



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

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MINUTES – 2024 Winter Committee Meeting

Zoom Conferencing

January 25, 2024

Call to Order

The winter committee meeting of the voting representatives was called to order by President Andy Higgins on January 25, 2024 at 9:05 a.m.

Roll Call

The following executive board officers were present:

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

The following executive board directors were absent:

- Stacy Criswell - Outreach Services
- Ryan Mumma - Emergency Management
- Trace Justice - Past President

The following management personnel were present:

- Tara Jenkins - Executive Director

Introductions

Registration list on file at the WABO office.

Agenda

The President presented the proposed Agenda for the January 25, 2024, 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 26-27, 2023.

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

Honorary Nomination Application

The President presented the honorary nomination application that was received for Susan Coffman.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the honorary application be approved.
The motion carried.

Business meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Outreach Welcome

Stacy Criswell welcomed new members and guided them to the 'Find Your Building Official' button on the WABO website to encourage them to reach out to neighboring jurisdictions. Stacy also highlighted the resources page on the website as a helpful tool.

Legislative Overview

Marian Dacca provided a WA State Legislative Overview. Tim Woodard and Marian went over WABO's 2024 legislative talking points and discussed current legislation. Marian highlighted how fast bills are moving during a 60-day session and stated that there are 1,400 new policy bills that were introduced this session. Legislative volunteers will receive talking points and meeting tips via e-mail from Marian.

TCD Committee Update

Micah Chappell announced the ICC Committee Action Hearings are April 7-17, 2024 and the TCD Committee has scholarships available to attend. Micah asked for any Group 1 changes to be submitted to him or Jon Siu. Micah reported that the TCD Committee has established subcommittees, which are now able to be delegate to. TCD also has 3 Workgroups from the legislative session – Middle Housing (chaired by Shane Nilles), Single Exit (chaired by Ardel Jala), and Energy Code (chaired by Kim Barker). Micah announced TAG positions are open for the state, applications are on the SBCC website. Additionally, Jon Siu reported that you can request support from the WABO TCD committee for appointment on the TAG committees.

Open Forum

Andy Higgins reported on the SB5290 Department of Commerce Workgroup that he, Brian Smith, and Ray Cockerham have been attending with consultants to go over the digital permitting. The consultant finally understood the importance and that there is a lot to it, that it's not just getting permits out faster.

Committee Meetings adjourned at 11:50 a.m.