

# BUILDING INSPECTORS ASSN.

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***Call to Order-*** President Dennis Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:30AM with 34 members in attendance.

***Member Introductions-*** Members introduced themselves.

***Reminders/Updates:***

- ) Association dues were due January 15, 2019. If you haven't sent in your dues please get them in ASAP.
- ) Dennis stated that members who attended the January meeting should be receiving CEU's. The credentialing department is also still working on updating our licenses with the CEU's for the ICC meeting from last fall.
- ) ICC has provided a building proclamation that members can use for May which is Building Safety Month.

***Speaker:*** Mark Malkin who is a professor with UW Madison gave a presentation on the "Fundamentals of HVAC".

Some topics of discussion were:

- ) Review of hvac fundamentals (definitions and descriptions of air handling units, zone systems, humidity controls, chilled water systems, wet bulb, dry bulb, dew points, relative humidity, and enthalpy).
- ) Instructions on how to use the Psychrometric Chart.
- ) Sensible vs latent energy.
- ) ASHRAE standards (55 Thermal Comfort, 62.1 Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality and 90.1 Energy Standards for Buildings)

***Approval of Minutes-*** A motion was made to approve the 1/3/19 minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

***Approval of Treasurers Report-*** Rob Cormier presented the treasurers report. The ending balancing is \$14,888.35. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion received a second and carried.

***Committee Reports:***

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

**Registration Coordinator-** President Dennis Jensen stated that the City of DePere purchased a DSPS mailing list for a few counties. The mailing list is only a partial list but it may help if we would decide to do training on our own. He also noted that Andrew Prickett has proposals coming in for different venues such as Liberty Hall in Kimberly. Andrew stated last year's training was \$9,370 and at Liberty Hall it would be roughly \$6,637. Dennis noted that they have not had a planning meeting with DSPS for the 2020 training.

President Dennis Jensen stated currently we have 155 registered for the UDC day and 82 for the Commercial Day. The numbers are down this year from inspectors but we do have more contractors who signed up. Dennis stated that the menu will stay the same this year and he's estimating that the training will be around \$8500 this year. Dennis stated he purchased a tablet for the event but the closed captioning app doesn't work on the tablet he purchased. The app will only work for Apple products. Dennis stated that he'd allow anyone to use his tablet that needs it at the event. The app and tablet will be provided in place of hiring an interpreter. Dennis also noted that our website has the presentations uploaded so make sure you bring your devices to the training as we're not printing the materials.

**Website Coordinator-** Nothing to report.

**Information & Schooling-** John Zarate stated that he has an erosion control session set up for the April meeting, May will be Wayne Allen who will discuss foundations and the onsite tour is scheduled for June. John is reaching out to Bob DuPont to see if he'd like to come to the August meeting to discuss advantages of joining ARC. Dennis noted that October will be the ICC day. We still need someone scheduled for the November meeting and the December meeting.

**Code Coordinating-** Jack Van der Weele stated that DSPS has the authority to contract out for electrical inspections. Dennis Jensen stated that per SPS 316.11 states that a municipality would need to register with the department to conduct electrical inspections. He noted that it sounds like iff you don't file or become a registered agent the State may have the authority to contract with an inspection agency. Members noted that there is a \$45 fee for registering which is a new requirement that has not been required for the past 45 years.

#### **Old Business:**

President Dennis Jensen stated that Bill Hebert met with Bob DuPont to talk about our frustrations with DSPS. He thought that it might be advantageous to join ARC. The NW association also sent a letter to DSPS to state their frustrations with the lack of training.

#### **New Business:**

Discussion on ACI-332 and uniform enforcement. Dennis stated that he's working on a handout to help explain the requirements. Dennis noted that under the standards a standard wall may need vertical and/or horizontal reinforcement if clay soil is used as backfill material. Dennis stated that he'd try to consolidate the information and he'll send it to association members. Brian Walter stated that the chart in the UDC that says no reinforcement is required needs to be thrown out. It was stated that vertical rebar is not required if the foundation was backfilled with stone.

Nicole Krahn asked if we should contact DSPS as an association to get further details and develop a handout that has our association's logo on it as a technical bulletin. Members stated they agree that we should do that. Nicole stated she would contact DSPS and start working on a document.

Discussion on paying for the registration and/or hotel for the WBIA conference.

***A motion was made to pay the registration fee for the WBIA conference of \$195 members/\$220 members or the two-night hotel stay at \$82/night. The motion received a second and carried.***

It was noted that the League has it sent up on their registration page. If you'd like our association to pay the registration for the conference you'll need to click the Northeast Inspectors Association. If you decide to have the hotel fee paid for Rob asked if we can get this on one bill. Rob noted that our association does have a tax-exempt number for the hotel.

Discussion on paying \$500 to WBIA for Institute expenses.

***A motion was made to pay \$500 to WBIA for the Institute. The motion received a second and carried.***

Discussion on paying for the DSPS mailing list.

***A motion was made to allow up to \$200 for our association to purchase the DSPS mailing list. The motion received a second and it carried.***

Discussion on paying \$170 towards the entertainment for the WBIA Institute.

***A motion was made to pay \$170 to WBIA to help pay for the entertainment expenses. The motion received a second and carried.***

A discussion occurred about joining ARC. Questions were raised as to if we should join ARC or be more involved in WCOA. It was decided that we'll wait until Bob DuPont comes to talk to our association to find out the benefits.

Discussion on scholarships. Rob stated that we typically give out 4 scholarships but we've only been giving out 2 for the past few years. It was noted that we are an educational entity so we might want to still give out 4. President Dennis Jensen noted that he'd add this to the agenda for the April meeting. It was noted that we might be able to appropriate another \$1000 to this cause. Peter Fetters stated the technical colleges make it easy for us as they do the vetting and administration for the scholarships.

***Roundtable:***

- ) Dennis Jensen stated he sent out a handout regarding flipping homes and discussed some of the challenges of code compliance.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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