



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS  
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## Minutes

### WABO Executive Board Meeting – May 07, 2024

#### 1. Call to Order

The WABO Executive Board was called to order by President Ray Cockerham at 1:05 p.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
Stacy Criswell	-	Outreach
Quyien Thai	-	Emergency Management
James Tumelson	-	Accreditation
Kurt Aldworth	-	Past President
C. Ray Allshouse	-	Past President
Trace Justice	-	Past President

The following Directors were absent:

Ryan Mumma	-	Education
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The following management personnel were present:

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

Agenda Approval – May 07, 2024. Approved unanimously.

Minutes Approval – February 05, 2024. Approved unanimously.

4. **President Report.** President Ray Cockerham welcomed new board members Quyen Thai and Andie Lorenz, and congratulated Brian Smith on retaining his seat.

5. **Business / Action Items –**

1. **ICC Business –**

a. **ICC Candidate Support –** Ray Cockerham led the discussion regarding ICC Annual Business meeting elections and the action WABO will take when, presumably, WABO receives the joint support request for the ICC President and Vice President.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve sending a support letter for David Spencer and Mike Boso for ICC President and Vice President respectively once the request is made. Motion passed.**

b. **ICC ABM –** Tara Jenkins led the discussion regarding who will be attending the ICC Annual Business meeting in Long Beach, CA. A discussion was held regarding the want of a strong WABO support for David Spencer's Presidential inauguration.

2. **WABO Business –**

a. **Summer QBM –**

i. **Giveaways –** A WABO Hawaiian shirt was selected as the giveaway for the summer meeting.

ii. **Professional Development –** Tara Jenkins announced that Angela Haupt has Joseph Cervantes from California coming up to provide a class on Two-Way Communications Systems for Rescue Assistance.

b. **Program Fee Schedules –** Tara Jenkins presented the program fee schedules for review per WABO dues and fee schedule increase policy.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to keep the Sponsor Fees unchanged and only include an Associate membership for Silver sponsors and above. Motion passed.**

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the remaining fee schedules as presented with the modification that the sponsor section remaining unchanged. Motion passed.**

- c. **Legacy & Memorial Scholarships** – Stacy Criswell presented the draft Legacy Scholarship application and asked for clarification if the scholarship is limited to WABO education. Other criteria suggestions were given which Stacy will add and bring back to board for review.
- d. **Lobbyist Contract** – Tara Jenkins led the discussion regarding a request from Marian Dacca for a potential slight increase of her fee this year or over time to her lobbyist contract.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the Lobbyist Cost of Living Adjust Policy as presented and engage in conversation with Lobbyist to ensure this is sufficient. Motion passed.**

- e. **Government Relations Update** – Tim Woodard reported that the Government Relations Committee will try to be proactive on legislation requiring the State Building Code Council (SBCC) to produce the Washington Custom codes. WABO will have to find a bill sponsor and patterner with the SBCC to ensure it gets to completion.
- f. **Committee Charter Reviews** – Tara Jenkins asked committee chairs to review their committee charters that were e-mailed and provide any updates or revisions to the WABO office by the Summer Quarterly Business Meeting.
- g. **WSEC Plans Examiner Program Update** – Brian Smith informed the Board that he has asked Kim Barker to co-chair the group. Brian stated that Lisa Rosenow from ETC and Jonathan Jones from WSU will be tasked with creating the written and oral interview questions. The C&R meeting had a good turnout at the ABM and when he mentioned the program there were positive responses and feedback.
- h. **Sound Transit Letter** – Ray Cockerham led discussion on the Sound Transit correspondence received from Kym Williams. A consensus was that trying to get uniformity between all jurisdictions would be difficult.
- i. **Other** –  
Ray Cockerham asked who on the Board had interest in attending WPLBO. Discussion was held on the importance of consistent participation and how WPLBO is becoming the premier organization when running for the ICC Board.

Brian Smith provided an update on the Commerce Stakeholders meeting on SB5290 that consisted of MBAKS, BIAW, the consultants, and Ryan Walters. He also provided an update on the lobbyist meeting that was held with WA Counties, WA Cities, and Marian Daca regarding the SB5290 bill.

Andie Lorenz asked the Board if there is an accreditation program for contractors or if WABO had ever considered one. The Board reported that Master Builders and BIAW has their own programs.

Quyen Thai reported that at the Committee Action Hearings the 2027 Chapter 17 Water Resistive Barriers was very close to passing and code language will be cleaned up and brought back. He wanted the C&R Committee to be aware.

Ray Cockerham informed the Board that Jim Sayers has put his name in for ICC Secretary/Treasurer.

Andy Higgins announced that he was awarded the Emory R. Rodgers scholarship from ICC. Additionally, he applied and was accepted to attend the Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executives in the State and Local Government program.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 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.*