

AMBO Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday 8 June 2023 by Zoom



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The AMBO Board of Directors met on Thursday 9 June 2023 via Zoom. AMBO Board Chair, Jerry Backlund, called the business meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Jerry Backlund (Chair); Michele Engberg (Vice Chair); Joanne Hager (Treasurer); Jim Williamette (Past Chair); Sid Fossan (Northwest Representative); Todd Hoekstra (10K Representative); Brian Hoffman (Director-at-Large); Gil Rossmiller (Director-at-Large); Barb Williams (Website); Nathan Bruhn (Director at Large).

Board Members Absent: Silvia Gonzalez (Secretary); Matt Munter (Arrowhead Representative); James Coyle (Southeast Representative); Doug Fortune (Southwest Representative); Liz Riel (Director-at-Large).

Others Unable to Attend: Rick Hauffe (ICC Regional Representative); Nick McNeely (Legislative Consultant).

Roll Call. Engberg called the roll.

Agenda. The agenda was accepted as distributed. Motion by Fossan; second by Rossmiller.

Minutes. May Meeting Minutes were approved. Motion by Rossmiller; second by Fossan.

Treasurer's Report and Budget Update. Hager stated that all submitted bills have been paid, all ICC payments have been received, and all credit cards balances are paid off. Engberg noted that a couple of Region III Institute Invoices have not been received but the amounts are not large. Hager's submitted financial reports were accepted as presented. Motion by Engberg; second by Bruhn.

Regarding the budget, Backlund stated that AMBO will be purchasing several prizes for the 10K Summer Conference.

ICC Update. No report.

Legislative Report. Hoffman spoke to Legislative activities. Items that have moved forward and relate to DLI include adult changing stations, energy for commercial buildings, and window cleaning. Details of the jurisdictional impact of cannabis approval and electric vehicle stations are unclear at this time.

Backlund mentioned some building officials that will be involved in TAG Committees: Steve Kartak (adult changing stations); Travis Dunn (residential energy); Dan Grinsteiner (window cleaning); and John Tayler (scoping).

Region III Education Planning. Engberg offered three items. 1) The Region III Education Planning Committee is meeting every-other week and making progress on proposed educational offerings.

2) In the past, Andy Schreder of Rum River Construction Consultants has traditionally requested a minimal stipend for providing education at the Institute. Recently, Andy put forth an idea for the Board to consider. Going forward, for his presentations, he would request a more typical stipend and then donate half of it back to AMBO. The Rum River donation would be designated to a scholarship fund specifically for registrations to the Region III Institute to assist persons new to the inspection industry. His hope is that additional presenters might be motivated to donate scholarship money to the Institute. Providing education and training to new inspectors can help support sustainability of both the Region III Institute and the Inspection Industry. AMBO Treasurer Hager will look into financial requirements and/or processes for implementing this initiative.

3) AMBO needs to make decisions regarding the future of the Region III Institute. Discussion followed and the issue will be revisited at the next meeting.

Membership Report. Rossmiller has been unable to access the AMBO Website for membership updates. Rossmiller and Williams will schedule a time to meet at the bank with Treasurer Hager to learn about alternate membership options.

AMBO Logo. Backlund attempted to contact the individual (non-AMBO member) using the AMBO logo and found the Website had been taken down.

New Business. Hoffman initiated discussion of permitting software.

Backlund asked about doing another mid-year special on memberships. Board members agreed to the idea. Backlund will make that offer at the Summer Conference.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Motion by Rossmiller; second by Williamette.

Submitted by Michele Engberg

