

# BUILDING INSPECTORS ASSN.

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***Call to Order-*** President Bill Hebert called the meeting to order at 9:30AM with 27 members in attendance.

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

***Speakers:*** John Calkins and Steve Steinpreis with Plymouth Foam gave a presentation on engineered EPS foam and the products they manufacture; 0 CEU's were provided.

The following items were discussed:

- ) The history, technology and chemistry of polystyrene foam.
- ) R-value retention and off gassing of foam.
- ) Insulation study EPS vs XPS. EPS outperformed XPS in below grade applications and held the R-value and expelled moisture.
- ) EPS can be used for below grade applications in Wisconsin. They do have WI material approval.
- ) Neopor GPS Smart Insulation is a new product on the market. The product infuses high-purity graphite particles into the EPS cell structure which gives the insulation its distinctive dark grey color. It has a 30% higher R-value.
- ) EPS soaks up moisture and does not lose its R-value.

***Approval of Minutes-*** A motion was made to approve the 2/4/18 meeting minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

***Approval of Treasurers Report-*** Rob Cormier presented the treasurers report. The current balance is \$28,307.68. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. The motion received a second and carried.

***Committee Reports:***

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

***Code Coordinating-*** Bill Hebert questioned the ability for delegated agents to review alterations for commercial plans. It was noted that everything should remain as it was due to revisions established under recent legislation. It was also noted that the DSPS Green Bay office is having delegation training for anyone that's interested.

**Information & Schooling-** John Zarate stated that the UL field trip is scheduled for May. A sign up sheet will be sent out when all the information is available. The bus will have two pick up locations (Appleton and Fond du Lac) at the park n rides. We should arrive back to Fond du lac around 4:15pm. Matt Brown from APA will be presenting in October. John asked if we could schedule the ICC class for September. The onsite training is scheduled for June.

**Sunshine Committee-** John Zarate sent a sympathy card to Jim Korotev's family. He was a former inspector for the Village of Howard.

**Registration Coordinator-** Dennis Jensen stated that he thought the code updates went well. We had 165 people sign up for UDC and 96 for commercial. The UDC day had about 25% attendance from builders. The builder attendance seems to be going up each year. The interpreter worked for the gentleman that was hearing impaired. It was mentioned that we should talk to the other associations and see if we could split the cost for the interpreter for next years training. We could also move this service around to the different quadrants. It was mentioned that it was hard to hear due to only having one room. It was also mentioned that thumb drives were handed out at the other associations training in lieu of printed handouts . A huge thank you was given to Dennis Jensen for planning the training.

It was mentioned that some members have not gotten credit for the electrical training yet. They will look into this.

**Website Coordinator-** Brian Walter stated that he uploaded the PDF's to our website for the training. Brian stated that he received an email from ICC that we should not be placing this material on our website. Dennis mentioned that ICC had actually emailed those documents to us and gave approval for us to do that. This needs to be clarified so we don't get into trouble next year.

#### **Old Business:**

Pete Scheureman gave an update on the UL trip. The bus capacity allows 47 people. A discussion took place regarding opening the tours up to other associations. It was decided that we should leave it for members only with the exception of allowing the DSPS staff that typically attend our meetings. A sign-up sheet will be emailed out next week.

Membership dues were due January 15, 2018. It was noted that we have approximately 120 members and 6 members who have not paid yet.

Jack Van Der Weele stated that everything is set up for the WBIA Institute. We should have approximately 100 people who will attend.

**Jack Van Der Weele made a motion to nominate Bill Hebert to take over the secretary's position for the WBIA. The motion received a second and carried.**

#### **New Business:**

A discussion took place on DSPS's interpretations for accessory buildings. Everyone is ignoring the interpretation as we've been applying the UDC for accessory buildings for 20+ years. Members want to know how the state thinks they have authority over how a municipality enforces requirements for accessory buildings. Most of our members adopt the UDC to apply to accessory structures. It was also mentioned that the credentialing interpretation is wrong as the administrative code requires credentials for building permits.

Bill asked the association if we want to pursue a wage study. He thought it would be a good idea and we could bring this up at the Institute. We could do a state wide survey through survey monkey. Members thought it was a good idea and that he should pursue it.

Members gave Bill Hebert approval to sign the proclamation and declare May as Building Safety Month.

#### **Roundtable-**

) Watch for spray foam installation in boxesills. Some of the installers seem to be missing the top part of the boxesill.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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