



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

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MINUTES – 2024 Summer Business Meeting

Tacoma, Washington

July 18-19, 2024

Call to Order

The Summer Business Meeting of the voting representatives was called to order by President Ray Cockerham on July 18, 2024 at 8:05 a.m.

Roll Call

The following executive board officers were present:

- Ray Cockerham - President
- Todd Blevins - 1st Vice President
- Angela Haupt - 2nd Vice President

The following executive board officers were absent:

- Andy Higgins - Immediate Past President

The following executive board directors were present:

- Brian Smith - Certification & Registration
- Micah Chappell - Technical Code Development
- Andie Lorenz - Finance
- Ryan Mumma - Education
- Stacy Criswell - Outreach Services
- Quyen Thai - Emergency Management
- James Tumelson - Accreditation
- C. Ray Allshouse - Past President

The following executive board directors were absent:

- Tim Woodard - Government Relations
- Kurt Aldworth - Past President
- Trace Justice - Past President

The following management personnel were present:

- Tara Jenkins - Executive Director
- Troy Jenkins - Jenkins Management Solutions
- Tanner Jenkins - Jenkins Management Solutions

Introductions

The active member voting representatives, associate members, and guests introduced themselves. Registration list is on file at the WABO office.

Agenda

The President presented the proposed Agenda as modified for the July 18-19, 2024, Summer Business Meeting.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be approved as presented.

The motion carried.

Minutes

The President presented the proposed Minutes for the WABO Annual Business Meeting held on April 18-19, 2024.

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

The motion carried.

President's Report

President Ray Cockerham reported on the elections that were held in April that resulted in Angela Haupt being elected as an Officer and what an honor it is to be able to represent WABO. Ray reported on the completion of the first cohorts of the 4th year track of the Code Official Accreditation Program (COAP). He encouraged members to visit the WABO website which has a wealth of information for the membership. Ray announced that Andy Higgins had received the Emory R. Rodgers Leadership in Building Safety Fellowship. He informed the membership that Andy was thus unable to attend the current meeting as he was currently attending Harvard for 3 weeks in their Senior Executive in State and Local Government program. Ray stated he is excited to support David Spencer in the next leg of his adventure toward his presidential seat at ICC. Ray reported on the Candidates Forum that the Western Pacific League of Building Officials (WPLBO) will be hosting in Clark County, NV on September 12-13, 2024.

Executive Board Report

Ray Cockerham reported that the Executive Board provided a slight increase in the lobbyist contract fee.

First Vice President

No Report.

Second Vice President

Angela Haupt asked that members who had ideas for continuing education to please submit them to her for future meetings. Angela Haupt thanked Joseph Cervantes for traveling from Southern CA to provide professional development to our members.

Immediate Past President

No Report.

Executive Director

Tara Jenkins announced the meeting logistics to the membership. Tara asked members to review the budget in the packet and be ready for the budget presentation on Friday. Tara informed members of the outreach tools for WAsafe and that the Emergency Management committee had created informative business cards. She encouraged that these cards be distributed to staff members who may be interested in signing up as a building safety responder. Tara announced open registration for the Fall 2024 quarter of COAP.

Meeting recessed for committee meetings at 8:50 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

GUEST REPORTS:

International Code Council

David Spencer announced that at the upcoming ICC Annual Business Meeting there will be a proposed bylaw change regarding the Board of Directors having the authority to remove a director for cause. David reported that members may also see a resolution brought forth by an individual regarding adding a public member on the board. David announced that the public comment is now open for the Energy Code. Additionally, he stated that ICC has named their new Chief Executive Officer – John Belcik who was already ICC's acting Chief Financial Officer. And further, that ICC has re-opened their in-person testing option (Meazure) as an alternative to Pronto. David reminded members that to vote at the ICC ABM you must validate 30 days prior to the ABM and to be aware that ICC is delayed in their response time, encouraging members not to wait until 30 days prior to submit. David reported that ICC has filed a lawsuit against DrJ Engineering, LLC for false advertising & trademark infringement.

ICC Region II

Andie Lorenz reported that Region II brings code professionals together and is one voice for the code for ICC representing the region. Andie announced that Region II holds monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Andie encouraged members to visit iccregion2.com where you can obtain the monthly meeting link. He also reported that Region II will be raffling off a guided fishing trip in MT to help rebuild scholarship funds for their military program.

ICC Local Chapters

Western WA Chapter

Quyen Thai reported that the Western WA Chapter meets on the 3rd Thursday of every other month. The Chapter will be transitioning to their new president, Gabriel from Seattle, which will occur on August 1, 2024. Quyen reported the Chapter will be presenting Fire & Smoke Damper Training on August 1, 2024 at BJ's Restaurant at Southcenter at 5:00 PM.

Olympic Peninsula Chapter

Tara Jenkins reported on David Kinley's behalf. David Kinley has accepted a position at Pierce County and will remain the Olympic Peninsula Chapter President until the end of the year and is hopeful someone will step forward to take the reins later this year. The Chapter held their spring meeting in late April and hosted an Energy Code Workshop in late May.

Southwest WA Chapter

Brian Smith announced that the Southwest WA Chapter will be providing training opportunities prior to the WABO Fall Quarterly Business meeting. Training has not yet been determined, though is possible to be WAC updates.

WSAPT

Ray Cockerham reported that the WSAPT will be celebrating their 30th year and that they were the first permit chapter to form. He announced that the WSAPT Annual Business Meeting will be held on September 23-24, 2024 in Chelan, WA.

WPLBO

Ray Cockerham reported the upcoming candidate's forum will be held in Clark County, NV on September 12-13, 2024.

WSAFM

Ray Cockerham reported a couple of meetings were held with the Fire Marshals, and he will continue to build the liaison rapport.

OBOA

Ray Cockerham reported that OBOA could not send a representative to our meeting as they were holding their Annual Business Meeting. Ray reported that he sent WABO's report to Amy Williams who will be providing our report to help build consistency between the two organizations.

WABO/SEAW

Hoyt Jeter reported the committee is working on updating the white papers to the 2021 codes.

NFPA

No report.

State Agencies

No reports.

State Building Code Council

Dustin Curb reported that he is the new managing director. Dustin announced that the 1st year of 2024 Group 1 proposal period is open right now and proposal is due September 19, 2024. Dustin informed the members that their staff does not have the knowledge to do the economic impact statements that are submitted with code proposals. Dustin announced the 2024 code implementation date is November 1, 2026. He stated that the SBCC is short staffed and are looking to hire a subject matter expert. Group 2 TAG applications are open.

MyBuildingPermit.com (MBP)

No report.

NW Housing Association

No report.

Sound Transit

Kym Williams presented a Sound Transit proposal that would consist of hiring a 3rd party consultant to perform full plan reviews, subject to AHJ for final approval. The membership directed Kym to the SBCC to work with Dustin on possible resolutions.

Liaison Reports

FAS –

Todd Blevins announced HUD has approved a duplex for single and double wide manufactured homes.

State Electrical Board –

James Tumelson announced the next Electrical Board meeting will be held on July 25, 2024 where they will be reviewing any appeals that were issued to contractors. James informed the membership that the 2023 NEC was implemented April 1, 2024. James reported the Electric Fence (Alarm System) has assigned a workgroup/taskforce to look into requirements for WA state inspections. James reported that 27 cities in the state have their own electrical programs which have to follow Labor & Industries requirements. Recently, WA State increased their salary which has caused electrical inspectors to leave jurisdictions to instead work for the state.

WA Emergency Management Division (EMD) –

Quyen Thai reported that the City of Tacoma has volunteered to be the next city inventoried for the Unreinforced Masonry Buildings. Members are encouraged to reach out to either Quyen Thai or Tara Jenkins if they would like to add their jurisdiction to the volunteer list.

BIAW –

Ray Cockerham reported that he had an informal conversation with Kent Arola, First Vice President of BIAW, to start the two way dialogue between organizations.

Meeting recessed for code forum at 3:05 p.m.

Friday, July 19, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. – Meeting reconvened

President Ray Cockerham reconvened meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Motion and Action Items

Finance Report

Andie Lorenz presented the 2024/2025 WABO Budget.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2024/2025 Budget as presented. Motion passed.

C & R Report

Brian Smith presented the WABO SI Standard 1701 Sections 3.7 and 5.1.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the WABO SI Standard 1701 as presented. Motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C & R Committee

Brian Smith updated the members on the Energy Code Plans Examiner Certification. The subcommittee is working on the individual scope of work and working with Lisa Rosenow and Jonathan Jones on establishing a bank of exam questions. A discussion was held where the topic of having the potential plans examiner perform a plan review as part of the review process to obtain the certification was discussed.

Technical Code Development Committee

Jon Siu informed members that an e-mail will be coming soon asking current TCD members if they want to remain on the distribution list for the upcoming year and they will be doing the next year's schedule.

Government Relations Committee

No report.

Finance Committee

Andie Lorenz provided the membership with an overview of WABO's 2023/2024 year-end financials.

Education Committee

Ryan Mumma asked for input on the Education Committee meeting format, in-person versus virtual. The Education committee has been meeting at the in-person quarterly business meetings and will continue with that format.

Outreach Services Committee

No report.

Emergency Management Committee

Quyên Thai reminded members that EMD is looking for more jurisdictional volunteers for the Unreinforced Masonry Study. Quyên announced FEMA will be conducting tabletop exercises and to contact him for more information. The Emergency Management Committee will be meeting virtually every other Thursday from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

Accreditation Committee

James reported that the accreditation committee is still seeking year one COAP instructors. He announced that COAP registration is open for all four years of instruction and encouraged individuals not to wait as registration will not reopen until Fall of 2025. James informed the membership that Representative Duerr has provided a budget proviso in her effort to increase staffing, permit timelines, and affordable housing. Commerce and the Community College is working with the COAP and issuing funds to the program. James highlighted the additional of a new ACO to the program and encouraged others to apply.

Announcements

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.