



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS
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Minutes

WABO Executive Board Meeting – December 02, 2021

1. Call to Order

The WABO Executive Board was called to order by President Kurt Aldworth at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom Conferencing.

2. Roll Call

The following 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 Directors were present:

Brian Smith	-	Certification & Registration
Micah Chappell	-	Technical Code Development
Tim Woodard	-	Government Relations
Angela Haupt	-	Finance
Todd Blevins	-	Education
Doug Powell	-	Emergency Management
James Tumelson	-	Accreditation
Tom Phillips	-	Past President
Trace Justice	-	Past President
Gary Schenk	-	Past President

The following directors were absent:

Stacy Criswell	-	Outreach
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The following management personnel were present:

Tara Jenkins	-	Executive Director
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3. Consent Agenda

Agenda Approval – December 02, 2021. Approved unanimously.
Minutes Approval – August 19-20, 2021. Approved unanimously.

4. **Lobbyist Introduction.** Kurt Aldworth welcomed WABO's new lobbyist Marian Dacca who provided a brief introduction and session preview.
5. **President Report.** President Kurt Aldworth reported that the Board took action between meetings and the minutes need to reflect:

The WABO Board drafted and approved a business plan for the International Association of Building Officials (IABO) to be presented to the current IABO board for consideration on September 10, 2021.

Kurt provided an update on the Energy Code Task Force and how the task force will prioritize the options that were presented. Task Force must monitor HB1084 that is being separated into 4 separate bills for 2022 legislative session. Kurt reported that Jon Siu sent out a highlight on the governmental consensus vote for Group A changes for the 2024 codes and TCD was very successful with proposals and recommendations.

6. **Business / Action Items –**

1. **WABO Business –**

a. Building Official Handbook – Ray Cockerham led the discussion regarding the comments & editorial changes received from Jon Siu and would like to incorporate them into the document. Gary Schenk suggested to incorporate a paragraph on Special Inspection in Chapter 4 and Tom Phillips felt the section on 'What is a Building Official?' is too vague. Ray Cockerham was tasked with creating an Executive Summary and the Board would like this completed prior to the Spring meeting.

b. Energy Code Task Force – Ray Cockerham led the discussion and would like the task force to take the categories and bring them into one format. The Task force will need to focus on the two energy bills that are coming down legislatively that will pertain to enforcement. Task force will need to prioritize a game plan with options and solutions. The end game is to make the energy code on both sides of the counter function efficiently.

c. Winter Committee Meeting – Tim Woodard reminded the board the meeting will be held virtually and nearly identical to last year's format. Marian will schedule the representative's appointments and Tim will ask for volunteer leads for legislative districts.

d. 2022 Legislative Priorities – Tim Woodard presented the 2022 legislative priorities that were vetted at the 2022 Fall Quarterly Business Meeting.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2022 Legislative Priorities as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Executive Board Retreat – Kurt Aldworth led the discussion on the Executive Board Retreat. Executive Board Retreat will keep the same format except change Friday breakfast to a networking brunch.

f. IABO Update – Gary Schenk provided an update on the status of IABO and the outreach efforts made. WABO legal counsel will be in contact with IABO legal counsel to discuss transition options available.

g. Strategic Planning – Andy Higgins informed the board that Ray Cockerham will be setting up a Strategic Planning subcommittee meeting in January 2022. Andy asked committee chairs to review their sections and submit any suggested revisions to Ray Cockerham.

O. Other –

James Tumelson announced that the Accreditation Committee is in the beginning stages of their state licensing application process. Dick Bower, a current instructor, proposed a fourth year building official track.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the fourth year building official curriculum development and authorize \$12,600 from reserves. Motion passed unanimously.

James Tumelson announced the Accreditation Committee has approached Dave Cantrell to develop a 12-week self-paced plumbing course. The Board would like to review course outline before funds are authorized for development.

Micah Chappell informed the Board that the SBCC did not hold the public comment hearings at the last meeting, it will occur at their next scheduled meeting.

Tara Jenkins announced a special request for WABO hoodies has been made and a special order will be placed. She will e-mail the board for anyone that would like to place an order for a hoodie.

Tom Phillips asked the group if it is necessary to have two chatlines. This topic will be added to Spring Agenda for discussion.

Kurt Aldworth received a request from a vendor on virtual inspections asking for a 15-minute presentation. Tara will inform him of our vendor booth opportunities at the Annual Education Institute.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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