



# Building Inspectors Association

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**Call to Order-** President Dennis Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:30AM with 19 members in attendance.

**Member Introductions-** Members introduced themselves.

**Round Table Discussion:** Dennis Jensen provided a PowerPoint program with highlighted topics.

**Some highlights were:**

- ) Wood burning stoves/fireplaces located in detached garages.
  - o The stove/fireplace would need to be listed for garage use.
  - o It would be allowed if a separate room was built in the garage with the door to the outside of the garage.
  - o You could only enforce this if your municipality adopted the UDC to apply to all structures.
- ) Certificate of Occupancies.
  - o You can only withhold the CO for violations of the UDC, not for zoning or storm water violations SPS 320.02(2).
  - o CO's are issued after no health or safety violations.
  - o The UDC does not require a formal CO. DSPS has a check box on their final inspection form that states the owner can occupy.
  - o We can still hold up CO's if the contractor does not pay fees such as re-inspection fees, etc.
- ) Required support under beams at the beam pockets.
  - o Full bearing required, form ties do not work.
  - o It has to have the same or higher compressive strength as the beam.
- ) Lateral restraint for beams at the beam pocket.
  - o The beams need 1/2" air space around them but the consensus was that the restraint would not be required at the beam pocket.
- ) Panel Edge Support for narrow-width roof sheathing.
  - o Follow the APA Technical Standard N375 as adopted in the UDC.
  - o Block narrow roof sheathing per this standard.
- ) Air barriers behind tub shower surrounds and tub decks.
  - o The edges of the vapor barrier need to be sealed or an air barrier is required over the vapor retarder (SPS 322.37 Table).
- ) Fireplaces located on exterior walls.
  - o Make sure you read the manual to see if the inside of the chimney chase needs to be insulated and drywalled. An inspector noted that some of the manuals he's seen require the chimney chase to be insulated and drywalled when they're located on the exterior walls.

***Round Table Discussion Continued:***

- ) Fireblocking.
  - o Make sure fire blocking is installed at the ceilings of fireplaces, dead spaces, soffits, etc.
  - o Bonus rooms at the floor and top of walls.
  - o Basement framed walls when remodeling.
- ) Blocking for the floor framing where the floor joists are parallel to the foundation wall.
  - o Many inspectors noted that this is missing on jobs. Watch to make sure this is taken care of.
- ) Hvac requirements for basement remodeling.
  - o Supply and return are required for finished areas.

ACT 243 was discussed. This act requires cities and villages with a population of 10,000 or more to post, report and calculate the building permit fees in order to be able collect fees by January 1, 2020. The fees must include all development fees, planning fees, storm water fees, etc.

Dennis stated that he applied for CEU's for the meeting today but he hasn't heard anything back yet. If it's approved he'll enter the CEU's off the attendance list.

***Business meeting – Called to order at 12:40pm (No additions or amendments to the agenda were noted)***

***Approval of Minutes*** - A motion was made to approve the 10/3/19 minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

***Treasurers Report***- No report was provided.

***Committee Reports***: Nothing to report.

***Executive*** - Nothing to report.

***By-laws*** - Nothing to report.

***Code Coordinating***- It was noted that the last UDC code council meeting was in September of 2018. Since that meeting a lot of the terms for the council members have ended. It was noted that we're getting farther behind the national standards and it's to the point where we should just adopt the IRC as DSPPS is not updating the codes.

***DSPPS Updates***- Nothing to report.

***Information & Schooling*** –The December annual meeting will be Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Marq.

***Publicity & Historian*** - Nothing to report.

***Registration Coordinator***- Dennis Jensen stated that he needs volunteers for the code panel at the Winter Updates. The flyers are in the mail so members should receive them shortly. Dennis and Andrew will meet with the Comfort Suites to set up everything for the updates. It was noted that members were concerned over the costs of the speakers for the updates. In the future members want to vote on the costs for the presenters as they feel we should not be spending \$1,000 for a few hours of training from one presenter.

***Website Coordinator***- Brian stated that members have been using the Facebook site. He'll also put information on the website about Act 243.

***Sunshine***- Nothing to report.

***Old Business***: Nothing to report.

***New Business:***

Dennis Jensen is thinking about putting together a quarterly newsletter for our association.

A discussion took place whether we should cancel the January meeting. We can add this to the December agenda for voting. It was noted that it's hard to get speakers, its right after the New Year and the roads are typically bad.

In February the presenter will be someone from the International Fire stopping Council. It was noted that we should have them submit for CEU's.

Please let John Zarate know if you're aware of any member retirements this year so plaques can be ordered.

The membership dues will be increasing to \$50 as this was voted on at the December 2018 annual meeting.

***Nomination Committee:*** Please contact Pat Erich if you're interested in serving on a committee. Dennis Jensen stated he'd be willing to do a second term as president.

***Roundtable:***

) The City of Menasha is looking for a commercial plumbing and electric inspector.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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