



Minutes

WABO Executive Board Meeting – December 1, 2025

1. Call to Order

The WABO Executive Board was called to order by President Ray Cockerham at 10:05 a.m. via Zoom Conferencing.

2. Roll Call

The following officers were present:

Ray Cockerham	-	President
Angela Haupt	-	2 nd Vice President
Andy Higgins	-	Immediate Past President

The following officers were absent:

Todd Blevins	-	1st Vice President
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The following Directors were present:

Brian Smith	-	Certification & Registration
Micah Chappell	-	Technical Code Development
Andie Lorenz	-	Finance
Stacy Criswell	-	Outreach
James Tumelson	-	Accreditation
Kurt Aldworth	-	Past President
C. Ray Allshouse	-	Past President
Trace Justice	-	Past President

The following Directors were absent:

Tim Woodard	-	Government Relations
Ryan Mumma	-	Education
Quyen Thai	-	Emergency Management

The following management personnel were present:

Tara Jenkins	-	Executive Director
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3. Consent Agenda

Agenda Approval – December 1, 2025. Approved unanimously.

Minutes Approval – August 14-15, 2025. Approved unanimously.

4. **President Report.** President Ray Cockerham informed the board that there were no additional items to report that were included in his Fall Newsletter President's Report. Ray provided a recap on his experience from the BIAW 2025 Annual Meeting.
5. **Business / Action Items –**
 1. **WABO Business –**
 - a. **Winter Committee Meeting – No Report.**
 - i. **Representative Meeting Volunteers – No Report.**
 - b. **WSEC Plans Examiner Program Update –** Brian Smith reported that at the Fall 2025 business meeting, the membership approved the program. He informed the board that Lisa Rosenow was given final approval for the plan type questions which would be returned soon. The WSEC-R will follow ahead of Commercial and Stacy Criswell will test the residential questions. Stacy Criswell will reach out to the City of Spokane to see if they have language that can be utilized to draft a 'sample policy' base document that jurisdictions can employ to help get approval for the program with their council (if they want to participate in the voluntary program).
 - c. **ICC 2026 Leadership Academy –** Ray Cockerham led the discussion on the 2026 ICC Leadership Academy. The dates conflict with WABO's 2026 Annual Business Meeting, so WABO will skip the 2026 Academy.
 - d. **Government Relations Update –** Ray Cockerham informed the board that Tim Woodard and Marian Daca will be meeting with BIAW regarding BIAW's upcoming legislation. Micah Chappell asked for a WUI update and Tara Jenkins announced that Marian is in the process of scheduling a meeting with DNR to discuss mapping issues.
 - e. **Technical Code Update –** Micah Chappell announced TAG meetings are still in progress. Micah reported that at the last State Building Code Council meeting the council did not vote to delay the 2024 code implementation date currently set for November 1, 2026. Micah reported ICC Group 2 public comments are due the first week of January and the state public comment hearings will occur in February to mid-March.

- f. **Accreditation Update** – James Tumelson reported lots of work has been completed this year with COAP. Andie Lunde is finalizing the last quarter update to complete the curriculum overhaul. James reported that WSU had early discussions on a potential partnership with COAP to provide the opportunity for a degree, but has since pulled back due to financial constraints. James informed the board of the video content being created for marketing the program and the COAP website transition and update. James stated that the Accreditation Committee is in early stages of researching the ICC Education Chapter opportunity.
- g. **Emergency Management Update** – Ray Cockerham reported the WAsafe Coordinator handbook is being finalized and the committee is watching HB1810.
- h. **Education Committee Update** – Tara Jenkins informed the board that the 2026 Annual Education Institute schedule and instructors have been finalized. The Education Committee had to revise the schedule and will only be providing 2024 Model Code Updates. If the 2024 code implementation date stands at November 1, 2026 the committee will provide WA State Update training in the fall. However, if the implementation date is delayed, the 2024 WA State updates will roll into the 2027 Annual Education Institute.
- i. **Outreach Committee Update** – Stacy Criswell informed the board that the ‘Favorite Code Section’ for the first timers was successful. Stacy requested the Legacy Scholarship be highlighted to inform the membership of the AEI scholarship opportunities. Stacy will work on outreach efforts for the WSEC Plans Examiner program.
- j. **Other Business** –
Ray Cockerham announced that Angela Haupt will be attending NFPA’s 2025 Building Official Forum as Todd Blevins has a scheduling conflict.
Angela Haupt reiterated that the SBCC did not take further action on the 2024 code implementation date and will be in a holding pattern until the council decides to do something.
James Tumelson inquired about when the WABO Awards will be discussed. Tara Jenkins informed that the Award nominations will be considered at the e-board meeting following the Winter Committee Meeting.

2. ICC Business –

Andy Higgins announced the Emery R. Rodgers scholarship is currently open and will close December 15, 2025. Andy encouraged board members to consider applying.

Andy Higgins announced that he will be heading to the ICC Winter Board meeting, and to let him know if there is anything you want him to address.

Ray Cockerham reported on the 2025 ICC Presidential Award and the experience at the Annual Business Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The Executive Director prepared the proposed Minutes. Written documents or reports referred to in the Minutes are on file in the association office.