



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS
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Minutes

WABO Executive Board Meeting – May 18, 2022

1. Call to Order

The WABO Executive Board was called to order by President Kurt Aldworth at 12:05 p.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
Todd Blevins	-	Education
Stacy Criswell	-	Outreach
James Tumelson	-	Accreditation
Trace Justice	-	Past President
Tom Phillips	-	Past President
Gary Schenk	-	Past President

The following directors were absent:

Tim Woodard	-	Government Relations
Angela Haupt	-	Finance
Doug Powell	-	Emergency Management

The following management personnel were present:

Tara Jenkins	-	Executive Director
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3. Consent Agenda

Agenda Approval – May 18, 2022. Approved unanimously.

Minutes Approval – February 25, 2022. Approved unanimously.

4. **President's Report.** Kurt Aldworth reported that he and Andy Higgins attended OBOA's Spring Meeting and provided an update on the differences between our organizations. Chemeketa was in attendance and recognized WABO's donation in their report. Kurt reported OBOA's lobbyist reported on several issues that are aligning locally in WA. Andy Higgins & Ray Cockerham will be attending OBOA's ABM. Andy Higgins reported the State Building Codes Division have a custom-made app to request inspections and communicate directly from smart phones directly to jurisdictions.

5. **Business / Action Items –**

1. **ICC Issues –**

a. **ICC Candidate Support (Spencer)** – Kurt Aldworth announced that we received a nomination support request from David Spencer for his run for Secretary/Treasurer.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to support David Spencer's candidacy run as needed up to the Reserve for WABO ICC Board Candidate fund (travel must adhere to WABO's travel policy). Motion passed unanimously.

b. **ICC ABM Attendance** – Tara Jenkins announced WABO has earned 4 ICC ABM Vouchers through our Chapter Rewards Program and asked for 4 Board Members who will be attending.

c. **ICC Region II Military Families Program & Safety 2.R** – Kurt Aldworth led the discussion on Region II's Military Family and Safety 2.R Program. There is some uncertainty if the program is entirely separate from ICC. The discussion is tabled until we have a report back from Todd Blevins.

d. **Ron Burton 2022 Sponsorship** – Tara Jenkins reported that itemized expenses are not tracked, and that ICC cannot provide a percentage of how much of the funds are utilized for the scholarships.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to not be an event sponsor. Motion passed unanimously.

2. WABO Business –

a. ABM –

i. **Giveaways** – A WABO dry bag was selected for the 2022 ABM meeting giveaway.

ii. **Awards** – A discussion was held on award recipients for 2022 for the following categories:

- Code Official of the Year
- Associate of the Year
- Jurisdictional Outreach
- Education Award

iii. **Elections** – Ray Allshouse informed the board sufficient interest has been raised for the positions that are open and encouraged current board members to complete the forms that are included in the packet. Eastside participation is encouraged.

iv. **ICC BOD** – Tara Jenkins announced that an invitation has been extended to ICC President Cindy Davis for a Wednesday night dinner prior to the 2022 ABM.

b. **Program Fee Schedules** – Tara Jenkins presented the WABO fees schedules for a periodic review.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to increase the member dues by 5%. Motion failed with 5 votes in favor and 6 against.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to increase the Annual Trade Show Fee for Vendor Tables from \$250 to \$275 per day. Motion passed with 6 votes in favor and 5 against.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to increase the weld renewal fee, weld examiner renewal fee, weld certificate reinstatement, weld examiner certificate reinstatement, registration application processing and performance qualification test records copies request an additional \$5 effective July 01, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to increase the prevailing hourly rate for the Special Inspection Registration Program, Weld Program and Fabrication Program to \$140 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to increase the key personnel renewal fee, key personnel reinstatement fee, special inspection renewal fee, special inspection reinstatement fee, and reciprocal and/or WABO categories certificate renewals an additional \$5 effective July 01, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. WABO Liaisons Update** – Kurt Aldworth reported that he and Andy Higgins will work on their ‘top 10’ list and talk to solidify the liaisons. Liaison report will be sent to board for input.

- d. 3rd Party Energy Code Plans Examiner Proposal** – Tara Jenkins presented Lisa Rosenow from Evergreen Technology Consulting Proposal’s for development of commercial energy training and written exam development. The Board requested Lisa submit a second proposal that does not utilize the national energy code in the program development and only focuses on the WA State Energy Code.

- e. WABO Mechanical TAG Representative** – Micah Chappell announced he received an e-mail from Krista at the SBCC that Tom Jenson has retired, and that Angela Haupt would fill the role on the Mechanical TAG. Micah is unsure that Angela has the time to fulfill that role, if anyone knows of an individual that want to volunteer on that committee, please let Micah know.

- f. WA Custom Codes** – Tara Jenkins provided an update on the WA Custom codes and stated that Stoyan could not pursue the effort through the SBCC until the Up Codes lawsuit is resolved. The Board feels the SBCC needs to focus on fixing the WAC rules and next code cycle we can pursue the custom codes. This issue will be put on the ABM agenda to discuss with the membership.

- g. WABO Honorary Welder** – Brian Smith led the discussion regarding a welder who submitted a WABO Honorary Membership application and felt some category could be created for welders who dedicated their careers to structural welding. The Board was very receptive and tasked the Weld Committee to develop the category/award.

- h. Chat Line Rules** – Tara Jenkins led the discussion regarding an incident that occurred to Ray Cockerham on the WABO chat line. Ray Cockerham suggested chat line rules be drafted. Tara will reach out to Ray for the initial first draft so the Board can review.

- i. QBM Power** – Micah Chappell addressed the need for more power options at the QBM’s as more members travel with electronic devices. James Tumelson mentioned the issue with load capacities and stated power inverters with plug in options might be the best option for meetings. Need to research what power is available at the meeting sites and load capacity.

j. All Hazard IMT Personnel Credentialing – Tara Jenkins reported that Doug Powell was contacted by EMD regarding IMT Personnel Credentialing and he researched the credentialing requirements to see if it effected the WAsafe program. The credentialing requirements will not impact WAsafe responders or other local professionals.

k. WABO 1-800 Number – Tara Jenkins reported the toll-free number is rarely being utilized in the WABO office and informed the Board it is no longer a necessary service.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to close the WABO toll-free number account. Motion passed unanimously.

l. Checking Account – Tara Jenkins informed the board that our financial institution removed our 'grandfathered' status and we no longer have completely free checking.

m. Other –

Tom Phillips announced his resignation to the Executive Board.

Micah Chappell informed the Board that increasing costs to attend code hearings is making the \$1,500 scholarship budget a challenge and asked for an increase in the budget for TCD scholarships. Tara will increase the TCD scholarship line item to \$25K for the finance committee to consider.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 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.