



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

“Leading the way to excellence in building and life safety”

MINUTES – 2017 Spring Business Meeting

Leavenworth, Washington

April 20-21, 2017

Call to Order

The spring business meeting of the voting representatives was called to order by President Tom Phillips on April 20, 2017 at 8:15 a.m.

Roll Call

The following executive board officers were present:

Tom Phillips	-	President
C. Ray Allshouse	-	1 st Vice President
Kurt Aldworth	-	2 nd Vice President
Jon Siu	-	Immediate Past President

The following executive board directors were present:

Pete Rambow	-	Certification & Registration
Lee Kranz	-	Technical Code Development
Tim Nordtvedt	-	Finance
Steve Hart	-	Education
Todd Blevins	-	Outreach
Ray Cockerham	-	Emergency Management
Trace Justice	-	Past President
Gary Schenk	-	Past President

The following executive board directors were absent:

Dave Spencer	-	Government Relations
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The following management personnel were present:

Tara Jenkins	-	Executive Director
Troy Jenkins	-	Jenkins Management Solutions, LLC

Introductions

The active member voting representatives, associate members and guests introduced themselves. (Registration list on file at WABO office).

Agenda

The President presented the proposed Agenda for the April 20-21, 2017, Spring Business Meeting.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be approved.

The motion carried.

Minutes

The President presented the proposed Minutes for the WABO Winter Meeting on January 26, 2017.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Minutes be approved.

The motion carried.

Election of Board of Directors Nominations

Jon Siu announced that the WABO Board of Director elections will be held at the Annual Business Meeting in June. If interested in running, please fill out a Nomination for WABO Leadership Form. For more information on serving and time commitments please contact any of the Officers.

President's Report

President Tom Phillips welcomed ICC Director Brenda Thompson and thanked her for attending. Tom reported that WABO leadership has been in correspondence with ICC leadership and the letters are in the packet for review. The month of May is Building Safety Month and Tom announced he signed an ICC Proclamation and encouraged members to promote building safety next month. The membership was notified that he will be attending his first International Accreditation Service (IAS) Committee meeting on April 25, 2017. Also announced was an ICC Dignitaries visit on July 20, 2017. ICC leadership will visit and tour the Pacific NW and meet with WABO and other industry members. Tom welcomed the scholarship recipients along with the first-timers and encouraged the membership to attend and be involved. Lastly, Tom reported that the Electrical Committee does not have much involvement as most cities do not have their own electrical program. He encouraged any cities that have their own electrical program to contact him to become involved.

1st Vice President's Report

Ray Allshouse expressed how impressed he was with the meeting turnout. The turnout did not just happen, it was designed by intent. The more individuals attend, the more WABO can collaborate on issues. The organization is very healthy and to remain healthy participation is critical. Ray encouraged members to contact the Board if they have a concern or a new idea.

2nd Vice President's Report

Kurt Aldworth announced the Professional Development for the meeting is Achieving Resiliency: Strategies for Tackling Washington's Vulnerable Buildings. The seminar will focus on being prepared for a major seismic event. He encouraged members to stay for the presentation.

Immediate Past President

Jon Siu stated the Board has been looking at ways to get people involved. The Executive Board has money budgeted to help members participate. The question was raised by the Board on when to reimburse for travel. A Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy was drafted and is included in the meeting packet. Jon asked the membership to review and provide feedback.

Meeting recessed for committee meetings at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

GUEST REPORTS:

SBCC

Joanne McCaughan reported the Council took action to modify the Council Policies and Procedures under WAC 51-04. The main focus was to break up the code review process into a two-year review, with some codes reviewed in year one, and the remainder in year two. Joanne announced the Legislature passed House Bill 1262, concerning accessible parking spaces for people with disabilities. The bill requires that by January 1, 2018 the SBCC shall adopt rules to implement certain new requirements for access aisle width and access aisle marking. Joanne closed her report announcing the Council and DES are working collaboratively to develop the position recruitment process in response to the upcoming retirement of SBCC Program Manager, Tim Nogler.

Jim Tinner reported that the SBCC will stretch out the code adoption process. The 2018 codes will not go into effect until 2020. The first year review will include the International Building Code, International Fire Code, and the Commercial Energy Code. The International Residential Code, International Mechanical Code, Uniform Plumbing Code and Residential Energy Code are reviewed during the second year.

Jim Tinner thanked Joanne McCaughan for her many years of service and dedication to advancing the science of building safety with the announcement of her retirement from the Council. Tom Phillips presented her with an award from WABO thanking her for her service supporting the SBCC and wished her a happy retirement.

International Code Council

Kraig Stevenson was not available for a report.

IABO/OBOA

Gary Schenk reported that IABO sponsored 40 scholarships to attend ICC Code Hearings. Several organizations have approached IABO to discuss possible collaborations including A2LA, MadCad, NASA and NIBS. Further discussions will be needed. IABO is considering redeveloping their program.

Labor & Industries

Kelly Mayo encouraged members to send any questions on Factory Assembled Structures to fas1@lni.wa.gov. Labor & Industries wants to create a links page as a helpful resource for building departments.

MyBuildingPermit.com

Kurt Aldworth explained the purpose of MBP.com as a one-stop shop for electronic permits. They meet once a month to collaborate. Tracy Jones announced there are currently 14

jurisdictions that are members and King County and North Bend will be joining bringing their total to 16. MBP provides online permit services, training and resources for their members.

Liaison Reports

Association of Washington Cities (AWC)

Tom Phillips reported he made contact with AWC and invited their lobbyist, Victoria Lincoln, to attend our meeting. AWC meeting coincided with WABO's.

Electrical Committee

Tom Philips stated the Electrical Committee is updating the Cities Code as WA State will be adopting the 2017 NEC on July 1, 2017. The Committee is also working on Legislation for next year by reworking bill language and working with other industry partners.

American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Ray Allshouse announced that he is involved with multiple chapters of AIA: the WA Council where he focuses on legislative issues that affect architects; and the Seattle Chapter where he is active with the codes committee.

Region II of ICC

Trace Justice reported that ICC created regions and WA is part of Region II which consists of WA, OR, MT, AK, ID, and WY. Region II will be sending their leadership to Annual Business Meetings to discuss Region II issues. Trace also announced that Dave Spencer (Region II Vice President) from the City of North Bend will be running for the ICC Board of Directors. Region II is incorporating ICC's High School Technical Training Program and are starting to get endorsements.

Washington State Association of Fire Marshals (WSAFM)

Trace Justice met with WSAFM Past President and announced that the State Fire Marshal, Chuck Duffy, will be retiring soon and Charles LeBlanc will be the interim Fire Marshal. WSAFM will be hosting an ICC class that has Fire Marshals and Building Officials working together. Their goal is to have the class made up of 50% Fire Marshals and 50% Building Officials and will be held mid-July.

Construction Underground Economy Advisory Committee (CUEAC)

Gary Schenk reported that he attended his first meeting January 3, 2017. Labor & Industries has developed a coordinated enforcement project. They had 4,000 violation wage complaints and 6,000 written complaints, 56% of the complaints were construction related. L & I is trying to get a handle on the Underground Economy and with the failed legislation they have to think of their next move.

Western Pacific League of Building Officials (WPLBO)

Gary Schenk provided background information on how the CA, WA, OR and southern NV coalition was formed. The next meeting will be held in WA State on July 20, 2017. July 21, 2017 WPLBO will hold their Annual Candidates Forum which is recognized by ICC. A representative from Wyoming will be attending the next meeting and Arizona has been invited. ICC Region I and Region II have been attending meetings as well.

State Electrical Board

John Brickey stated that he did not attend the last meeting since it coincided with WABO's Winter Committee Meeting. He announced the Board felt that HB1430 SB5304 (WABO's bill to seek input in the electrical code) would complicate the process and add cost to their program. John reported that there could be funding in the State budget for cities to provide their own electrical programs.

Legislative Update

Amy Brackenbury thanked the members who attended the SB5185 legislative signing. SB5185 is WABO's bill that provides immunity from liability for professional or trade associations providing emergency response volunteers. WABO's second bill being worked this year was SSB5304/HB1430 concerning the review and adoption of electrical rules. The bill was not successful but did lead to another bill being introduced, HB1952. WABO was opposed to this bill which led to further conversions resulting in the Senate budget including 2 million for cities to start their own electrical program. The outcome of the funding will not be known until the budget portion of the legislative session concludes. Amy reported that SHB1622 concerning the State Building Code Council is currently being deemed necessary for the budget by the House so there is some chance that funding may be done through the legislative process. The Senate will likely oppose this without the six year code cycle language from SB 5500. The Legislatures will adjourn and be called back for a 30 day special session since they have not agreed on a budget.

Recessed to Code Forum at 3:00 p.m.

Friday, April 21, 2017 8:05 a.m. – Meeting reconvened

GUEST REPORTS (CONT):

Clark County

Jim Muir shared Clark County's outreach programs for new home owners, contractors and millennials which included new home binders, complimentary code books and Fear of the Zombie career path comic book.

WABO/SEAW

Lee Kranz announced the WABO/SEAW Committee is looking for volunteers. Structure Magazine wrote an article "Building Official's Expectations" that referenced the very first white

paper from WABO/SEAW written by Jon Siu entitled Guideline – Structural Plan Review Philosophy.

WSU Energy Program

Gary Nordeen announced that he will retire this summer and Luke Howard will take over his position.

C & R

Pete Rambow reported that the SIRP Committee is very close to completing the Fire-Resistant Penetration and Joints and hopes to have it completed by the Annual Business Meeting.

Code Official Accreditation Program (COAP)

Tom Phillips stated that Phase 1 (Permit Technician) of the COAP program is nearing an end and Phase 2 (Building Inspector) will begin in the Fall. Any jurisdictions that have individuals that are interested in the program will be able to enroll in Phase 1 in the Fall. The COAP Committee is currently looking for instructors for Phase 2 classes.

Support Resolution – ICC Board of Directors Candidacy

Tom Phillips presented the membership WABO Resolution 2017-01. A resolution of the Washington Association of Building Officials membership declaring support for David J Spencer's Candidacy for the International Code Council's Board of Directors.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that WABO Resolution 2017-01 be approved.

The motion carried.

ICC Correspondence

Tom Phillips informed the membership that WABO sent a letter to ICC President Garriss asking for dialogue regarding bonuses, agendas and minutes. ICC sent a response which did not answer all of the questions so a follow-up letter was sent.

Unfinished Business

Jon Siu asked the membership for comment on the Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the WABO Board of Directors and Other WABO Representatives Travel Expense Reimbursement Policies be approved.

The motion carried.

New Business

None

Announcements

President Phillips announced that the WABO Annual Awards Nomination Form is included in the meeting packet. Please e-mail nomination forms to Tara (tjenkins@wabo.org) at the WABO office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m. for Professional Development.