



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

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MINUTES – 2020 Fall Business Meeting
Zoom Conferencing
October 1, 2020

Call to Order

The fall business meeting of the voting representatives was called to order by President Kurt Aldworth on October 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

The following executive board officers were present:

- Kurt Aldworth - President
- Lee Kranz - 1st Vice President
- Andy Higgins - 2nd 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
- Ray Cockerham - Emergency Management
- James Tumelson - Accreditation
- Tom Phillips - Past President
- Gary Schenk - Past President

The following executive board directors were absent:

- 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 October 1, 2020, 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 30, 2020.

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

President's Report

President Kurt Aldworth announced he attended the ICC Chapter Leaders webinar on August 25, 2020 and provided highlights from the meeting. Kurt reported he attended OBOA's 2020 Annual Business Meeting and announced their newly elected Board. Kurt announced the building representatives for the SBCC 2021 Technical Advisory Groups. Kurt informed the members of the tragic loss of Code Enforcement Officer, Charles Case, in Augusta, Georgia and WABO sent a letter of condolence to WACE. Kurt announced the evaluation team for the Technical Code Committee Technical Consultant has selected Jon Siu to fulfil that role. Kurt urged members to carefully look at e-mails that appear to come from him and make sure it is actually his e-mail as phishers are targeting individuals in leadership positions.

First Vice President

Lee Kranz announced the 2018 Washington Custom Codes reviews are done. ICC is offering the Washington Codes in softcover, PDF downloads and premium subscription. Lee announced a meeting with ICC, SBCC and WABO was held to discuss timeline issues for the 2021 Codes and new technology ICC is working on to increase efficiencies. Lee reported an update on the SB5795 Contractor Accountability Workgroup.

Second Vice President

Andy Higgins informed members that part of his duties as 2nd Vice President include Professional Development training. Andy would like to pivot from technical training to leadership skills and asked for feedback and connections from the members.

Immediate Past President

Ray Allshouse announced he is charged as the nominating committee chair and if you know anyone who is interested in WABO leadership to let him know. Ray is also tasked with the bylaws and seeks input from members and the Board.

Award Ceremony

Kurt Aldworth presented Ray Allshouse the Past President Award in appreciation of his excellent leadership and highlighted his many accomplishments during his tenure.

WA Disaster Resiliency Workgroup Report

Jon Siu provided an update on the WA Disaster Resiliency Workgroup and the recommendation that will be presented to the legislature and Governors office by December 2020.

Emergency Management Committee Update

Ray Cockerham informed the membership that the WAsafe Operations Manual for coordinators is currently being vetted at the City of Puyallup. The WAsafe steering committee will test the call out system early next year. Ray announced he is still looking for coordinators to volunteer and become familiar with the operational manual and reminded members this program is to help building officials coordinate their response efforts during an emergency. Lee Kranz and David Swasey volunteered to help review the Operational Manual.

Accreditation Committee Update

James Tumelson reported that there are 24 students currently registered in the 1st year of the program and 10 students in the 2nd year. The Code Official Accreditation Program (COAP) has some technical aspects in the curriculum but is geared towards the soft skills. James announced the students are from well diverse backgrounds and the committee will continue working on curriculum development and program improvement. James reported there are currently 23 Accredited Code Officials (ACO's) in the program and encourages members to apply.

C & R Committee Update

Brian Smith reported the Weld Advisory Board is updating the standard to include agency requirements and verifying figures and tables are up to date. The SIRP Advisory Board is updating written exams and model guidelines and finalizing the Mass Timber endorsement for incorporation in Standard 1701. Brian announced Gary Schenk is willing to assist the SIRP Program as a technical consultant and remain on the advisory board committee. Brian asked for two volunteers willing to assist the SIRP Advisory Board as the board needs additional representation from building officials.

GUEST REPORTS:

International Code Council

No report.

ICC Region II

Kurt Aldworth reported that ICC Region II Board members will carry over an additional year of service. ICC Region II military veteran program going strong through an internship program in the State of Oregon.

ICC Local Chapters

No report.

IABO

Gary Schenk reported that IABO is looking into voting representative qualifications for ICC. ICC has reestablished the Long-Term Code Development Process committee to review the voting process.

WPLBO

Gary Schenk announced WPLBO was postponed due to CA still experiencing a lot of shutdowns and anticipate meeting next in the middle of 2021.

State Building Code Council

Richard Brown announced his upcoming retirement and encouraged anyone interested in the Managing Director position to apply. Richard is laying the groundwork for the 3rd specialist to be hired. Richard stated the Model Code TAG's are staffed well and still room for alternates. Richard reported a Tsunami Tag has been established to address the maps within the IBC.

State Agencies

Labor & industries

Kelly Mayo stated the process L & I will be moving forward regarding the 2020 NEC implementation date of October 29, 2020 and the model code implementation date of February 1, 2021 and asked for jurisdictional input.

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.

MyBuildingPermit.com (MBP)

Tom Phillips announced MBP has finished their e-check project to provide payment flexibility. Tom reported Auburn, Federal Way and Woodway are the newest members to join MBP and will hopefully be running by the end of the year. The program team has a list of 45 new features that will need to be prioritized and presented to the management team for approval to continue new feature and enhancement roll outs.

Liaison Reports

Electrical Cities -

Kurt Aldworth reported the adoption of the 2020 NEC is October 29, 2020. The committee just finished approving changes and are ready for jurisdictions to submit for adoption. Kurt encouraged any jurisdictions that enforce the electrical code to attend the quarterly meetings.

A117.1 Committee

Richard Williams reported the A117.1 committee recently started meeting again and divided into 3 separate tasks groups. Richard reported he has spoken to Micah Chappell to gain input from the TCD committee and will continue the communication throughout the task group process.

Electrical Board

James Tumelson reported he has submitted his application to serve on the Electrical Board to the Governor's office on August 17, 2020 and is awaiting appointment approval to replace John Brickey, WABO's current representative, who is retiring.

SB5795 Contractor Accountability Workgroup

Gary Schenk reported the workgroup will be hearing a proposal from BIAW on how to qualify a contractor and that there is forward progression with the workgroup.

Motion and Action Items

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Tim Woodard announced the next Government Relations committee meeting will be held December 8, 2020 to codify the 2021 legislative positions.

Todd Blevins reported the 2021 Annual Education Institute class schedule is finalized and will move forward with in-person event planning with backup contingency plans in place if we are still facing in-person meeting restrictions.

Stacy Criswell encouraged jurisdictions to reach out to their neighboring cities during these challenging times. Stacy informed the membership of the WABO Resources page and asked if a jurisdiction has a good handout/resource to consider sharing on the WABO page.

Gary Schenk asked for members to consider sitting on the Underground Economy Construction Task Force committee. The committee looks at illegal contractors with an emphasis on getting them registered and qualified. Please let Gary or Tara know if you are interested in serving on this task force.

Amy Brackenbury announced we will get a better picture of the legislative session after elections are held. A special session might not be held due to improving budget forecast and the 2021 session might be a hybrid type situation where some legislatures and staff might be on-site.

Lee Kranz informed the membership that he asked the SBCC if WABO will be allowed to participate in the selection process of the new managing director. Dianne Glenn must work with DES for this process and ensures the SBCC will be involved in the process. The process will not be opened for other organizations.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.