

March 2, 2006
BIANEW MINUTES

President Phil Borchardt called the morning session of the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with 38 members in attendance.

Kent Fish, Senior Vice President and Professional Engineer of the General Engineering Company gave a presentation on when it is crucial to contact an engineer. A power point presentation was viewed as Mr. Fish discussed issues to watch for at various stages of construction. He stated that an engineer should be involved anytime there is bad soil or water in the trench. Make sure that no organic material is present prior to approving the installation of the footings. Watch for over excavation and non-compaction of stone. Request engineering anytime ICF forms are used. When a 9' wall is poured with ICF forms a minimum of an 8" cross sectional re-inforced form is required. Make sure to look for pilasters, anchor bolts, and re-bar for block wall installations. Vertical cracks in the block typically are not a problem other than leaks. If diagonal cracks or horizontal cracks are present it usually means something is moving. Watch out for split shank nails being used in place of anchor bolts especially for mobile home installations. They have only 25% of the required strength and no uplift. Wedge anchors are a great alternative to anchor bolts. Make sure that they are long enough to get the required embedment into the concrete. Mr. Fish passed around a guide for Frost Protected Shallow Foundations which can be downloaded for free at www.pathnet.org. Mr. Fish discussed where to install rebar for a foundation wall and stressed that the rebar be placed near the tension side of the wall (side opposite the soil). The re-inforced cores shall be filled solid with concrete. He also stated that we should not accept hand framed trusses, which some homeowners try to install. A discussion also took place regarding the requirement for lag bolts when installing a deck ledger to the rim joist. He stated that if nails are used ask for structural analysis. If anyone has further questions Mr. Fish can be reached at 608-742-2169 or kfish@generalengineering.net.

The business meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. A motion was made and accepted to approve the January 5, 2005 meeting minutes. The Treasurer's report was also approved by the membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jack Van Der Weele stated that the Building Inspector Associations were still attempting to get a membership with the ICC. He stated that our association needs 13 members to become a Chapter. The association will pay \$10 towards the \$35 membership fee. It was noted that there was a misunderstanding regarding how to sign up for memberships. For an example the City of Oshkosh signed up for a City membership and all the members only count as one member which didn't help our cause. Jack stated that Allyn Dannhoff should fax a copy of the application to him and he would look into this problem. Jack noted that if we become a Chapter that we could get a free speaker and discounts on books and materials. Currently we need six more members.

It was noted that at the Annual Meeting our membership forgot to vote for two Trustees positions and for the Inspector of the Year. The executive committee had an earlier meeting in which they voted to recommend to the membership that Rick Schwarz and Chris Jensen be appointed as

trustees. Jon Oldenburg was also recommended to receive the Inspector of the Year award. A motion was made and approved by the membership to have Rick Schwarz and Chris Jensen appointed as Trustees. A motion was also made and approved to award Jon Oldenburg with Inspector of the Year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leroy Stublaski gave an update on auditing of Inspection Agencies. There will be a meeting at the end of March in which the audits will be reviewed and the Agencies invited to attend. The general public may or may not be given the results of the audit. Contracts may also have to be rebid due to changes in the scope of work under mobile home inspections.

The Wisconsin Builders Association proposed a law that would require contractors to attend continuing education classes. Under the proposal contractors will need six hours of continuing education every year. It looks very promising that this law will pass.

January 1, 2007 will be the earliest effective date for the new erosion control rules. There are continuing education classes offered in March and April on this subject. The UW Extension is putting on the training in conjunction with the DNR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dennis Jensen stated that continuing education credits were given for today's speaker. Leroy stated that we can use our attendance sheet this time due to the fact that no slips were provided to the speaker. Mr. Stublaski will get slips to us for future meetings.

A motion was made and approved to have the April 6, 2005 meeting start at 9:00am. This will be the only date that the meeting will start early unless a future motion is approved by the membership.

A motion was made and approved to pay Kent Fish \$200 for his presentation. It was noted that our association will continue to look for speakers that do not charge fees. Future costs incurred with speakers will have to be approved by the membership.

Jim Kortev gave an update on the February Code Updates. He stated that 223 people attended the UDC training and 121 people attended the Commercial Training session. It was noted that we do not have to pay the State due to our association over paying last year. Jim also stated that we made money on the training. Our association thanks Jim for all of his hard work.

Rick Schwartz discussed the plaque for our association. It was noted that the President and Secretary have not been listed on the plaque for the last 6 years. A discussion ensued on whether the association wanted to update the plaque now that this information is listed on our web site. A motion was made and approved to discontinue the plaque and to keep an up to date listing on the web site.

It was noted that Brian Walter and Gary Klinka were appointed to a new committee called the "Website Historian Committee". Brian noted that he is still looking for the original Charter and photo album. If anyone has this information please forward it to Brian. Mike Miller will contact Ron Schmidt to see if he has any of this information.

ROUND TABLE:

Public Services new phone number for residential projects is 1-800-242-9772.

Leroy stated that next Tuesday is the UDC Code Council meeting where they will have the 1st look at the proposed draft of the code changes. He also noted that vapor retarders are not required on ICF above grade walls.

A discussion took place regarding the association paying 1/2 of the cost for members attending the League of Municipalities Conference. A motion was made and approved for the association to pay 1/2 of members registration fees for attendance at the State Conference in Ashland for 2006.

A card was sent to Lyle Buckman. He was having bypass & corrated artery surgery today. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

A discussion took place regarding the problems we had with the meeting accommodations for this meeting. No donuts, coffee, or juice were provided until 3/4 of the way through the meeting. Rob talked to the owners and hopefully this issue is resolved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Krahn
Secretary, NEWBIA

Looking Forward...

The following Association meetings will be held at the Best Western in Shawano. Continuing Education credits are being pursued for both meetings.

**April 6 @ 9:00a.m. Greg Kershling / Lumber Dealer Supply Co.
"House wraps & dwelling ventilation"**

May 4 @ 10:00a.m. Don Oremus/ Department of Commerce
"Plumbing Inspection Testing & Common Plumbing Code Violations"

For Your Info...

Current membership information has now been placed on our website and e-mailed to members. I have deleted members from our mailing list that have not paid dues. If you have contact with any of the following people please let them know that they need to send in an application with their fees if they would like to be part of the association. (Ken Clafin, Donald Dunaway, Daniel Dziadosz, Todd Gerbers, Eugene Grebe, Kimberly Kasten, Jerome Lopas, Richard Matzke, Michael Minzlaff, John Nygard, Shannen Rasmussen, Kurt Schallmo, Michael Schemmer, Ronald Schmitt, Janis Schnabl, Daniel Steenbock, Dale Vande Walle, Wayne Verkuilen, Chester Wiater, Curtis Wiese)