



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS  
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## Minutes

### WABO Executive Board Meeting – December 13, 2024

#### 1. Call to Order

The WABO Executive Board was called to order by First Vice President Todd Blevins at 8:05 a.m. via Zoom Conferencing.

#### 2. Roll Call

The following officers were present:

Ray Cockerham	-	President
Todd Blevins	-	1st Vice President
Angela Haupt	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Andy Higgins	-	Immediate Past President

The following Directors were present:

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

The following Directors were absent:

Quyên Thai	-	Emergency Management
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The following management personnel were present:

Tara Jenkins	-	Executive Director
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#### 3. Consent Agenda

Agenda Approval – December 13, 2024. Approved unanimously.

Minutes Approval – August 22-23, 2024. Approved unanimously.

4. **President Report.** President Ray Cockerham provided an update on the BIAW Executive Board meeting that he and Todd Blevins attended in November 2024. Ray recapped the ICC Annual Conference and WABO's Fall Quarterly Business Meeting held in October 2024. Ray wants to continue the liaison efforts in 2025 with BIAW, Fire Marshals, and WSAPT.

5. **Business / Action Items –**

1. **WABO Business –**

- a. **Winter Committee Meeting –** Tim Woodard held a discussion regarding the Winter committee meeting that will be held February 6, 2025.
  - i. **Representative Meeting Volunteers –** Tim Woodard announced that the Government Relations committee is trying to secure volunteers to speak to their representatives during the virtual week on the hill. When registering for the Winter Committee meeting you can provide all the necessary information Marian will need to secure your virtual appointments.
- b. **Risk Category Special Inspection –** Ray Cockerham reminded the Board that a special inspection agency has requested input from WABO regarding their risk category with Labor & Industries. A discussion was held regarding the appropriate correspondence to the special inspection agency.
- c. **I-2066 Initiative –** Ray Cockerham started the discussion on I-2066 and how it is affecting jurisdictions. The SBCC plans to go back into rulemaking to let subject matter experts figure out the conflicting legislation that is now occurring. WABO will monitor the SBCC website for updates on this issue.
- d. **2026 Executive Board Retreat –** Tara Jenkins provided an update on the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice for the 2026 Executive Board Retreat which had come in well over budget. The Board mentioned The Woodmark Hotel in Kirkland, WA or Channel Lodge in La Conner, WA as possible alternatives. Ray Cockerham will work with Tara on securing a 2026 location.
- e. **Legacy Scholarships for 2025 AEI –** Tara Jenkins led the discussion on the inaugural launch of the WABO Legacy Scholarships and asked the board how many scholarships to award for 2025.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to award (8) individual class sessions for the inaugural WABO Legacy Scholarship. Motion passed unanimously.**

- f. **AASHTO Request** – Tara Jenkins announced that Brian Johnson from AASHTO reached out to see if there was a WABO member willing to participate in their 2025 AASHTO Re:Source Technical Exchange conference being held in Bellevue on March 19, 2025. Tara informed the board that Brian had already secured a volunteer from The City of Seattle. A discussion was held, the Board cannot provide another volunteer at this time.
  
- g. **WSEC Plans Examiner Update** – Brian Smith updated the board on the status on both the WSEC-R and the WSEC-C written exam questions. Todd Blevins informed the Board that Johnathan Jones has updated questions being drafted.
  
- h. **ICC Leadership Academy** – Ray Cockerham provided an overview on his experience at the ICC Leadership Academy and would like to see if Todd Blevins and Angela Haupt would be interested in attending the 2025 Leadership Academy being held in April in Orlando, FL.
  
- i. **Government Relations Update** – Tim Woodard announced that the Government Relations Committee is inundated with requests and provided the Board with the top three priorities (SB 5290, SBCC bill to move the WA Custom Codes forward, and SBCC bill to revise the TAG language).  
**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to move forward the State Building Code Council WA Custom Code bill language as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**
  
- j. **Accreditation Grant Funding Update** – James Tumelson reported on the Code Official Accreditation Program’s (COAP) multiple funding sources - \$25K from Commerce and \$25K from WA State Community and Technical Colleges. The Commerce funding will be used for course improvement, verifying the curriculum matches course objectives identified in the DACUM process. The College funding will be focused on marketing and future planning at college partnerships for college level credits. Andy Higgins informed the board there will be a cost involved in the curriculum crosswalk to have the colleges adequately staffed to perform that work. The Accreditation may put in a future request for that funding. James reported that legislators are focused on the program.
  
- k. **Other Business** –  
Micah Chappell announced that the SBCC Group 2 TAG Committee applications are open. The Technical Code Development (TCD) committee is looking for volunteers to fill the new Single Exit / Multiplex Housing Tag.

Ray Allshouse asked for a moment of silence for Tim Nordtvedt's passing.

**2. ICC Business –**

Ray Cockerham announced that NFPA has a Government Affairs staff member that he will introduce ICC's Government Affairs staff member. NFPA may also introduce a code official section.

Andie Lorenz informed the board that ICC President, David Spencer, asked him to sit on the ICC Nomination Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 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.*