

# BUILDING INSPECTORS ASSN.

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## NORTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

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### Minutes: December 1, 2017

**Call to Order-** President Bill Hebert called the meeting to order at 9:30AM with 47 members and 8 guests in attendance.

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**Speaker:** Rob Verhelst “Fireman Rob” spoke about our purpose. Purpose is comprised of passion, ownership, resilience, and faith. Some topics to think about:

- ) What is your passion?
- ) Take ownership of what you do.
  - o Lead by example.
  - o Be humble and take ownership of your mistakes (we all make them ☺)
  - o Decide what you want in life.
  - o Control your emotion. Your reaction is manageable!
  - o Change your mindset to eliminate negative thoughts.
- ) Be resilient and manage your expectations.
  - o Be the best “YOU” every day.
  - o Don’t try to change things by fighting the existing reality.
- ) Have Faith over Fear.
  - o Believe in “YOU”...your body can do anything your minds decides.
- ) Always remember your strength is in your purpose!

**Member Introductions-** Members introduced themselves.

**Speaker:** Tim Schmitz presented an ICC update.

- ) ICC is trying to get ahead of the internet by allowing tests to be taken online using Pronto. There are over 64,000 ICC members who will no longer have to leave their offices to take exams.
- ) ICC pledged money for hurricane relief. The final totals with chapter money donated was \$110,000.
- ) ICC is trying to get the next generation interested in the building inspection industry. The number one thing that he’s seen is that the students want to have hands on. Ride along programs would be great to show students what we do every day as they are not interested in just looking at the code books.

**Approval of Minutes-** A motion was made to approve the 11/2/17 meeting minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

**Approval of Treasurers Report-** Bill Hebert presented the treasurers report. The current balance is \$20,364.56. It was noted that the auditing committee reviewed the books and no discrepancies were noted. A motion was made to approve the 12/1/17 report. The motion received a second and carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Executive-** Bill stated that the Executive committee will be meeting January 1, 2018 prior to the business meeting to discuss goals for 2018.

**Bylaws Committee-** Luke Fischenich presented the proposed change to Section 4.02 of the bylaws.

- ) **Proposed Change...Section 4.02. Terms of Office.** The terms of the President and Vice President shall be for **two** years. No such officer shall serve in his or her elected office for more than two consecutive terms, expect that a person appointed to fill an unexpired term may subsequently be elected to two full terms in such office.

A lot of discussion occurred over this change. Some members felt a change wasn't needed. Bill stated that as the current President this change would make sense as it takes a good year to get used to the position. Members stated that we've had a track record that has demonstrated our association has a hard time getting members to volunteer for positions. It was noted that we should leave it as is and give them an option to serve up to 4 consecutive terms. The nominating committee stated that it's really hard to get people to serve on the committees and they felt this would help.

***A motion was made to leave Section 4.02 the same with the following change. Section 4.02. Terms of Office. The terms of the President and Vice President shall be for two years. No such officer shall serve in his or her elected office for more than **four** consecutive terms, expect that a person appointed to fill an unexpired term may subsequently be elected to two full terms in such office. The motion was seconded and passed.***

**Code Coordinating-** Chris Jensen stated he was not aware of any changes or new information. It was noted that the 2015 IBC will not be adopted anytime soon. No one has heard anything new about the multifamily sprinkler requirements. It was noted that a lot of changes will be required if the sprinklers are not installed but the requirements are located in the old code as there were former substitutions for the sprinkler requirements.

**Information & Schooling-** John Zarate stated that there will not be a formal speaker for January. January's meeting will consist of a roundtable discussion on specific code topics. He has a truss speaker lined up for February and they're looking at the Forest Lab tour for May.

**Registration Coordinator-** Dennis Jensen stated that the flyers for the 2018 Winter Updates will be coming out soon. The registration fee was raised to \$95 to cover mailing and printing costs. We will still give BIANEW members a \$10 discount for both the UDC & Commercial Day. All the presentations are set. The member discount cannot be placed on the flyer since other inspection organizations do not honor the discount. Please list that you're a member on the registration form and send in the fees minus the discount. Dennis also mentioned that the UDC day will be consolidated into one room.

**Nominating-** Jack Van Der Weele presented the list of nominations for the 2018 Executive Committee, Inspector of the Year and committee changes.

**2018 Executive Committee:**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Bill Herbert</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Tryg (Dennis) Jensen</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Nicole Krahn</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Rob Cormier</b>
<b>Trustee:</b>	<b>Paul Birschbach</b>

**2018 Committee Changes:**

**Code Coordinating Committee:** Jack Van Der Weele (Replacing Chris Jensen)  
**Nominating Committee:** Chris Jensen (Replacing Jack Van Der Weele)

All the other committee members and positions will remain the same.

**Inspector of the Year: Craig Arnold**

**The 2018 ICC Chapter Officers:**

**President:** John Zarate  
**Vice President:** Chris Jensen  
**Secretary:** Curt Demlow  
**Treasurer:** Peter Fetters  
**Education:** Dennis Jensen

A motion was made to approve the nominations as presented. Jack asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were given. The motion to approve the ballot as stated received a second and carried.

**Publicity & History-** Bill Hebert stated 2021 will be BIANEW's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He'd like to see this committee put on an event to celebrate this huge milestone.

**Sunshine-** John Zarate presented the President's award to Bill Hebert. A huge "Thank You" to Bill for being our president. Dennis Jensen presented the retiree award to Dave Hongisto.

**Website Coordinator-** Brian Walter stated that we have about 30 members on Facebook and it's going really well. He encouraged everyone to look into joining.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Jack Van Der Weele reminded everyone that our association is sponsoring the 2018 WBIA conference, April 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, in Sheboygan. If anyone has any ideas for speakers or entertainment please let Jack or Pat know. The planning meeting for the conference will be this month. The discussion on the cost of the hotel and/or the registration will be placed on the January agenda.

A huge thank you was given to Nicole Krahn for planning the annual meeting this year. It was noted that everyone enjoyed the venue and the food.

**Roundtable-**

- J Act 211. It was mentioned that the builders are doing it online and the builders love it. Green Bay is using the states website program (option 1 the premier method). Appleton is doing it too and they haven't had any problems. The contractor has to fill out all the fields but the inspector is not required to fill it out. The form does not have to be approved until the plans and all the required paperwork is provided to the inspection office. The form does not go to the state until payment is received in addition to all of the required paperwork. The notification is going to the state so they know the housing starts.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Nicole Krahn*

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