



Building Inspectors Association Northeastern Wisconsin

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Call to Order- President Dennis Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:30AM with 32 members in attendance.

Member Introductions- Members introduced themselves.

Reminders/Updates:

- Congratulations to Brian Walter who will be retiring. His last day will be on Feb 13th.
- Please continue to promote the Winter Code Updates. The deadline for signing up is February 14th.
- Contact Dennis Jensen if you have any ideas for the newsletter that he's working on.
- Dennis stated he entered the CEU's for the January meeting. We'll also get 2 hours for the meeting today.

Speaker: Jon Anderson with Anderson Hvac LLC gave a basic presentation on heating systems. 2 CEU's will be provided for COMM BLD & UDC HVAC.

Some topics discussed were...

- Makeup air units
- The need for chimney liners when furnaces are replaced and no longer vented through masonry chimneys. The liners are typically needed for water heater venting.
- Duct work installations
- Air exchangers
- Economizer requirements for when you have 4.5 tons of cooling. All roof top units require an economizer.
- 12,000 Btu's equals 1 ton of cooling.
- A 90 degree elbow equals 20' of duct length for flex ducting.
- Make sure ducts connected to the furnace are constructed out of sheet metal for at least 6' in length from the unit.
- Duct sealing requirements
- Vent terminations for furnaces

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 1/2/19 minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

Treasurers Report- Rob Cormier presented the treasurer's report. The balance as of today is \$14,426.7. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. The motion received a second and carried.

Committee Reports:

Executive – Nicole Krahn gave an update on the cyber attack that happened in Oshkosh. The City of Oshkosh has not had email or computer access for the past two weeks. If you've sent her an email please understand it might take a few weeks for her to get back to you.

A discussion took place on promoting our association. We'll have membership forms at the Winter Code Updates and information listing the benefits of joining.

By-laws – Lori Jenks will be retiring. We're looking for a member to volunteer to be on this committee. Peter Fetters volunteered and will take her place on this committee.

Code Training Sub Committee- Jane Drager stated that she's still looking into training as DSPS has stopped training on the IBC. Jane is going to try to talk to Dawn Crim about trying to restart this program since a lot of our inspectors are retiring.

Code Coordinating- Nicole Krahn gave an update on the WCOA meeting in Sun Prairie. Some of the highlights were, interior designers wanting to stamp plans for non structural alterations, special inspection requirements, a DSPS update from Johnny Winston Jr & Brandon Piper, esla issues, plan reviewers can no longer be requested for plan reviews, and they want the DSPS inspectors to attend our meetings.

Bill Hebert submitted an update on the January code council meeting. The department is looking to have independent inspections on smoke and fire dampers for existing buildings. ABC is looking to eliminate the backlog in commercial plan reviews through legislation. They're proposing to up the threshold for plan review from 25,000 cubic feet to 250,000 cubic feet. The council is extremely concerned regarding this proposal and how it would affect the safety of buildings. He also mentioned that ABC is looking at bumping the plumbing plan review threshold from 16 fixtures to 26 fixtures.

Phil Borchardt is no longer on this committee. Pat Erich volunteered to take Phil's place.

DSPS Update- No update

Information & Schooling- A huge thank you to John Zarate for setting up our meeting! Please note that there will not be a March meeting. The April speaker will be on firestopping, May is open, June will be the onsite tours in Harrison, August will be the Environmental Day, September is open, October will be our free ICC day, November meeting is open and the December meeting is open.

Please let John or Pete know if you have any ideas or if there are any new products that members would like to see a presentation on so they can line up new speakers. Members stated they'd be interested in having a company speak on geofoam footings, APA and/or Weyerhaeuser, Mitek truss drawings and lateral bracing requirements.

Publicity & Historian - Nothing to report.

Registration Coordinator- Dennis stated currently the numbers appear to be down for the training sessions. Dennis stated that he met with the representative from the Comfort Suites and negotiated a reduction of \$1500 for the training. He also stated that he needs one more member for the inspector question and answer session. All of the powerpoints will

be on our website but they will not be printed. He'll make sure to have our membership forms for contractors incase they'd like to join our association.

A discussion took place as to getting CEU's for architects, AIA credits. Dan Meissner looked into this and it would cost our association \$1,000/year to get accredited so we could get CEU's for them. We would need enough architects to sign up for the training events in order to make sense for our association to pursue this. Dan stated that architects need 16 CEU's for every 2 year cycle and they'd get 6 hours for the commercial day at the Winter Updates and 6 hours for the ICC day. Dan stated that they'd be willing to pay more for the training events in order to get their hours. Dennis stated that he'd place this on the April agenda.

A discussion took place whether we could have our past presentations on our website. Brian Walter stated that there is a limit to the size of things we can have on the site but he'll look into this.

Website Coordinator- Nothing to report.

Sunshine- Nothing to report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A discussion took place on scholarships. Currently Fox Valley Tech gets 2- \$500 scholarships. Rob Cormier is using \$1000 for NWTC, and also \$500 for NCTC. Dennis discussed providing \$500 to the Fox Valley trade school expo. Dennis will look into how we get the money to them.

Discussion on options for our meetings. Dennis stated that Fox Valley Technical College has a separate building that we could have our meetings in and there wouldn't be a cost associated with this. We'd have to bring in food or have it catered though. Fox Valley Tech could bring food over or we could eat in the cafeteria. Members expressed concerns over parking but the separate building would not have parking issues. The Stone Toad is an option but they won't waive the \$150 meeting charge. Members felt that Primo was too small. The Stone Toad will still be used for the June onsite training and the for the ICC day.

Roundtable:

- Thermopan and fireblocking requirements.
- Discussion on sign permits and who issues/reviews them.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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