



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

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MINUTES – 2021 Fall Business Meeting

Chelan, Washington

October 28-29, 2021

Call to Order

The fall business meeting of the voting representatives was called to order by President Kurt Aldworth on October 28, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call

The following executive board officers were present:

Kurt Aldworth	-	President
Andy Higgins	-	1st Vice President
Ray Cockerham	-	2 nd Vice President
C. Ray Allshouse	-	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
Doug Powell	-	Emergency Management
James Tumelson	-	Accreditation
Tom Phillips	-	Past President
Trace Justice	-	Past President
Gary Schenk	-	Past President

The following management personnel were present:

Tara Jenkins	-	Executive Director
Troy Jenkins	-	Jenkins Management Solutions
Ruth-Ann Johnson	-	Jenkins Management Solutions

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 October 28-29, 2021, Fall Business Meeting.

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

Minutes

The President presented the proposed Minutes for the WABO Annual Business Meeting on July 15-16, 2021.

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

President's Report

President Kurt Aldworth provided an update on the candidate's forum that was held by the Western Pacific League of Building Officials (WPLBO) in July 2021. Kurt reported on the ICC Annual Business Meeting and Public Comment Hearings and stated the highlight was the election of the new Board of Directors. Kurt announced two motions went through the last State Building Code Council (SBCC) meeting regarding the IWUIC, one rescinds the WAC sections through emergency ruling and the other creates a IWUIC TAG.

Executive Board Report

President Kurt Aldworth provided updates from the Executive Board meeting held on August 19-20, 2021. Overview of the Energy Code Task Force, Government Relations Lobbyist Selection Committee, SIRP Symposium, SIRP inspectors meeting building department personnel, and Strategic Planning, and IABO were discussed.

First Vice President

Andy Higgins led the discussion on what the future of WABO meetings look like. Will it include hybrid? Will that cause a struggle with directors, or will that be a benefit to the jurisdiction? Sponsors stated hybrid will have a negative effect on them and WABO would lose their support. Andy encouraged members to send feedback to the WABO office.

Second Vice President

Ray Cockerham announced there are many committee choices and educated and encouraged first timers to participate. Ray asked membership to submit professional development training ideas so he can schedule future seminars.

Immediate Past President

Ray Allshouse encouraged members to pick a committee that piques your interest and attend. Ray reminded members that it is not too early to be thinking about elections and to let him know if you have interest on serving on the Board. Ray informed the membership that the 2023 Annual Business meeting will be held in the spring of 2023. Ray announced ICC online governmental consensus voting for Group A code changes is open until November 1, 2021 and WABO TCD committee has a recommended voting guide. Ray informed the membership that he has volunteered for ICC's Residential Seismic Assessment and Retrofit Standard Consensus Committee and has been approved as an 'interested party.'

Executive Director

Tara Jenkins announced the meeting logistics to the membership. Members were informed that WABO Technical Consultant King Drake announced his retirement effective December 31, 2021. Members were reminded about DSHS's request to link jurisdiction's adult family home resources to WABO's 'Find Your Building Official' page, please provide link to WABO to integrate.

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

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

GUEST REPORTS:

International Code Council

Director David Spencer reported the ICC bylaws updates will be sent to the membership for ratification. Director Spencer provided an update on ICC's Board's decision to not take action at this time on 'What is a Governmental Voting Representative' out of the ICC's Long Term Technical Code Development Committee.

Rich Anderson introduced himself as the new ICC Director of PMG and replacement for Lee Clifton. Rich announced Angie Wiess is Region II liaison and Shirley Ellis is WABO's liaison. Rich provided ICC resources for members – Code on Mission, EV Charging resources and Pandemic Task Force.

ICC Region II

Andie Lorenz reported that Region II has a call out for committees and is in the early stages of implementing scholarship programs. Andie announced four Director at Large seats are still open, if interested please contact Andie Lorenz.

ICC Local Chapters

Western WA Chapter

Quyen Thai reported Marc Schoenberg's plea for more involvement and will be doing outreach efforts to encourage more involvement of local chapters.

IABO

Gary Schenk provided historical background on IABO and current affairs with association. Gary informed the membership that some of the IABO Board was trying to 'sunset' the organization and Gary requested time to approach WABO Board to discuss the situation. The WABO Board moved forward with researching IABO and trying to save the organization. The IABO Board asked for a business plan which ultimately has evolved into an organizational plan. Gary went over the ideas that IABO can provide nationally to Building Officials and explained WABO's role would be minimal (website, reports, taxes). Gary informed the members that the current CEO would be stepping down and they would encourage the younger generation to step up to run the company.

WPLBO

Gary Schenk reported next meeting will be held in February in California. Gary provided overview of WPLBO participation and reported candidate's forum is best in the nation.

State Building Code Council

Micah Chappell provided Stoyan Bumbalov's report in his absence. Micah announced there are 5 new emergency rules and encouraged members to view the Rulemaking page on SBCC website. Micah reported 2021 IBC/IEBC TAG Group 1 is wrapping up and initial submittal for CR-102 filing and associated documents, including cost benefit analysis is being worked on. Micah reported the 2021 WA Energy Code - Commercial initial submittal for CR-102 filing and associated documents, including cost benefit analysis is also being worked on. Micah updated the membership on emergency ruling regarding two motions that went through the last State Building Code Council (SBCC) meeting regarding the IWUIC, one rescinds the WAC sections through emergency ruling and the other creates a IWUIC TAG in Group 2. Micah announced an emergency rule regarding Heat Pumps and Temporary Certificate of Occupancy due to supply chain issues.

WABO/SEAW

Hoyt Jeter asked members to review white papers and report any issues to the WABO/SEAW committee. White papers are useful tools that can be used when dealing with non SEAW engineers.

Ardel Jala provided the following report provided by WABO committee member Nathalie Boeholt: The committee is looking to recruit more members especially on the SEAW side. White Papers can be found on the WABO website: www.wabo.org/wabo-seaw-white-papers The following white papers are being reviewed for updating: WP6B – Deferred Submittals and WP7 – Seismic Design and Gravity Support Requirements for Non-Structural Components. WP9 – Threaded Rod Hold down Systems in Wood Frame Buildings was updated 4/2020 but SDCI is asking for clarification of detail #1 and clarification for the design approach presented in the white paper which offers little guidance for application of the detail. All other details have been updated except WP11.

MyBuildingPermit.com (MBP)

Tom Phillips reported mybuildingpermit.com (MBP) was very useful during the pandemic for intake and issuance of permits. Tom stated seventeen jurisdictions are part of MBP who share the online permitting portal. Tom informed the members that they own their software and listen to software improvement requests and are improving the system based off requests received. Tom reported MBP has created a lot of checklist and tip sheets as well as have training resources available. If you have any questions, please talk to Tom Phillips or Kurt Aldworth.

Liaison Reports

WA Cities Electrical Code –

Kurt Aldworth reported WA Cities Electrical Code Committee will ask Chris Jensen of UL to provide training for them in the Spring of 2022. Kurt announced the committee meets quarterly and encouraged cities that have electrical programs to attend. Kurt reported that L & I is not enforcing the Energy Code Electrical Provisions for cities that do not have electrical programs. International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI) is working on a partnership with ICC. Next meeting will be held in January.

Energy Code Task Force

Stacey Criswell presented the six options the task force had reviewed with possible pros and cons of each option. Discussions were held with members.

Meeting recessed for code forum at 4:00 p.m.

Friday, October 29, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. – Meeting reconvened

President Aldworth reconvened meeting at 8:05 a.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technical Code Development Committee

Micah Chappell reported that the TCD committee doubled participation and would like to see more volunteers. Micah requested Group B changes be e-mailed to him or join an upcoming meeting. Several WABO members attended Pittsburgh in September for Public Comments and 338 comments were heard. WABO was 100% on WABO proposals. Micah reminded members to check the SBCC rulemaking page for emergency rules. The TCD committee will work on posting new emergency rules when they occur and notify the membership. Micah requested SBCC Group 1 feedback as group 1 is closing. Micah announced ICC online governmental consensus voting CDP access is open and closes on November 1, 2021. Micah reminded the membership that the national codes are working on the 2024 model codes.

Education Committee

Todd Blevins provided an overview of the 2022 Annual Education Institute (AEI) that will be held in-person at the Lynnwood Convention Center and went over the class schedule.

Government Relations Committee

Tim Woodard informed members that WABO lobbyist Amy Brackenbury has resigned, and the Government Relations committee created a lobbyist selection subcommittee. Tim reported the subcommittee released an RFP, reviewed proposals, interviewed candidates and have hired a new lobbyist - Marian Dacca of Gordon Thomas Honeywell. Amy Brackenbury will remain on for one additional month as a transition. Tim Woodard reminded members that the Government Relations committee has a legislative subcommittee that is tasked with vetting pieces of legislation during session. If you are interested in serving on this subcommittee, please e-mail Tim Woodard.

Outreach Services Committee

Stacy Criswell requested members to review the Building Official Handbook and send suggested edits/revisions to him. Stacy encouraged members to review the Energy Code Task Force options and encourage member feedback. Stacy asked first timers in attendance to participate and get involved.

C & R Committee

Nothing to report.

Emergency Management Committee

Doug Powell informed members that Emergency Management meetings will be getting established monthly and will be done virtually. Doug stated the emergency management webpage will be updated to include additional information on flood and fire. Doug informed the members that the WAsafe committee is creating a WAsafe website and there will be a building official page and they are asking for content. Doug informed members that ATC 20 training is available on November 3-4, 2021, through NSEA and SEOC Training is available on November 18, 2021, and May 26, 2022. Doug stated he will be reaching out to the membership to seek out coordinators for the program.

Quyen Thai reported that King County Trusted Partner Network (TPN) has established an emergency communication system available in 50+ languages. They are trying to expand to Pierce & Snohomish County and eventually state level.

Accreditation Committee

James Tumelson announced that the Code Official Accreditation Program is running all three years concurrently for the first time. James reported the committee is exploring a building official track as a possible 4th year option, and self-paced mechanical, plumbing and wood framed construction courses as supplemental programs. The committee is also working on a tutoring program, FAQ video and pursuing state licensing. James mentioned the Accredited Code Officials (ACO's) program as the last component and encouraged members to visit the website for more information and to apply.

Finance Committee

Angela Haupt provided the membership with an overview of WABO's 2021/2022 first quarter financials.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Motion and Action Items

2022 Legislative Positions

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve: Energy Code Implementation. WABO supports legislation that promotes resource allocation for effective implementation via plan review and inspections of the WA State Energy Code - to the 2022 WABO Legislative Positions. Motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve additional language to the last sentence of the first bulleted priority Funding for the State Building Code Council of the 2022 WABO Legislative Positions -, the ability to readily access funding, - and to strike the redundant *for the SBCC* from the sentence. Motion passed.

Energy Code Task Force

Motion: It was moved and seconded to remove 'remain with status quo' as an option for the Energy Code Task Force to pursue. Motion passed.

Announcements

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.