



Building Inspectors Association Northeastern Wisconsin

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Call to Order- President Dennis Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:30AM with 33 members in attendance.

Member Introductions- Members introduced themselves. Dennis Jensen introduced Elisabeth Holzwarth who's a new member of our association. Elisabeth works for the City of Waupaca. Welcome to the association Elisabeth!

Reminders/Updates:

-) The 2017 NEC is now applicable to residential and commercial projects.
-) The Winter Code Update flyer has been mailed. It was noted that some members haven't received the flyer. The flyer is available on our website or DSPS's website.
-) Please note that there is no longer a \$10 discount for members for attending the Winter Code Updates.
-) Bill Hebert stated that the WBIA conference will be April 15-17th at the Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan.

Speaker: Dennis Jensen gave a presentation on water barriers, air barriers, vapor retarders, insulation & hvac. (2 UDC Bld/Hvac CEU's were approved)

Business meeting – Called to order at 1:00pm
(No additions or amendments to the agenda were noted)

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made to approve the 12/13/19 minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

Treasurers Report- No report was provided.

Committee Reports:

Executive - Nothing to report

By-laws - Nothing to report

Code Coordinating- Nothing to report

Publicity & Historian - Nothing to report.

DSPS Update- There were no DSPS representatives at this meeting but Bill Hebert reported on the Commercial Code Council. Bill stated that Richard Paur is going to be the president of the Commercial Code Council. This council has a 10 member body and only 8 members were present at the meeting. The committee is looking at special inspections for fire dampers. Bill stated that this topic is going through the legislature but he's not sure where it will go from there.

Information & Schooling – John Zarate stated that we will have a heating contractor do a presentation on correct heating installations at the February meeting. There will be no March meeting. The April meeting we will have a firestopping presentation and June is the onsite tours. It was noted that we might want to do a field trip to Spancrete or a manufactured home facility for one of the meetings.

Registration Coordinator- Dennis Jensen gave an update on the Winter Code Updates. The flyer for this training event is on our website for anyone who did not receive it. Dennis asked that we please hand out the mailing to contractors to promote this event. The Winter Code Updates is the only event that allows us to make money for our association. Dennis stated that we will not be handing out information at the meetings. The PDF's will be available again on our website for attendees to download. Dennis is still looking for volunteers for the code panel. Dennis stated he's still looking at purchasing another projector which will be cheaper than renting one for the meetings.

Website Coordinator- Nothing to report.

Sunshine- Nothing to report.

Old Business:

It was noted that we should make sure to watch our CEU's that are credited to our licenses from DSPS. It was noted that some members have not been credited for their hours.

Discussion on the role of the ICC Chapter Officers for BIANEW. John Zarate stated that he talked to ICC and several of the associations do not meet specifically for the ICC Chapter. The only requirement is that we fill out the yearly report.

New Business:

A discussion took place regarding BIANEW appropriating money to pay for the WBIA/League of WI Inspectors Conference. In the past the association has paid the registration fee or the two night hotel stay not to exceed the single occupant state rate (\$82/night). Bill Hebert stated that anyone that wants BIANEW to pay for the hotel stays should let him know so we can pay the total bill and use our tax-exempt number. Bill will be responsible for gathering a list of members who will be attending the conference and who will have the hotel stay paid for.

A motion was made to appropriate monies to pay for the WBIA/League of WI Inspectors Conference registration of \$205 or the two-night hotel stay not to exceed the single occupant state rate (\$84/night). The motion received a second and carried.

A motion was made to pay WBIA \$500 for costs associated with the WBIA Institute. The motion received a second and carried.

Dennis Jensen stated that he received a request from Bob Dupont to support a proposal to create a statewide uniform building code for alterations and additions to dwellings originally constructed before June 1, 1980. Dennis asked members what their thoughts were. Members thought we should adopt the UDC retroactively that way DSPS is responsible for maintaining the code. It was noted that the UBC was originally adopted in the southeast portions of the state and has been maintained by the southeast inspectors association. It was noted that members would like to be able to have their own fee schedules and not be forced into specific fee schedules. Members felt that adopting the IRC would make more sense as it also has information for alterations/repairs.

Discussion on the creation of an inspector training/education sub-committee for local UDC building and Commercial training. Committee sub-members will be Chelsea Meyers & Jane Drager. Jane noted that she's going to contact an instructor and will look into having the classes live streamed.

Dennis Jensen noted that Dan Meissner was going to draft a letter to DSPS to request that they add AIA CEU credits for design professionals at the winter code updates for 2021.

Dennis Jensen stated that the Stone Toad is charging our association \$120 per meeting for set up and take down as of January 1, 2020. It was noted that we seem to be bringing in less money each year. Members would recommend staying with this format and not rotating the meetings or going to Fox Valley Tech. Dennis stated that he'll talk to the manager and see we can negotiate this fee. We'll plan on having the meeting here in February and we'll research different options for future meetings. Dennis stated that he'll look into several different locations and different lunch options that would be cheaper.

Roundtable:

- J Energy calculations and insulation. A question was asked if the boxsill r-value for insulation should be listed under the cavity or continuous column? Members stated it should be listed under the cavity column.
- J A discussion commenced on an old commercial building with a tenant below and an apartment upstairs with a zero lotline setback. It was noted that the exterior walls should be insulated when remodeling. Follow the IEBC.

Adjournment- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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