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Minutes: April 6, 2017

Call to Order- President Bill Hebert called the meeting to order at 9:30AM with 32 members in attendance.

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Introduction of the Guest Speaker- Susan Lasecki, Principal Engineer with Ionic Structures and Design, LLC. Susan discussed the special design conditions that went into a large 30,000 square foot home she designed. The following were discussed:

-) Deck loads. Several injuries occur every year due to deck designs and deterioration. Some decks can require up to 100 psf due to snow loads, drift loads and sliding snow loads. The 40 psf requirement in the UDC is not adequate in some of these conditions.
-) Post and beam connections. Beams need to bear on the posts. The code no longer allows beams to be sandwiched on the outside of the posts.
-) Caution regarding the use of dissimilar metals for fasteners/hangers. Stainless steel fasteners cannot be used with other types of fasteners/hangers as they tend to corrode each other.
-) Lateral stability and diagonal bracing. Susan stated that there is a Simpson product now to provide connections between the diagonal brace and beam/posts.
-) Steel posts used for decks. This allows a fixed base and the deck no longer needs to be attached to the house. This helps eliminate the flashing/ledger problems at the house/deck connection.
-) Do not connect ledgers to brick or cantilevered floor systems.
-) Tall wall design. Structural design is required for any walls taller than 10 feet.
-) Basement wall design for exposed basements.

Her presentations are located at www.ionic-sd.com

Member Introductions- Members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made to approve the 2/2/17 minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

Approval of Treasurers Report- No treasurers report presented.

Committee Reports:

Executive- Nothing to report.

Registration Coordinator- Dennis Jensen stated that we had 94 registered for the commercial training and 160 for UDC. The overall feeling was that the training was better than last years. The training dates for 2018 are set (2/21/18 UDC, 2/22/18 Commercial)

Information & Schooling- It was noted that the 2015 IBC may not be adopted as soon as DSPS had initially thought. It was noted that ISO ratings are going down due to the fact that WI is not adopting current codes.

The onsite meeting will be June 1st in the Village of Harrison. Paul Birshbach will be setting up the training. He'll work with Jack Wotruba on the details. We'll meet at the Stone Toad at 9am with the tours starting promptly at 9:15am. Members asked if we could do a deck framing inspection if one is available.

The May speaker is Ryan Jones with Truss Joist. There will not be a July meeting. Nicole will look into the Clear Water Harbor for the August meeting and possibly having a speaker on shore land zoning requirements.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Assembly Bill 64 was discussed. It appears this bill is removing the testing requirements for plumbing and electrical trades if you complete an apprenticeship program and pass the final exam. The public hearings are coming up. It was noted that several people are concerned that this is the beginning of the "roll back" of licensing requirements. WCOA is sending a representative to the hearings. The trades are having problems finding people who are interested in the apprenticeship programs and that want to complete the program. "Dumbing" down the requirements are not going to help if the interest isn't there. Paul Birshbach stated that kids are not allowed to work on construction sites until they're 18. This presents a huge problem getting interested because students are already signed up for college at that time. Jack Van Der Weele will draft a letter in opposition to this bill and send it to Bill Herbert to sign.

Nicole will work with the Tundra Lodge on room reimbursements so Rob only has to write out one check.

Roundtable:

-) Safety glazing products from 3M to make windows tempered.
-) Act 211 issues contact DSPS and include a screen shot of the issue so they understand the situation.
-) Credentialing for 1 and 2 family buildings. Only the person pulling the permit needs to have the licenses.
-) Makeup air requirements. Direct vent appliances (2 pipes) you don't need the makeup air for the building. Sealed combustion appliances are also ok without makeup air.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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