



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

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

**MINUTES – 2020 Annual Business Meeting**  
*Zoom Conferencing*  
*July 30, 2020*

**Call to Order**

The annual business meeting of the voting representatives was called to order by President Ray Allshouse on July 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

The following executive board officers were present:

- C. Ray Allshouse - President
- Kurt Aldworth - 1st 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
- Tim Woodard - Government Relations
- Angela Haupt - Finance
- Todd Blevins - Education
- Stacy Criswell - Outreach Services
- Ray Cockerham - Emergency Management
- Andy Higgins - Accreditation
- Jon Siu - Past President
- Trace Justice - Past President
- Gary Schenk - 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 July 30, 2020, Annual Business Meeting.

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

## **Minutes**

The President presented the proposed Minutes for the WABO Spring Business Meeting on April 23, 2020.

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

## **President's Report**

President Ray Allshouse reported the State Building Code Council (SBCC) will delay implementation of the 2018 codes until February 1, 2021. Ray announced the International Code Council (ICC) Board, after much deliberation, determined it was in the best interest of its members and staff to cancel the 2020 Annual Business Meeting. The ICC Board will be working on proposed bylaw changes to present to the membership that will address alternate methods to conduct future ABM's if a pandemic or emergency arises.

## **First Vice President**

Nothing to report.

## **Second Vice President**

Lee Kranz provided an update on the WA Custom Codes and informed the membership that the 2018 Washington Building Code, Fire Code, Existing Building Code, International Wildland-Urban Interface Code and State Energy – Residential Provisions are available. The 2018 Washington Mechanical Code is being published and the 2018 Washington Residential Code is on the second round of revisions and should be available by late August. The Washington State Energy – Commercial Provisions is on the last revision and will be sent to the printer soon.

Lee provided an update on the SB5795 contractor accountability workgroup and fully expect that the code official recommendations will be published in the minority report.

## **Immediate Past President**

Nothing to report.

## **Nominating Committee**

Tom Phillips announced the WABO Board of Director elections will be held immediately after his report and all positions have received nominations.

The current candidates for the WABO Board of Directors are as follows:

### **Officers:**

Kurt Aldworth	-	President
Lee Kranz	-	1st Vice President
Andy Higgins	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President

### **Committee Chairs:**

Micah Chappell	-	Technical Code Development
Brian Smith	-	Certification & Registration

Todd Blevins	-	Education
Tim Woodard	-	Government Relations
Stacy Criswell	-	Outreach Services
Ray Cockerham	-	Emergency Management
Angela Haupt	-	Finance
James Tumelson	-	Accreditation

Tom explained being an Officer or Committee Chair is very rewarding. You can help WABO grow and expand benefits to our membership.

**Election of WABO Board of Directors:**

Tom Phillips announced the current candidates and asked if there were any other nominations for the Board of Directors.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to close nominations.**

The motion carried.

He called for unanimous consent for the Officers.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the officers be approved.**

The motion carried.

He then asked for unanimous consent on the committee chair races.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the committee chair races be approved.**

The motion carried.

**Emergency Management Committee**

Ray Cockerham informed the membership that the WAsafe Operations Manual for coordinators is currently being tested at the City of Puyallup. Ray is trying to coordinate virtual training options for coordinators during the pandemic, if you are interested in becoming a coordinator for the program please contact him. The initial run of WAsafe badges have already been issued and SEAW provided a \$600 donation to assist with the badging costs.

**GUEST REPORTS:**

**International Code Council**

David Spencer provided an overview of the Long-Term Code Development Process Committee and encouraged interested members to contact Mike Pfeiffer to get involved. David reported the Board decision to cancel the 2020 Annual Business Meeting was debated very heavily and the decision of the Board was to cancel. The ICC Bylaws committee will be working on editorial changes as well proposed changes to address what to do in the event of a pandemic (world, national or regional) to present to the membership. David stated the Honorary Member Committee would continue to work however the new members cannot be ratified until the 2021 ABM.

## **ICC Region II**

Trace Justice reported that ICC Region II had ICC President Wheeler on the call who updated Region II on what ICC was planning for 2021. Trace announced that two new permit technician organizations have started up and that Region II is a large supporter of Permit Tech Nation.

## **IABO**

Gary Schenk reported that there is nothing to report since code development has been stalled. IABO is seeking a representative from the West who is code development driven.

## **WPLBO**

Gary Schenk announced WPLBO was cancelled since the 2020 ICC ABM was cancelled.

## **OBOA**

OBOA President Ted Zuk from Jackson County OR reported that Oregon jurisdictions are utilizing the CARES Act, doing remote inspections, and getting really good at Zoom. Oregon did not experience a construction shutdown in their state and empathized with Washington when we were shutdown. OBOA ABM is August 27, 2020 and encouraged members to visit their new website to register. Oregon lost their ICC Governmental Representative and Kraig Stevenson is now their representative once again.

## **WABO/SEAW**

Lee Kranz announced the WABO/SEAW committee will be updating several existing white papers to publish by the end of January 2021. Lee requested members that are interested in the committee to contact him.

## **State Agencies**

No reports.

## **State Building Code Council**

Richard Brown announced that the third approved SBCC Staff Code Specialist is on hold due to State hiring freeze. Richard reported the 2018 Progress toward the 2030 Report to the legislature is still being worked on and that a Tsunami TAG is being established. Richard announced his upcoming retirement and recruitment for the Managing Director position will start soon. Richard provided legislative updates on: Hydrocarbons, EV Charging Infrastructure, Appliance Efficiency Standards, Renewable Energy Systems, Adult Family Homes, Fire and Smoke Control Systems and Fire Safety Requirements for Mobile On-Demand Gasoline Providers. Richard stated the SBCC is also recruiting for the 2021 TAG committee representatives.

## **MyBuildingPermit.com (MBP)**

Tyler Running Deer reported there are currently 17 jurisdictions that are part of MBP. Tyler announced the Publication Committee is working on updating the tip sheets to the 2018 codes and reported several virtual update classes will be offered the week of September 14-16, 2020. There were several dashboard improvements and MPB have added eCheck functionality to the system. Tyler reported the City of Renton exited the program and SeaTac and Edmonds have

newly joined and Auburn and Federal Way intend to onboard in Q4 2020. MBP's ABM has been delayed until January 2021 and will be likely held in Woodinville, WA area.

### **Electrical Cities**

Kurt Aldworth reported the adoption of the 2020 NEC is October 29, 2020. The committee held a discussion on TI's not being reviewed for the Energy Code and enforcement or lobbying needs to be pursued. Kurt reported that Chris Jensen from UL will be providing training in August in partnership with MBP. Electrical Cities next meeting will be October 19, 2020.

### **AIA**

Ray Allshouse reported the Seattle AIA Chapter Code Committee continues to meet virtually every month. Training for the Seattle update is coming.

### **Underground Construction Economy**

Gary Schenk reported that there has not been a meeting since the COVID-19 shutdown. SB5795 has been addressing some of the issues that the underground economy has been dealing with and anticipates the meetings will increase as soon as SB5795 has finalized their report.

Motion and Action Items:

### **Budget Report**

Angela Haupt presented the 2020/2021 WABO Budget.

**Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2020/2021 Budget as presented.**

The motion carried.

### **Announcements**

Lee Kranz informed members that WABO's Strategic Plan is located on the WABO website and encouraged any recommendations be submitted to Andy Higgins.

Brian Smith announced code official volunteers are needed for the SIRP Advisory Board. If you are interested in serving please contact Tara or Brian.

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

### **New Business**

#### **Outreach – 2020 Fall QBM**

Stacy Criswell led the outreach discussion asking jurisdictions if they are experiencing any budget cuts and what training in the future would they be looking for. A poll was conducted: 57% responded that they do not have any travel restrictions that would stop

them from attending in-person training and/or meetings with 12% reporting that they do and 31% did not answer the question. When asked with upcoming budget shortfalls, what type of training/meetings would you be able to attend in 2021: 4% reported in-person, 21% reported online and 75% reported they can attend both.

**Swear In 2020/2021 Board of Directors**

ICC Director, David Spencer, swore in the newly elected 2020/2021 WABO Board of Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.