

# BUILDING INSPECTORS ASSN.

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***Speaker-*** Jen Naze gave a motivational speech to our organization. Jen is a mother from Green Bay who was paralyzed in a car accident in 2015. Jen was gracious in telling her story and made us realize how lucky we are to be alive. Jen also made us realize how important ADA requirements are as you'll never know when you might need them.

***ICC Update-*** Tim Schmitz gave an ICC update. Tim stated that Chicago is updating their codes to the I-Codes which is huge as they are the last City to adopt the I-Codes. Tim discussed some of the hurricane standards and results from the latest storm events. Tim also mentioned that Florida is looking to lessen code requirements.

***Call to Order-*** President Bill Hebert called the business meeting to order at 11:55AM with 37 members and 7 guests in attendance.

***Member Introductions-*** Members introduced themselves. Curt Klaske was introduced as a new member from the City of Oshkosh who recently joined our association.

***Approval of Minutes-*** A motion was made to approve the 11/1/18 minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

***Approval of Treasurers Report-*** Dennis Jensen presented the treasurers report as Rob Cormier was not present at the meeting. Dennis noted that the balance is \$13,038.88. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. The motion received a second and carried.

***Committee Reports:***

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

***Auditing-*** The books were reviewed and no discrepancies were noted.

***By-Laws-*** Luke Fischenich discussed increasing dues for active and associate members. The proposal was to increase the membership amounts \$10/member. It was noted that an option would be to also increase membership fees for both membership categories. It was noted that our meeting expenses are increasing and we are no longer making as much in revenue from training events. The training events are our main source of income.

A motion was made to increase the active membership fee to \$50 and the associate membership to \$40. A discussion took place regarding having the membership costs the same. The motion was revised to increase the active and associate memberships to \$45.

A discussion took place that members felt we should have it \$50 as members receive tons of benefits and free training. The previous motion died because it did not receive a second.

***A motion was then made to increase both the active and associate memberships for 2020 to \$50. The motion received a second and carried.***

***Code Coordinating-*** Nothing to report

***Registration Coordinator-*** Dennis Jensen stated that the UDC training will be in one room again this year. He has 5 registrations turned in so far. The agenda for the event is on our website. The registration fees went up to \$100 this year as we had added expenses. Jack is working on getting an interpreter for the training event and Dennis stated that he downloaded an app that he thinks would work in place of an interpreter. We may need to get an iPad to use for the event in case we have someone sign up that is hearing impaired. Jack said that the gentleman that came last year might not even attend this year. Dennis stated that he is not printing the materials this year which will save us about \$600. For the 2 days of training the fees will be about \$3500 for just the speakers. There is a committee that is looking at the training event costs and how we can get our costs down for 2020.

A discussion took place regarding members not getting credited for their CEU's at training events. We still haven't received credit for the commercial class from October. Dennis stated he would look into this.

***Website Coordinator-*** Brian Walter noted that the flyers for the Winter Updates are on our website. The League of Municipalities has dates listed on their website for the WBIA conference which will be held in Elkhart Lake this year. You can book rooms at the hotel but the registration for the event is not open yet.

***Information & Schooling-*** John Zarate stated that Dennis Jensen will put a slideshow together on code violations seen in the field. Credits will most likely not be included but he'll look into it. It was noted that members would like to see ordinances on tiny homes. The February speaker is from UW Madison and he'll give a presentation on hvac. Our April meeting will be a program on erosion control. If you have any future ideas for speakers please get them to John Zarate.

***Publicity & Historian-*** It was noted that they'll start working on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration soon.

***Nominating-*** Nominations were made for Officers, Committee members, ICC officers and Inspector of the year.

BIANEW Chapter Officers

President: Dennis Jensen

Vice President: Andrew Prickett

Secretary: Nicole Krahn

Treasurer: Rob Cormier

All other committee members and positions will stay the same.

***A motion was made to approve the ballot with no changes. The motion received a second and carried.***

ICC Chapter Officers

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

<u>Inspector of the Year:</u>	Paul Birschbach
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***A motion was made to approve the ballot with no changes. The motion received a second and carried.***

***Sunshine-*** John Zarate presented a retiree plaque to Roger Strege. Our association also had plaques for Loreli Fuehrer and Steve Terrien but they were not present at the meeting. Thank you for your service to our association and to your communities.

***Training Option Sub-Committee-*** Andrew Prickett stated that they're looking for approval for the purchase of a close captioning tablet or app that we could use for the training events in lieu of an interpreter. This option is a lot cheaper than hiring an interpreter. The interpreter costs are anywhere from \$1,200-\$1,500. They will meet again and present more information at a future meeting. They're looking at all different options for training events.

***A motion was made to approve up to \$200 for the purchase any software and wireless headsets that may be needed for an attendee who has a hearing impairment. The motion received a second and carried.***

***Old Business:***

A discussion took place regarding the letter that was sent to DSPTS regarding the Winter Code Updates. Bill Hebert passed around and read the letter that was sent. It was noted that the state issued 11,200 permits at \$35/seal last year. Therefore they made over \$300,000 in revenue from the seal money and now they will not provide any training. It was noted that the letter should be sent to the new administration. It was noted that members feel that DSPTS does not provide the level of training that is needed and felt that by 2020 our association will be look for different training opportunities.

***New Business:***

A discussion took place on potential topics and speakers for the 2019 WBIA conference. If anyone has any ideas please get them to Bill Hebert as they're planning the event soon.

***Roundtable:***

Dennis asked if anyone has seen the ACI question/answer from DSPTS. Dennis stated that #4 rebar @ 4' vertical on a 8'-9' wall would be required in most cases. We'll need to educate the contractors. It was noted that we should put information out. Dennis also noted that we should not be allowing clay as backfill.

Scott Being stated he would love to help on any committees that are needed.

Discussion on electronic permitting. It appears that some communities are having trouble submitting their reports to DSPTS. Now that the new credentialing site went live they're no longer accepting the reports.

A question was asked if DSPTS made a determination about the use of foam for ductwork. We haven't seen anything from Jack Wotruba about this yet.

A huge thank you to Nicole Krahn for planning the Annual Meeting.

A huge thank you to Bill Hebert for his service to our association. Bill Hebert gave the meeting over to Dennis Jensen who took over as the new association president.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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