



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

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

MINUTES – 2019 Fall Business Meeting

Vancouver, Washington

October 17-18, 2019

Call to Order

The quarterly business meeting of the voting representatives was called to order by President Ray Allshouse on October 17, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call

The following executive board officers were present:

C. Ray Allshouse	-	President
Kurt Aldworth	-	1st Vice President
Tom Phillips	-	Immediate Past President

The following executive board officers were absent:

Lee Kranz	-	2 nd Vice President
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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
Andy Higgins	-	Accreditation
Ray Cockerham	-	Emergency Management
Jon Siu	-	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, LLC

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 17-18, 2019, Fall Business 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 Annual Business Meeting on July 18-19, 2019.

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

The motion carried.

President's Report

President Ray Allshouse reported on a proposed bylaw change regarding geographical representation on the International Code Council (ICC) Board of Directors that will be presented at the 2019 ICC Annual Business Meeting. Ray informed members of resources available to attend the Public Comment Hearings and announced the Technical Code Committee will be working on a voting guide to help assist members.

Executive Board Report

President Ray Allshouse provided an update on the Western Pacific League of Building Officials (WPLBO) candidate's forum held August 2019. Ray announced that WABO sent an endorsement to ICC for a new Eastern WA Chapter recognition. Ray informed the members that the Oregon Building Officials Association (OBOA) is working with WABO's TCD committee on code issues that are relevant to both states.

First Vice President

Kurt Aldworth reported on the OBOA Annual Business Meeting that he attended in August and discussed their meeting format, keynote speakers and overall experience. Kurt highlighted a veteran who is benefiting from the Region II Military Families Program.

Second Vice President

Kurt Aldworth provided Lee Kranz's report in his absence. An update was provided on the status of the 2018 Washington Custom Codes. Group 1 should be available mid-February and Group 2 will have an anticipated release date of April 2020. Kurt reported on topics that were discussed at the Senate Bill 5795 Workgroup.

Immediate Past President

Nothing to report.

Executive Director

Tara Jenkins announced the meeting logistics to the membership. Tara thanked Stacy Criswell and Clark County for their coordinated effort in bringing the Clark County Interactive Trailer to the Fall meeting. Tara provided an overview of the WAsafe seminar that was held at Vancouver City Hall.

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

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

GUEST REPORTS:

International Code Council

Ray Allshouse provided a report from ICC Board of Director, David Spencer, in his absence. Dave reported the following:

- July ICC acquired NTA, Inc., a provider of testing, inspection, compliance, engineering and off-site construction plan review services.
- The Code Council has completed the 2025 strategic planning process.
- ICC continues to sponsor the Board Director Shadow Program and Ben Leighton from the City of Spokane was chosen to attend.
- The National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) released a 2018 Interim Report that found adoption of the 2018 International Codes (I-Codes) generates a national benefit of \$11 for every \$1 invested.

Kraig Stevenson encouraged members attending the ICC Annual Conference to download the app which will help you schedule your itinerary. Kraig reported that Region II will be meeting on Sunday prior to the Annual Business Meeting. Kraig announced the release of an independent study that outlines economic benefits for communities that adopt the IPC.

Region II

Gary Schenk announced that Region II will be awarded the Region of the Year Award at the 2019 ICC ABM. Gary reported that WABO sponsored the Military Families program which will be a great succession program for the building departments.

IABO

Gary Schenk reported that IABO discussed the proposed ICC Bylaw change that deals with geographical representation at their last meeting. IABO will not support the proposed change.

WPLBO

Gary Schenk announced the WPLBO candidates' forum that was held in late August went well. The next meeting will be held in February 2020.

Labor and Industries

Kelly Mayo from Factory Assembled Structures reported on HB1486 and delegation of authority for inspection purposes only. Labor & Industries is also launching a new tiny home website on November 2, 2019. If you have any questions the best way to contact them is via e-mail at fas1@lni.wa.gov.

State Building Code Council

Micah Chappell reported the council is still working through the Washington State codes, Group 1 is mostly done. The working documents can be found on the Council website. The State Building Code Council has funding for a new staff position which Richard Brown will hire in 2020.

MyBuildingPermit.com

Tom Phillips provided an update on enhancements to the MBP software dashboards, Phase One release date is February 2020. Phase Two 2020 workplan will focus on mapping and customer permit status. MBP has added new jurisdictions so they can staff another programmer. Tom also announced MBP training opportunities can be found on their website.

Liaison Reports

State Electrical Board

John Brickey reported the 2020 NEC will go in effect on July 1, 2020. John announced on September 1, 2019 a rule change regarding marinas to adopt the 2020 NEC provisions for ground protection for marinas. John stated his term on the Electrical Board ends July 2020 and informed the membership another representative needs to be appointed.

Chief Electrical Inspector Steve Thornton reported that L & I track permits in 5-year increments. The workload has increased each year, and nothing is indicating a slowdown or decline. Steve announced the virtual inspection is getting ready to launch and stated they can process 13-14 inspections a day versus 11-12 in the field inspections.

Construction Underground Economy

Gary Schenk reported the committee is trying to address contractors that are not licensed in the state. Labor & Industries has a new project 'Protect My Home' encouraging homeowners to hire smart. The public assumes if they hire a licensed contractor that they know what they are doing, which is not always the case.

Washington Cities Electrical Code

Kurt Aldworth reported the committee meets four times a year. The Washington amendments will be voted on in December and will be available in July 2020. Kurt reported Chris Jensen from UL conducted a 4-hour seminar for them and they are looking at more training opportunities this Spring and Fall.

Department of Children, Youth & Families

Mary Kate McGee reported a new rule from the department making a push for daycares in R2 dwellings. Currently, family home daycares are R3 and the department does not understand the issues/concerns of home daycares in R2's. Please e-mail Mary Kate McGee who will be attending meetings with the state regarding this issue.

Meeting recessed for code forum at 3:00 p.m.

Friday, October 18, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. – Meeting reconvened

President Allshouse reconvened meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Motion and Action Items

None

Reports – Standing Committees

Education Committee – Todd Blevins announced the 2020 Annual Education Institute schedule is complete.

Government Relations – Tim Woodard announced the need for volunteers for the government relations subcommittee.

Technical Code - Micah Chappell stated the TCD committee went over code changes and proposals getting items wrapped up for ICC and SBCC.

Outreach Services – Stacy Criswell announced that the WABO Education and Events page is not just for WABO training. Stacy stated the committee discussed the need for an English is a second language checklist and will be working on top ten phrases and encouraged Google Translate. Stacy encouraged all first timers to reach out to him – networking is a valuable tool.

Certification & Registrations – Brian Smith stated the Mass Timber subcommittee has 40-50 written exam questions completed. The committee is optimistic the new category will be ready before the codes go into effect. Brian stated that tip sheets and suggestions are always welcomed.

Accreditation – Andy Higgins provided an update on the COAP program. The 3rd quarter of the third year will finish at the end of this year and the first year has kicked off again. The committee is looking at the learning objectives and trying to add value and remove duplication. The committee is looking for volunteers, please reach out to Andy Higgins if interested. The committee will be looking at state licensing and accreditation in the future. Andy announced that the ACO program became part of his committee and highly encourages the membership to apply.

Emergency Management - Ray Cockerham announced that a WAsafe class was held in Vancouver. The WAsafe committee is working on a WAserv registration manual that will assist responders in getting established on the state database. The WAsafe committee is also working on rules of engagement that will help train coordinators.

Finance - Angela Haupt provided the membership with an overview of WABO's first quarter financials.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Ray Allshouse announced the upcoming winter committee meeting will be at Pellegrino's Event Center in Tumwater, WA on January 30, 2020.

Kurt Aldworth announced Michael Lubliner from WSU will be presenting the professional development on WA State Residential Energy Code.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.