

PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMBO BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 2011
(CONFERENCE CALL)
1:30 p.m.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members and Others:

a. Gary Yoder - not present
b. Gary Hagedorn - not present
c. Kathi Osmonson Present
d. Dave Fisher Present
e. Scott Dornfield Present
f. Randy Kardell Present
g. Duane Grace -present
h. Patrick Higgins -present
i. Roger Axel present

j. Craig Hoium present
k. Don Munson - not present
l. Greg Johnson -present
m. Brian Hoffman - present
n. Tim Manz - not present
o. Joe Ryan - not present
p. Larry Huff -present
q. Tim Saari - present
r. Tom Joachim -present
s. David Swan - not present

t. Steve Hernick - not present
u. Remi Stone - not present
v. Lisa Vieau - not present
w. Jim Williamette - not present
x. Pat Parsley - present
z. Steve Nelson - not present

Agenda: Additions/Approval of Agenda

Motion/Second: Grace / Osmonson

Approval of the past Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: No quorum at the July meeting

Reports:

ICC Report - Pat Parsley

Plans are underway for Phoenix – get registered...discounted rate ends Sept 1 – apply for scholarships – Pat is running for the executive committee...appreciates the MN support. Who is going? Greg Johnson is going...

DLI Report:

Dave was looking for a report on the plumbing code....plumbers want UPC so that is what we will be getting – Greg gave a history of the plumbing code issues – MNCO... who should control content of codes, government or industry...the state plumbing board brought up the thought of adopting a model plumbing code. No comparison of current document or ICC...The rationale for UPC is that either code should work just fine, but plumbers should be in charge of their own destiny, so they chose UPC. Right now the Plumbing board has complete authority of adoption and interpretation of the plumbing code...it does not protect the public interest...Nick McNealy – said the legislative concern is that long term perspective – we need to know what our objective is – is it to dismantle the plumbing board? We need a plumbing code ADVISORY board, and not an authoritative board. Gary Yoder and Greg Johnson are working to get this to be an advisory board not authoritative...this is bigger than AMBO – they will not give up the power easily. AMBO members are not stepping up and going to these meetings...do we know when they are? Industry is protecting its pocketbook – we need to educate the BOs...(and I left at this point for inspections)

Treasurer's Report: Larry Huff

Discussion about US Bank – Flex Perks and sending chapter board members to the ABM using them for plane tickets and hotels. We currently have 235,125 miles to phoenix is 25,000 – so we can buy 9 airplane tickets...could liquidate them and put it into AMBO's account...

Executive Director's Report: Roger Axel sat in on a BAM unlicensed contractor task force meeting Charlie Durneburger was there. Contractor recovery fund... They want to introduce a bill for enforcement in the outstate areas – they asked for AMBO support of the bill. Point is to establish a minimum level of inspections regardless of the size of the community. Ultimately they are trying to regulate permit fees and ultimately get municipalities out of inspection process...

Old Business:

Steve Hernick – senate file 2 article 3 is the accreditation language. Tom is going to see what AMBO needs to do. If AMBO or 10k wants to have one sponsor – cost is \$100.00 for sponsor, and \$20 / hour of training fee to accredit...it is good for 3 years. He will propose back to Hernick to see if AMBO & 10k can have one sponsor and coordinate programs. Once he has the information, he will put together a proposal of services he can offer and bring to AMBO to see what the board wants him to do? Sponsor – can be anybody – one duty would be to account for training registration.

Chairman's Report: David Fisher – We have perks on our USBank card – that we could fund airfare and hotels, we could use that to go to the code hearings....and use some AMBO \$ to send folks to the ABM...make sure bylaws allow for funding to the ABM...Fisher made a motion to use ½ of the bonus \$ for ABM and the other ½ for general fund. We already have a line item for the code hearings. Board members only – benefit of being on the board. \$1150.00 would be ½ Kardell / Dornfeld motion to use the flexperks for funding up to 2 people for travel and expenses for sending AMBO board members to the ABM. 1 person and 2 if funds are available.

Committee Reports:

- a. Legislative Committee: Update – Brian Hoffman/Craig Hoium –
- b. ICC/AMBO Code Book Publication –no report

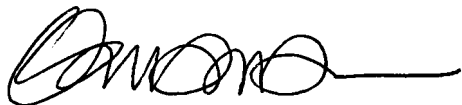
- c. Code Development - Jim Williamette & Kathi Osmonson
- d. IRC Code Development - Scott Dornfeld
- e. IMC Code Development
- f. Uniformity - Dave Swan
- g. Public Relations - Larry Huff

Upper Great Plains Region Report: Registration numbers / classes / hotel numbers Education Committee - Joe Ryan/Roger Axel - **see above**

Other Discussion:

Adjournment – There was no further business. Motion/Second:

Respectfully Submitted By:



Kathi Osmonson
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting September 20, 2011
1:30 pm