

# BUILDING INSPECTORS ASSN.

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

***Introduction of the Guest Speaker-*** Jim Blair, owner of Engineered Wood Technical Services gave a presentation on residential framing mistakes and failures. The following topics were discussed:

- ) Hinged wall joints. Gable walls and tall walls need to extend up to the roof sheathing.
- ) Bearing problems. Watch for point loads in garages. The weakest link is the green treated plates which crush easily.
- ) Lateral support of wood beams.
- ) Proper nailing for built up columns.
- ) Sheathing splices for portal frames.
- ) Point loads on headers/beams.
- ) Jim asked that building permits not be issued unless the tall wall and wall bracing plans are provided. This would help eliminate the reframing that is happening due to the plans not being provided.
- ) Cornell University has free software for sizing columns.
- ) Western wood products has free software "Design Suite 3.1" for sizing posts/beams.
- ) Watch for the required diagonal bracing for roof trusses.

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

***Approval of Minutes-*** A motion was made to approve the 1/5/16 minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

***Approval of Treasurers Report-*** Rob Cormier presented the annual report. The balance was \$28,593.80. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion received a second and carried.

***Committee Reports:***

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

***Registration Coordinator-*** Dennis Jensen stated that the PowerPoint presentations will be placed on our website for the winter training in Green Bay. Dennis asked the association if we should provide handouts this year.

***A motion was made to print out the handouts for the UDC program. The motion received a second and carried.***

**Information & Schooling-** The next meeting scheduled is April 6<sup>th</sup>. John Zarate stated Susan Lasecki will be the guest speaker and she'll be discussing decks and wall bracing. The onsite meeting will be in June. Please note that we do not have a March meeting. It was noted that we'll need training on the Wisconsinisms in the 2015 IBC which should be done in July.

**Code Coordinating-** Craig Arnold attended the public hearings in Madison for the code changes. He stated that the electrical changes and sprinkler exemptions are being challenged. A discussion took place on the sprinkler requirements/tradeoffs for multifamily dwellings. Craig stated that they really need to look at the items that were removed from the IBC when the sprinkler requirement took place. It was noted that the Village of Plover fire department representatives attended the meeting in Madison and were very upset at the discussions. Craig also stated there was discussion on barns used for assembly use.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Jack Van Der Weele stated that the flyer for the League Institute will be out soon. It will be held April 19-21 at Tundra Lodge in Green Bay. A discussion occurred regarding the \$400 WBIA donation request.

***A motion was made to send a check for \$400 to the WBIA. The motion received a second and carried.***

A discussion occurred regarding our association paying for the registration and/or hotel for the League Institute. The registration fee is \$180 for members and \$205 for non-members. The hotel is \$82/night.

***A motion was made to pay for the registration fee regardless of member/nonmember status or 2 hotel nights for association members. The motion received a second and carried.***

Please contact Rob Cormier if you need a tax exempt form as our association is tax exempt. You should not pay tax for the hotel. When filling out the online registration and/or printed registration please note "BIANEW or Northeast WI Building Inspection Association. Rob will pay for all the registrations with one check. It was noted that our association will pay for 3 hotel nights for our representative on the WBIA board as was approved in past years.

John Zarate stated May is Building Safety Month. He asked our association if we wanted to sign the ICC Building Safety Month Proclamation. The association gave John approval to sign this document. John will also distribute proclamations to us that we can have our mayor's/city managers sign.

**Roundtable:**

- ) Ducts in unconditioned spaces. The ductwork needs to be sealed and insulated. Ducts can be sprayed with foam but that does not move them into conditioned space. If the ducts are located in unconditioned space there needs to be a leakage test.
- ) ACT 211 was discussed. Please contact Jack Wotruba to get signed up. 195 communities have signed up so far but that is only 10% of the communities that are required to sign up. Please evaluate the system/program and email Jack so he can let the IT department know if there are concerns. When calling/emailing him you need to provide your community name (city, village, town), the county you're in, clerks info (name, email, phone number) and the inspectors (name, email and phone number). Jack's email is [jack.wotruba@wisconsin.gov](mailto:jack.wotruba@wisconsin.gov).
- ) Credentialing of contractors. It was asked if contractors need to be licensed or if they can just have another contractor pull permits for them even if they're not an employee of the company who pulled the permit.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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