

# BUILDING INSPECTORS ASSN.

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**Call to Order-** President Bill Hebert called the meeting to order at 9:30AM with 36 members and 1 guest in attendance. Jack Wotruba was at the meeting representing DSPS.

**Member Introductions-** Members introduced themselves.

**Speaker:** Matthew Brown, Engineered Wood Specialist, with APA. Matt gave a presentation on the following: (0 CEU's were provided)

- ) Properties of wood (strong and weak direction, movement, consistency, load paths).
- ) Sheathing panels are required to be installed over at least 2 continuous spans or 3 supports.
- ) Narrow width sheathing strips installed at the peaks of roofs. APA recommends that the sheathing strips be at least 24" in width. If the roof sheathing is less than 24" see APA's handout.
- ) I joists and approved hole locations. Make sure you look up the specific manufacturer's allowable hole requirements and never cut the flanges.
- ) LVL beams...holes shall be placed only in the center 1/3 of the depth of the beam and the center 1/3 of the length of the beam. No holes greater than 2" in diameter are typically allowed and no more than 3 holes per span. No notching is allowed unless approved by the manufacturer.
- ) Glulam beam holes are extremely limited. There is a top and bottom for Glulam beams. Make sure that if you can see the bottom of the beam and it says "TOP" it's installed wrong.
- ) Wood sheathing will expand and typically has 4-5% moisture content from the factory and ends up 12-15% in the field. Panel edges need at least 1/8" spacing when they're installed so they can move and not buckle. See APA's handout "Minimizing Buckling of Wood Structural Panels in High Risk Applications".
- ) Do not mix sawn lumber and engineered products together. They don't mix well.
- ) Portal frame installations. APA has a narrow wall bracing guide for these installations.
- ) There is a series called "Build a better home" on APA's website to help with moisture management and a handout called "Prevent callbacks in wood flooring installations" that may be helpful for inspectors and contractors. APA's website is [www.apawood.org](http://www.apawood.org).

**Approval of Minutes-** A motion was made to approve the 8/3/18 minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

**Approval of Treasurers Report-** Rob presented the Treasurers Report and it was noted that the balance is \$17,267.68. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion received a second and carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Executive-** Nothing to report.

**Code Coordinating-** Nothing to report.

**Information & Schooling-** The November meeting will be a UDC roundtable discussion. Please send any topics to John Zarate or Nicole Krahn prior to the next meeting. The Annual Meeting will be Friday December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Marq. Nicole and John are working on planning this meeting.

**Sunshine Committee-** John Zarate sent a card to Larry Hilbelink's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family in their time of loss.

**Registration Coordinator-** Dennis Jensen stated that they'll be having another planning meeting in the next two weeks for the winter update training. Jack Wotruba stated that he was informed that Joe Nagan is not available for the hvac training. He also noted that only one UDC consultant will be at each training site. Leroy will be presenting more of the training because DSPS is backing off on the amount of information that they're presenting. Dennis stated that we will have to provide an interpreter at our training event if it is open to contractors. Pete stated that he'd look to see if we could find any assistance available for getting reimbursed for the costs.

It was noted that it appears that DSPS is doing a lot less training and our association will need to pay for the additional presenters. DSPS is still looking for someone to present for the hvac section at the event. A question was asked if the training needs to be the same if we're having to pay for speakers at the training events. John Zarate stated that Secretary Laura Gutierrez met with his office staff and he asked her to allow the consultants at each association meeting. He also noted that a webinar with DSPS staff is an option if they're worried about having the same message given to everyone. A discussion took place regarding putting on our own training for the winter updates. Dennis stated that this year we'll have to stay with having DSPS plan the event as we do not have enough time. We'll need to do a cost comparison for the following year.

**Nomination Committee-** We need nominations for the Annual meeting. Please get a hold of Pat Erich or Chris Jensen if you're interested in serving on a committee. Dennis stated that we had five new members at our last meeting.

**Website Coordinator-** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** The Annual meeting sign-up sheet will be sent out soon.

An idea was brought up that we should just be invoiced instead of paying for State seals. Jack will bring this up at his next meeting.

**Roundtable:**

- ) Discussion on inspections and the ability for contractors to call in a separate rough in's.
- ) Hvac ducts located in unconditioned spaces. Jack Wotruba will check and see if it's approved to allow the ductwork to be sealed with closed cell foam. Revise heat loss calculations to show ductwork in exterior walls where the insulation value is not provided.

- J Jack Wotruba stated we may see some changes in the interpretations of accessory buildings and repairs. WCOA has sent a letter to the UDC Code Council to address the repair definition for both residential and commercial.
- J Inspection Agencies will only receive electronic emails for bids. If there are complaints please address them to Dan Wilson with the Dept of Administration.
- J The UDC can be enforced for accessory buildings but we cannot apply the DC and DCQ requirements to accessory buildings.
- J The dwelling units for a duplex need to be separated from the attached garages all the way through the soffit areas. The garages don't have to be separated through the attics for each individual garage.
- J Jack Van Der Weele stated that ISO audits are not required. He wanted everyone to know that this is not a requirement for our municipalities to partake in. He noted that the results do not affect insurance rates like they make it seem.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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