



Building Inspectors Association

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Minutes: December 6, 2024

Business Meeting- President Doug Hoerth called the meeting to order at 10:00AM with 50 members and 5 spouses in attendance.

(No additions or amendments to the agenda were noted)

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

Auto Gallery presentation- A representative of the museum gave a presentation on the history of the museum.

Speaker: Peter O'leary, retired Fire Chief from the City of Fond du Lac, gave a presentation on service, doing something you love each and every day, and getting people to say "YES" to compliance.

Key Takeaways...

- We're all replaceable in the minds of management. You have to be ok with that.
- You don't know how much stress you're under until you leave/retire.
- As a building inspector people generally don't like you because you cause people to spend money on code compliance. Find ways to make them say "YES" to compliance. Let them know the reason behind code requirements.
- Relationships matter. Develop a great working relationship with the fire department and other people who can help support you.
- Know your purpose. Why do you show up to work each day? It helps you enjoy the journey because what we do as inspectors matters.

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made to approve the 11/7/24 minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

Executive Committee Reports:

Secretaries Report- Nicole Krahn stated that the 2025 Membership signup is live and now online. The signups are electronic and payments can be made online with PayPal, Venmo or by using a credit card.

President's Report- Nothing was noted.

A Non-Profit Organization of Municipal Inspectors Dedicated to the Education and Training of Its Members and to the Uniform Enforcement of the Wisconsin State Building Code.

Treasurer's Report- Rob Cormier was not present at the meeting. Dennis Jensen gave the annual report.

Committee Reports:

By-Laws- Peter Fetters stated that there are no bylaw changes for this year.

Auditing Committee- Dennis Jensen gave an update on the 2024 audit. A motion was made to approve the 2024 treasurer's report. The motion received a second and carried.

Code Coordinating- Dennis Jensen stated that there was nothing to report.

Information & Schooling- Andrew Prickett stated that the January 2025 meeting will be a round table discussion. Dennis Jensen stated that he'd like to get topics for the round table discussion as soon as possible. Please send photos and questions for the round table discussion to Dennis Jensen.

Jane Drager is looking into getting a speaker on Gatorbar rebar reinforcement for the February meeting.. A discussion took place as to having a March meeting this year and skipping the April meeting. It was a consensus that the April meeting will be skipped this year due to the hvac training April 1st-3rd in Fond du Lac. It was noted that the June meeting will be residential on sites and September will be commercial on sites if we can make that work with available projects.

Publicity & Historian- No report given.

Registration Coordinator- Dennis Jensen stated there will be a meeting next Monday to finalize the 2025 Winter Code Updates. The brochure for this event will be coming out soon. Dennis stated that it's getting difficult to get presenters as the code hasn't been updated in years. He also noted that no one from DSPS will be attending this event.

Website Coordinator- Doug Hoerth stated that there is a new website up and running for our association. Doug is trying to upload documents to it. Please take a look at it and let him know if you have any questions/suggestions. Members asked if there are links to licenses, etc. Doug stated that the links should be on the last page. Please note that job postings can be added right to the website. Please let your municipalities know this as Doug no longer needs to upload them.

Sunshine Committee- Doug Hoerth stated that Pete Scheuerman has officially retired from the City of Plymouth. Pete Scheuerman was present at the meeting and he stated that retirement is everything that you hear about it.

Nominating Committee- Chris Jensen presented the nominations for Officers, Committee Members, ICC Officers and Inspector of the Year. The nominations were:

BIANEW Chapter Officers:

President: Luke Fischenich

Vice President: Jayson (Roman) Maguire

Secretary: Nicole Krahn

Treasurer: Rob Cormier

ICC Chapter Officers (Per the Bylaws):

President: Luke Fischenich

Vice President: Jayson (Roman) Maguire

Secretary: Nicole Krahn

Treasurer: Rob Cormier

Education: Dennis Jensen

A motion was made by Andrew Prickett to approve the nominations as described above. The motion received a second and the motion passed.

Pat Erich stated that he'd like people within the organization to sign up for committee positions. He noted that he had a hard time getting people to accept positions this year. A discussion took place regarding recognizing members for all of their years of service. Plaques have been given to previous retired members in the past and members stated that they'd like to see that brought back.

Nicole discussed that we need operational guidelines for our committee positions. In the guidelines we should note what our expectations are for committee members. Dennis Jensen stated that we also need to get back to Robert's rules for our meetings. Peter Fetters stated we should discuss bylaws vs operational procedures.

2025 Inspector of the Year: Doug Hoerth was nominated for the Inspector of the Year. Congratulations Doug!

Sunshine- No report given.

Old Business: Peter Fetters stated that the scholarship program is doing well.

New Business:

Doug noted that the 2025 Membership signup is active and the electronic signup is working great. You can still pay by check to Rob Cormier if needed. Doug stated that Rob Cormier would like to train someone to take over the Treasurer's position in the next couple of years. If anyone is interested please reach out to the new President or Rob to discuss the job duties, etc.

Bill Hebert has volunteered to be on the nomination committee and will work with Andrew Prickett.

A discussion took place as to who has the traveling President's plaque for our association. No one seemed to know where this went and it was noted that it's been years since anyone has seen it.

Peter Fetters stated that he would recommend a Bylaw change which would combine the Historian committee position with the Website Coordinator position.

Doug Hoerth handed off the President's position to Luke Fischenich. Luke stated that he's been in this field for 12 years

now and he's honored to be our new President for the next 2 years. Feel free to call or email him if you have any questions.

Upcoming important dates:

January 9th Roundtable Discussion

January 14-16th HVAC Training in Madison (Sold Out)

February 6th, BIANEW monthly meeting

February 17-21 Winter Code updates in Green Bay

No March Meeting

April 1-3 HVAC Training in Fond du Lac

Roundtable Discussions: Nothing was noted.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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