



Building Inspectors Association

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Minutes: January 9, 2025

Business Meeting- President Luke Fischenich called the meeting to order at 9:20AM with 44 members in attendance.

(No additions or amendments to the agenda were noted)

Member Introductions- Members introduced themselves. No new members were present.

Speaker: Dennis Jensen gave a presentation on the “Top 40 UDC & Commercial Code Non-Compliances”. (3 CEU’s granted for UDC Building, UDC Hvac, COMM Building)

Discussions/Key Takeaways:

- Make sure you know what type of soil contractors are backfilling with. There are certain types of clay that are not code compliant backfill materials as listed in the UDC. Bumping up to 4000 PSI eliminates the vertical rebar but it still doesn’t allow expansive clay to be used as backfill material.
- Fire walls, fire barriers, fire partitions, smoke walls. Make sure you understand the differences, that they’re noted correctly on the plans, and stenciled properly onsite.
- CSST installations (follow manufacturers installation instructions).
- Discussion on I-joists and violations. Squash blocking, blocking panels (review details to make sure the correct members are installed).
- SPS 322.31-1 was discussed. If you have a heated slab you need a minimum of R10 underneath and R15 for the perimeter. Doug Hoerth will distribute an email from DSPS addressing this. Frost protection requirements are different for slabs vs insulation requirements for the energy code.
- Cell core PVC furnace venting is typically not allowed but you have to verify the manufacturers’ installation instructions.
- When converting accessory structures into dwellings a WI State Seal is required as the building/structure would now need to meet the UDC requirements.

A huge thank you to Dennis Jensen for providing the training and CEU’s for our meeting!

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

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Approval of Minutes- A motion was made to approve the 12/6/24 minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

Executive Committee Reports:

Secretaries Report- Nicole Krahn stated that the 2025 Membership is online. We already have 93 members signed up and that's a record for early January. Thank you to all the members who've taken the time to sign up. The signups are electronic and payments can be made online with PayPal, Venmo or by using a credit card. If you need to pay with a check please send the check to Nicole Krahn or Rob Cormier.

Nicole also noted that job announcements are now on our website and she will no longer be sending them out by email.

President's Report- Nothing was noted.

Committee Reports:

By-Laws- Peter Fetters stated that there are some bylaw changes that he's reviewed. He's going to propose the changes and send them to the executive committee for review. If the executive committee agrees with the proposed changes they'll be placed on the agenda for approval by the membership.

Auditing Committee- No report given.

Code Coordinating- Dennis Jensen emailed a handout to Nicole for the Winter Code Updates. She'll send this out to the membership. Please post this handout in your offices and hand it out to contractors. We'd like to get as many contractors to attend the Winter Updates as we can. Please also send this out to your local contractor associations.

Information & Schooling- Jane Drager is looking into getting a speaker on Gatorbar rebar reinforcement for the February meeting.

Publicity & Historian- No report given.

Registration Coordinator- Dennis Jensen stated that the WCOA Winter Code Update flyer has been sent out and is on our website. He stated that DSPS will not be attending this event.

Website Coordinator- Doug Hoerth stated that anyone can now post job openings on our website. If the position is filled please let Doug know so he can remove it from the website. If you see any errors on the website please let Doug know and he'll fix the errors. He's also trying to get all the training listed on the website.

Sunshine Committee- Jane asked members to let her know if cards need to be sent out. She asked the association to discuss if we want plaques for retirements or gift cards.

Nominating Committee- Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Presentation of the President's plaque to Doug Hoerth for his term as president for 2023/2024. A huge thank you to Doug Hoerth for all of his service leading our organization.

The executive committee will come up with an operating manual/procedures. This will be discussed at a future membership meeting.

New Business:

President Luke Fischenich talked about the WBIA Institute which will be held April 16th-18th in Eau Claire at The Lismore. The WBIA asked for a \$650 donation (same as 2024). The donation of \$150 will be for upgraded food and \$500 to the WBIA for plaques, raffle prizes, ICC chapter fees, etc. This will be placed on the agenda for February. The agenda and sign-up for the Institute will be out soon. The WBIA is also looking for a Treasurer from our association to serve a 3 year term as Jeff Lutzke left Sheboygan for DSPTS. If you're interested in serving on the WBIA board please let Nicole or Luke know.

Peter Fetters stated that he received information on the Fox Valley Technical College 2024 Scholarship recipient. The scholarship recipient is going to school for construction management. A discussion took place about placing this information on the association website. Rob Cormier mentioned he also received information on the second scholarship awardee.

It was noted that DSPTS has hired a new UDC consultant. His name is Adam Pillard and his phone number is (608) 261-011.

Roundtable Discussions:

John Zarate mentioned that DSPTS used to put out a "Building Code Report" on building code questions that they received or issues that were being encountered. He noted that maybe we should join the other quadrants and form a question/answer format with a moderator so the code is more uniform. Discussion on uniformity within the association and the State of WI as a whole took place. Doug talked about creating a secure page for members and he'll look into this to see if we can create something like this on our website.

Jane Drager mentioned that she took the leftovers from the annual meeting to Pillars and they sent a thank you to our association as they were extremely grateful.

Discussion on structural penetrations through interior stair enclosures, IBC 1023.5. Make sure that structural members within a rated stairwell on commercial buildings do not penetrate the wall.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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New UDC consultant for DSPTS Adam Pillard 608-261-0115

Upcoming important dates:

February 6 Gatorbar presentation at Holidays in Menasha

February 17-21 Winter Code updates in Green Bay

March 6 Ann Jurkowski with WI Safety & Health Consultation Program "Construction site safety hazards"

April 1-3 HVAC Training in Fond du Lac

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