



Building Inspectors Association

Northeastern Wisconsin Organized 1971

President:

Lucas Fischenich
2000 Municipal Dr
Neenah, WI 54956
(920) 720-7142
lfischenich@foxcrossingwi.gov

Vice President:

Roman Maguire
4747 Camp Phillips Rd
Weston, WI 54476
(715) 241-2619
rmaguire@westonwi.gov

Secretary (Temp):

Nicole Krahn
215 Church Ave
Oshkosh, WI 54903-1130
(920) 236-5036
nkrahn@oshkoshwi.gov

Treasurer:

Rob Cormier
100 N Jefferson St
Green Bay, WI 54301
(920) 448-3304
robco@ci.green-bay.wi.us

Website Coordinator:

Doug Hoerth
160 Macy St
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
(920) 322-3572
dhoerth@fdl.wi.gov

Minutes: February 6, 2025

Business Meeting- President Luke Fischenich called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM with 30 members in attendance.

(No additions or amendments to the agenda were noted)

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

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made to approve the 1/9/25 minutes (striking the white page). The motion received a second and carried.

Executive Committee Reports:

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.

Secretaries Report- Nicole Krahn stated that as of today 115 members have signed up and have already paid their membership dues.

President's Report- Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

By-Laws- Peter Fetters stated that there is a packet of by-law changes that he's proposed. He asked that the executive committee review the changes. If they agree with the proposed changes this will be placed on the March agenda.

Code Coordinating- Nothing to report.

Information & Schooling- Andrew Prickett stated for March we're having a speaker on worksite safety. He stated that the presenter is applying for CEU's through DSPS.

Publicity & Historian- No report given.

Registration Coordinator- Dennis Jensen stated that he attended a planning meeting last week on the Winter Code Updates. At the meeting it was noted that Jim Sjolander was trying to send out emails for the Winter Updates but his server crashed. He's looking into using Constant Contact to send out emails. This company allows up to 50,000 emails to

be sent out at once for training. Currently Jim has 34,000 current valid credential holders that emails need to be sent out to. The cost of this service would be \$200 for each association.

Website Coordinator- Nothing to report.

Sunshine Committee- Nothing to report.

Speaker: Matt Kero, Director of Engineering & Manufacturing with Gatorbar. Matt gave a presentation on the reinforced glass fiber bars that they sell. (0 CEU's were granted). If you have questions feel free to reach out to Matt at (906) 231-3844 or at matt@gatorbar.com. You can also contact Ken Keranen at (906) 369-3357 or ken@gatorbar.com.

Discussions/Key Takeaways:

- Established in 2013
- ACI 440 has set the standard for concrete design
- ASTM D30.10 is the specifications for materials and test procedures
- 2024 IBC covers composite rebar
- #3, #4, #5 bars (2x higher tensile strength, 4x-7x lighter, zero rust, 30%-45% labor savings)
- Can not be used for Ufer ground
- They have an ICC-ES Report & WI Material Approval
- Chairs are required to be used because the bars are flexible
- It can be driven on
- ACI 440.11-22 document was just developed for Structural Concrete Reinforced with Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars. It was noted that this hasn't been adopted in WI and would need to be purchased.

Old Business:

Discussion of paying \$650 to WBIA for the Institute.

A motion was made to pay \$650 to the WBIA for the League Institute. The motion received a second and passed.

Reminder of the standing motion where our association pays for members registration or two nights of the hotel stay at the state rate. The registration is now open for the Building Inspectors Institute which will take place April 16th-18th in Eau Claire. The signup and agenda are now on the League of WI Municipalities website. If you would like our association to pay for your hotel rooms please let Luke Fischenich know. Luke will pay for members' rooms on behalf of our association at the Institute. Luke's email is lfischenich@foxcrossingwi.gov.

A discussion commenced regarding planning a field trip to the Underwriters Laboratory in Illinois. The schooling committee is asking for up to \$4,000 for bussing, food, etc. so they can plan this trip. The field trip would be in place of the August environmental meeting. Members asked the committee to keep the tour on a Thursday and try to have a couple of pick up spots.

A motion was made to approve up to \$4,000 for the schooling committee to plan for a trip to UL. The motion received a second and passed.

New Business:

Discussion on the four inspectors associations planning their own Inspectors Institute in place of having the League of Municipalities plan it. Jim Sjolander sent out an email looking for support and consensus for WCOA to put on the training. This would include the plumbing inspectors association. Jim would like to have the training in October or November in Stevens Point as it would be centrally located. They're looking at 3 year terms for President, Vice President and Treasurer/Secretary. It was noted that the League has made it hard to plan the training.

A motion was made to have WCOA plan future Institutes in place of the WI League of Municipalities. The motion received a second and passed.

A discussion took place regarding the BIANEW sweatshirts that were purchased as gifts for members who attended the 2024 Annual Meeting. Doug reached out to the supplier and there are other colors available. Members would like to see an order form so they can order sweatshirts. The sweatshirts are \$30-\$40. A discussion took place regarding the association paying for a portion of the orders. This will be placed on the March meeting for the association to pay up to \$25 for each member for a sweatshirt.

It was noted that no one has heard anything about the commercial code update.

Roundtable Discussions:

- Are municipalities charging for fire alarm and fire sprinkler permits? Most municipalities are charging separate fees for these and issuing separate permits.
- Discussion that we should send out a survey comparing fee schedules.
- Inspections for fire alarms and fire sprinklers should be by the commercial building inspectors.
- Discussion on tankless water heater/boiler installations. Members would like to see training on this.
- Discussion on conversions from commercial to residential. The City of Fond du Lac, Village of Fox Crossing, City of DePere, City of Wausau, Wapaca, Greenville fully require the conversions to conform to the UDC. They also issue state seals. They issue local variances for items that can't be met. It was noted that DSPS has issued letters that the homes need to comply 100% with UDC for the change of use.
- Code enforcement manuals, ordinances. DePere just did a 10 page document that details citations, service fees, etc. Contact Dennis Jensen if you'd like a copy.
- It was noted that some areas have building advisory boards that can issue variances and are composed of builders, council members, homeowners, inspectors, etc.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Krahn

BIANEW Secretary

Website: www.bianew.org

Upcoming important dates:

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

April 1-3 HVAC Training in Fond du Lac