

AMBO Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 10, 2023 Minneapolis Marriot Northwest



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The AMBO Board of Directors met on August 10 2023. AMBO Board Chair, Jerry Backlund, called the business meeting to order at 1:00p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Jerry Backlund (Chair); Michele Engberg (Vice Chair); Brian Hoffman (Director-at-Large); Gil Rossmiller (Director-at-Large); Liz Riel (Director-at-Large); Silvia Gonzalez (Secretary); Joanne Hager (Treasurer); Barb Williams (webmaster); Nathan Bruhn (Director-at-large)

Board Members Absent: ; Jim Williamette (Past Chair); Matt Munter (Director, Arrowhead); Sid Fossan (Director, Northwest); James Coyle (Director, S.E.) ; Todd Hoekstra (Director, 10K) ;

Others in Attendance: Nick McNeely (Legislative Consultant); Rick Hauffe (ICC Regional Representative); Ken Staloch, Bill Smith, Maurice Plunkett.

Roll Call. Roll call by Silvia.

Agenda. The agenda was accepted as distributed. Motion to accept Hoffman; second by Rossmiller.

ICC Update: Rick Hauffe

- Rick discussed ICC's Emerging Leaders Membership Council, encouraging younger folks who wish to get into the building safety codes to join.
- He also talked about ICC's "Trailblazer Award". This award is given annually to leaders and mentors who are stepping up and mentoring future building safety professionals.
- Rick presented this year's 2023 Trailblazer Award winner to AMBO's own, Silvia Gonzalez, Supervisor for the City of Minneapolis.
- Lastly, he discussed an upcoming webinar on August 15th dealing with how to use BRIC funding, a FEMA grant program supporting building codes projects.

Minutes. Approval of the June 8 meeting minutes. Motion to accept by Hoffman; second Rossmiller. Motion approved.

Legislative Report. Nick McNeely stated the upcoming session begins on February 12, 2024. Until then legislators will be in their districts preparing for 2024 by meeting with constituents and other interested parties. For a more information contact Nick McNeely or AMBO.

Treasurer's Report and Budget Update. Joanne Hager emailed financial reports. Motion to accept finance report by Silvia, 2nd by Nathan Bruhn

Region III Education. Michele Engberg shared a near final draft of 2024 Region III.

New Business.

- Region III Education Coordinator/Director
- Michele brought up succession for Region III planning. She has expressed her desire to step down from her current role. Michele has organized and documented the various tasks, duties, responsibilities, and procedures related to the Institute's operations. The templates, steps and other resources she has created over time will be very helpful in guiding her successor. Joanne Hager suggested letting someone shadow her at next year's institute and also mailing out a 'Fill Her Shoes' type of mailing to various groups such as Permit Techs, Building Officials, etc. Event planners was another pool of talent since the successor(s) wouldn't necessarily need building code knowledge. She will provide a bulleted list of what she does for the Institute and will reach out to the hotel's current event planner, Jasmine.
- Brian Uniformity/DLI interpretations
 - Brian would like to see AMBO have a discussion with DLI regarding collaborating with interpretations and getting back to where we 'used to be' with uniformity in the administration of the State Building Code. One specific example was about penetrations in an apartment ceiling (bathroom fan vent). With the same builder building in different cities, he has received different interpretations. As the State acknowledges AMBO as a source so many building officials and building inspectors turn to, a meeting with them seems timely.

Old Business

- Bringing in the next generation of code officials. How do we train/educate so that they are competent, cognizant, and confident.
 - Jerry explained in addition to being a mentor to an individual just starting out, he has been working with a couple of their employees in Hastings.
 - Brian Hoffman stated they have a 200-hour apprenticeship in St. Louis Park which is stretched out amongst permit technicians, building inspectors and code enforcement.
 - The carpenter's union offers free classes and Hastings has a one day scholarship.
 - One item that was brought up was the difficulty getting certified taking classes solely through ICC. You can't get the points required by DLI.
- Michele: Region III scholarship (Andy)
 - Andy Schreder with Rum River Consultants had asked Michele to ask if Region III has a scholarship available.
- State Delegation Agreements
 - AMBO would like the State to consider delegation agreements.

Adjourn

Gil Rossmiller motioned to adjourn with Liz Riel seconding at 3:40

Submitted by Silvia Gonzalez and Barb Williams