Modular Construction Standard Consensus Committee.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded for WABO to write a letter of support for Craig Sedlacek to serve on the ICC Offsite and Modular Construction Standard Consensus Committee. Motion passed.**

### **Announcements**

#### *Emergency Management Update*

Jon Siu provided an overview on WAsafe and the State recognized MOU. Jon reported that Ray Cockerham is currently looking for regional coordinators from the eastside. Regional coordinators do have additional training requirements, please contact Ray Cockerham if you are interested in volunteering. WAsafe is working on finalizing the training curriculum. Jon reported that King County has an Emergency Management Advisory Committee and are trying to fill a seat, if interested contact Ray Cockerham. Jon announced the WA State Emergency Management Unreinforced Masonry (URM) is now available.

#### *Code Official Accreditation Program Update*

Andy Higgins announced the Code Official Accreditation Program is in the final quarter of the third year for the initial cohorts. Andy reported that Jim Tinner was the instructor for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the third year and Marty Gillis is the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter instructor. Going forward the COAP committee will be tracking curriculum to the next level and Andy Higgins has asked James Tumelson to serve as co-chair to take the program to a higher level.

#### *C & R Program Update*

Brian Smith announced that the SIRP Committee is starting the Mass Timber certification development. The Mass Timber certification will try to be finalized by the fall, since Mass Timber will be in the code effective July 1, 2019. The SIRP Committee will reach out to SEAW and industry partners for feedback. If any members have comments or feedback please contact Brian Smith or Tara Jenkins.

### **New Business**

None

### **Unfinished Business**

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m. for Professional Development.