



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

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**MINUTES – 2023 Winter Committee Meeting**

*Zoom Conferencing*

*February 2, 2023*

**Call to Order**

The winter committee meeting of the voting representatives was called to order by President Andy Higgins on February 2, 2023 at 9:05 a.m.

**Roll Call**

The following executive board officers were present:

- Andy Higgins - President
- Ray Cockerham - 1st Vice President
- Todd Blevins - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- James Tumelson - Accreditation
- C. Ray Allshouse - Past President

The following executive board directors were absent:

- Ryan Mumma - Emergency Management
- Trace Justice - Past President

The following management personnel were present:

- Tara Jenkins - Executive Director

**Introductions**

Registration list on file at WABO office.

**Agenda**

The President presented the proposed Agenda for the February 2, 2023, Winter Committee 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 Fall Business Meeting on October 27-28, 2022.

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

Business meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

## **Outreach Welcome**

Stacy Criswell asked new members to review the meeting packet and contact members from the meeting attendee list. Stacy encouraged members to ask questions and reach out to neighboring jurisdictions.

## **Legislative Overview**

Tim Woodard announced WABO has 21 volunteers signed up to meet with their representatives and announced the legislative talking points are included in the meeting packet. Marian Dacca provided a legislative overview and stressed the importance of outreach efforts with city and counties. Tim and Marian went over WABO's 2023 legislative talking points and discussed current legislation. Members were encouraged to identify themselves as members of WABO, state the reemerging themes (listed on the talking points) that our industry is seeing and inform their representative that they are an available resource.

## **Education Committee Update**

Max Booth reminded members to register for the upcoming Annual Education Institute being held at the Lynnwood Event Center March 20-24, 2023. Max would like WABO to collaborate and coordinate trainings closer to home. In-person training is important and encouraged Board members with local chapters to please reach out to him to coordinate. Max stated the Education Committee is always looking for new ideas and needs for updated training, if you have an idea please let him know.

## **Open Forum**

James Tumelson provided a Code Official Accreditation Program (COAP) update. One hurdle for the program progression has been marketing outside of the organization without obtaining state licensing. Representative Senn has become aware of the program and has asked how she can help. The WABO office staff has done a heavy lift and has expedited the remaining work that needed to be completed to apply for state licensing.

Andy Higgins announced while attending the ICC Building Membership Council that Ron Hampton mentioned Kentucky has been the leading state of Building Safety Proclamations per jurisdiction since 2013. Andy would like to raise the profile of the building official with an outreach effort this year. Andy encouraged members to have a conversation with their city council members. Andy reported that he has reached out to ICC liaison Jim Sayers to find out what our target number is and will report back.

Tom Phillips asked if legislation introduced last year for a reach code was successful. Kim Barker stated King County has a stretch code and is willing to be a resource to members if they have questions.

Angela Haupt provided an update on the status of the 2021 WA Custom Codes that will be developed with WABO volunteers and ICC.

Kraig Stevenson stated that a multi-family building is defined as a building with a common wall less than 5,000 square feet. The pathway for HB 1167 is not there and cannot be passed.

Ardel Jala announced there is a change in definition of energy code.

Committee Meetings adjourned at 11:45 a.m.