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Minutes: April 2, 2015

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Call to Order- Vice President Lorelei Fuehrer called the meeting to order at 9:36AM with 24 members in attendance.

Member Introductions- Members introduced themselves; no new members were present.

Vice President:

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Introduction of the Guest Speakers:

Kelly Bubolz, Compliance Assistance Specialist with OSHA was introduced as our guest speaker. Kelly works out of the Appleton office. She asked that we let OSHA know when we see violations as they're not allowed to go onto job sites unless they receive complaints. Kelly referred us to OSHA's website at www.osha.gov if we have questions or want to see the fatality statistics. Kelly stated that OSHA has 1100 employees in the US and only 800 are in enforcement. OSHA's priorities are responding to violations of imminent danger, fatalities, complaints/referrals and regular scheduled inspections. Fall protection violations are responded to right away since fall protection is covered under a national emphasis program. We discussed the need to wear hard hats only where overhead work is going on. Kelly stated that construction companies can have additional regulations for hard hats, eye glasses, safety vests, etc. but it's not an OSHA requirement.

Secretary:

Nicole Krahn
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Approval of Minutes- A motion was made to approve the 2/5/2015 minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

Treasurer:

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Treasurer's Report- Rob Cormier presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion received a second and carried.

Website Coordinator:

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Committee Reports:

Information & Schooling- It was noted that Dave Dahlin of Amerhart Engineered Wood Design will be here for the May meeting to talk about loads and load transfer. The June meeting will be an onsite inspection training event. There will be no July meeting and August will be the environmental meeting. John and Pete are still working on September and October. John also mentioned that we need to look into what we are going to do for our free training day from ICC.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Lorelei Fuehrer talked about Act AB111. This proposed legislation would require inspections for additions and alterations to existing homes where the cost exceeds 20% of the assessed value of the structure. Numerous concerns were noted as to if it would apply to municipalities, how it would be enforced, what a repair is, etc.
- Nicole Krahn noted that she was copied on an email that was sent to Senator Roth who is listed on the legislation. His office has contacted her and would like us to voice our concerns. She stated she would email him a list of our concerns and questions.
- There are still members who haven't sent in their 2015 membership application and/or fees. Nicole stated that she will send out one more email as a reminder. Currently we have 105 paid members and 11 unpaid members. It was noted that an updated membership list should be on the website after the May meeting.
- A discussion occurred regarding the code updates. It was the general consensus that the training was a lot better this year compared to past years.

Roundtable:

- A discussion took place regarding assessed values, damaged structures and what values are used when determining if a structure should be razed. Several members stated that they've razed structures using State Statue 66.0413. The statute states that if a building inspector determines the cost of repairs of a building would exceed 50% of the assessed value of the building, the repairs are deemed unreasonable. The raze process was also discussed.
- Portal frame bracing was discussed. It was noted that the pictures in the UDC show only one shoulder stud even if the header is over 6' in length. It was noted that this may be a mistake and it was recommended that we bring it up to DSPS.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Krahn

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