

# AMBO Board Meeting Minutes



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Thursday November 14, 2024, via zoom

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*The AMBO Board of Directors met on Nov. 14, 2024. AMBO Board Chair, Jerry Backlund, called the business meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.*

Board Members in Attendance: Jerry Backlund (Chair); Barb Williams (Vice Chair ; Silvia Gonzalez (Secretary); Joanne Hager (Treasurer); Gil Rossmiller (Director-at-Large); Nathan Bruhn (Director-at-large); Dan Grinsteiner (Director, 10K Lakes); Mike Grannes (Director at Large); Brian Hoffman (Director-at-Large);

Board Members Absent: Liz Riel (Director-at-Large); Doug Fortune (Director, Southwest); Jim Williamette (Past Chair); James Coyle (Director, S.E.); Sid Fossan (Director, Northwest); Greg Smith (Director at Large); Dave Mathews (Director at Large)

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Others in Attendance: Nick McNeeley.

**Roll Call.** Roll call by Silvia.

**Agenda.** Motion to accept agenda by Nathan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gil. The agenda was accepted as distributed without any additions

**Meeting minutes.** October meeting minutes emailed. Motion to approve as presented by Gil Rossmiller, second by Silvia. Notes approved with correction.

**Treasurer's report.** Joanne Hager emailed finance report. Motion to accept report by Nate Bruhn, second by Mike Grannes. Motion approved.

**ICC Update.** Jerry emailed a quarterly report.

**Legislative report.** The 2025 session begins on January 14, 2025. The Senate will be controlled by Democrats with a one seat majority. The House is currently tied at 67D-67R, but any change via recounts will likely be in the Republicans favor. DLI will be advocating for a increase in permit fees, the current fees structure has not been changed in 15 years. In national politics the President elect made small gains in nearly all categories of voters.

If Nick is to be paid quarterly, he would like the payments to be made in advance and not after the work has been performed, either way he will send invoices to AMBO accordingly, and get AMBO a contract to be signed.

**Region III update.** Jerry Backlund reported that approximately 50% of the classes for the Region III institute have been submitted for approval. Registration should be available on November 18, 2024. The hotel would like AMBO to start initiating hotel costs.

**New Business.** Silvia reported on some of the events at the 2024 International Code conference. Silvia recalled some of the speech given by Hope Medina, recipient of the National Leadership in Sustainability and Energy Efficiency Award. Hope praised her mentor, Gil Rossmiller, for always answering her calls and questions. She appreciated Gil's faith in her and helping her rise from a permit technician to a building inspector/plans examiner.

Silvia also shared that Chris Rose was interested in possibly facilitating a 2-day plan review class in Fargo. Chris asked Region III board members to weigh in on their interest in the class.

**Old Business.** Jerry stated there is an initial meeting scheduled for December 6 with Greg Metz(DOLI) to discuss state delegation agreements.

Jerry says there will be 6-one day scholarships awarded to BIT students, interns and building inspector hopefuls to attend the Region III institute. Rum River and AMBO are providing \$600 each for the scholarship costs.

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Barb Williams made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Nate Bruhn. The meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.

Submitted by Silvia Gonzalez