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Call to Order- President Dennis Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:30AM with 31 members in attendance. UDC Consultant, Jack Wotruba also was in attendance.

Member Introductions- Members introduced themselves.

Reminders/Updates:

-) BIANEW association dues are due January 15, 2019.
-) Members were asked to handout the Winter Code Update flyers to builders.
-) Dennis Jensen mentioned he talked to credentialing about the commercial credits for our 2018 ICC Training event. He was assured that credentialing is working on this and that we'll get credited for the course soon.

Speaker: President Dennis Jensen gave a presentation "Day in the Life of a Building Inspector". Some topics of discussion were:

-) Inspector code of ethics.
-) Foundation reinforcement requirements and backfill requirements that are adopted in the UDC and included in the ACI standards. It was noted that DSPS has now put an FAQ on their website addressing items that are need to be submitted at plan review to address how the concrete foundation walls will be reinforced and the type of backfill material. A question was asked if we can use the charts in the IRC for the reinforcement requirements. Jack Wotruba stated that he'll ask the question to DSPS and see if this would be allowed. It was noted that DSPS has allowed the use of the IRC in the past in place of structural analysis.
-) Violations found in the field.
-) Beams vs Headers. It was determined that the names are used interchangeably for the same items.
-) Beam and column restraints, bearing requirements and notching/hole locations.

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made to approve the 12/14/18 minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

Approval of Treasurers Report- Rob Cormier noted that he could not give the monthly report due to his ledger not being in his possession. He assured the organization that he'll give a report next month once he gets the ledgers back from Dennis.

Committee Reports:

Executive- Nothing to report.

Registration Coordinator- President Dennis Jensen stated that he'd like to get at least 200 people at the Winter Code Updates. Dennis stated that he'll work on getting the tablet, microphone and app working prior to the training. It was noted that our expenses are estimated to go down \$2,000 due to not having to hire an interpreter and from not printing the handouts.

Website Coordinator- Nothing to report.

Information & Schooling- John Zarate stated that the speaker for the February 7th meeting will be Mark Malkin from UW Madison. He's going to give an overview of an existing hvac class that he presents. John noted that we'll have to pay him but he isn't sure how much it will be yet. He also has a speaker lined up for the April meeting from the NE storm water consortium. John is looking at lining someone up to speak on foundation requirements for the May meeting, onsite inspection tour for June, the environmental meeting for August, a possible tour of Oshkosh Corp for September and ICC commercial training for October.

Jack Wotruba mentioned that he may be able to help get CEU's for these training events. He'll need the speakers to get an outline to him for the training. Dennis Jensen stated that the state told him that the new credentialing program was put out too soon. It was also noted that the credential numbers will stay the same and the additional numbers were just place holders and they will eventually go away.

Code Coordinating- Jack Van Der Weele stated that everyone should be reading all of the emails that are being sent out from WOCA. Jack noted that we're looking for a volunteer to replace Phil Borchardt on this committee. Pat Erich volunteered to serve. Jack stated they'll try to put together items to talk about at the next meeting. Dennis Jensen went over the agenda for the UDC Code Council meeting.

Jack Wotruba stated that there will be one UDC consultant at the Winter Code Updates. He's planning on being at the Green Bay training. Jack stated that DSPS took bids for the UDC and campgrounds inspections. He heard that they have about 30 counties that are not be covered as of January 1, 2019. DSPS is thinking that the UDC consultants will do the additional work but he noted this did not work back in 2010-2011. He'll hopefully have more information on this at the updates. Jack stated that the ACI information is on DSPS's Q&A. The suggestions that are on that Q&A are items that they would be looking for during an audit. He'll go back to DSPS and see if we can use the charts in the IRC to address this issue. He stated that DSPS is still planning on doing audits.

Training Option Sub-Committee- President Dennis Jensen stated that he purchased a tablet and wireless microphone for the Winter Code Updates and he stated that he stayed under budget. This committee is going to meet again this month and they'll present options at the next meeting. He stated that they're considering getting a mailing list from DSPS if we want to put on our own training.

Old Business:

President Dennis Jensen stated that Bill Hebert talked to DSPS regarding the letter that was sent. He'll give a report regarding the conversation at the next meeting. It was also noted that there will be a lot of new appointments in DSPS with the change in Governor.

The 50th anniversary committee is meeting to look at planning this event.

A discussion took place regarding eliminating the April meeting. This would save the association approximately \$600. It was noted that the membership should keep the April meeting.

A discussion took place on the information that WCOA sent out regarding a state wide uniform dwelling code for existing housing (prior to 1980) in WI. Some members thought it might be an enforcement issue with counties not having anyone to enforce even the UDC. It would be nice to have a code that would address the older residential housing stock and provide uniformity. Members noted that they don't know much about the UBC. Jack Van Der Weele stated that the UBC also adopts the UDC for repairs/alterations. Jack Wotruba noted that the UDC cannot be enforced unless the municipality has adopted an ordinance to adopt it. This means that there are no codes to enforce in thousands of areas of the state as they don't adopt the UDC for repairs and alterations to existing homes.

A discussion took place regarding the adoption of the IRC. Several members noted that they think we should adopt the IRC. It was noted that the UDC Code Council is looking into this.

New Business:

Rob Cormier stated that we are an educational organization. He noted that we used to give out 4 scholarships to area technical colleges and now we're down to only 2. He mentioned that we may want to keep this up as we are a non-profit organization. He also noted that the Winter Updates is our only source of income and it appears that our meeting costs are going up. Rob Cormier stated that architects and hvac designers are interested in our training but there are no CEU's for them. We may want to provide training that is more in-depth so we can provide CEU's for them. It was also stated that if we do our own training we need to make sure we get extremely good speakers that will draw people to our training events.

A discussion took place regarding the WBIA Institute. A question came up whether we're paying for the room and/or registration. Last year we paid for either a 2 nights hotel stay not to exceed the state rate or the event registration. This topic will be placed on the February agenda for a vote.

Members thanked President Dennis Jensen for putting on the morning presentation!

Roundtable:

- J Foundation wall repairs and mounting of steel supports to floor trusses. It was agreed that engineering would be required. It was noted that the UBC and SE association adopt standards for foundation repairs.
- J Do basements need to be insulated when being remodeled if the existing UDC home was compliant at the time it was built? As long as it was originally designed as conditioned space it was agreed that they do not need to insulate it.
- J Fireblocking requirements were discussed in basement remodeling situations. It was noted that the space created behind the top plate of the exterior walls and foundation needs to be properly firestopped. Fiberglass insulation would not be allowed at this interconnection even if the space is less than 4".
- J Elevator smoke seals if there is no lobby but the elevator dumps into a rated corridor. A discussion took place whether this was required. It was noted that this would be a good question for DSPS.
- J REScheck and hvac ducts located in exterior walls.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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