

**July 16, 2010**  
**Joint Membership 10K and AMBO Meeting**  
**Ruttger's-Sugar Lake Lodge**

10K Board Members Present: Scott Dornfeld, Doug Hoese, Tom Bakken, Chris Faste, John Tilton, Jim Williamette, and Jesse Szykulski

AMBO Board Members Present: Dave Fisher, Lisa Vieau, Kathy Osmonson, Roger Axel, Larry Huff, Scott Dornfeld

State of Minnesota Representative: Tom Joachim

Introduction of Attendees: Mike Bunnell, Larry Pepin, Chad Lunder, Remi Stone, Brian Hoffman, Craig Hoiuum, Tom Anderson, Mike Kaehler, Nick Carver, Brian Weideman, Terry Zajac, Dan Grinsteinner, Keith Wille, Joe Ryan, Larry Huff Roger Axel, John Mennenga

Approval of the 10K Business Meetings Minutes of May 6, 2010: Current 10K balance \$54,513, Current AMBO balance \$18,000, Region III balance \$2133

Code Corner: Larry Pepin brought up that he is hearing from contractors that are EPA Certified that they are losing work to non-licensed contractors for the same work they are bidding. The increased cost of doing work to EPA Standards is hurting them bidding jobs competitively. It was mention by Tom Joachim that after February 1, 2011, municipalities will be required to verify that residential builders, residential remodelers, residential roofers, and manufactured home installers when issuing a permit to work on homes constructed prior to 1978. To be certified contractors will have to attend an 8 hour accredited training course with a refresher course every 5 years. The DOLI website will have a link to a federal list of certified lead abatement contractors for municipalities to verify compliance. The State Department of Health has a list of contractors that are licensed to do Radon testing.

State Code Division Report: Tom Joachim said that a committee will start in September to review and study the residential sprinkler code provisions to make a recommendation to the commissioner before a new administration is elected and takes office in 2011.

Tom had copies and talked about written policies that have been authored by DLI for a Committee Process and Rule Change Policy, Transparent Rule Adoption Process Policy, and Construction Codes and Licensing Committee Membership Policy. Steve Hernick and Tom drafted these policies to get the building industry more involved to the code adoption and rules making process better. All these policies are written to help the rules making process stay in the best interest of the citizens of Minnesota. Written support of these policies from Building Official Chapter Organizations from around the state is encouraged to help get the policies endorsed and implemented.

Tom talked about many issues affecting code enforcement at the legislature this past session. The House Cleaning Bill, Continued Education for Residential Contractors, Elevators, Boilers, Property Maintenance, Lead Certification, Home Warranty Resolution, Inflatables, Fee Restructure, Well Contractor Exemption, Manufactured Home Consent Form, and Water-Free Urinals were all topics of legislative activity this past session that Tom went over. (See attached outlines of Tom's update report)

Tom also talked about changes that we are likely to see for the 2011 session. Adjustments in state permit and plan review fees are being discussed. Surcharge fees being transferred by the legislature to the general fund has been closely monitored and acted upon by the code division. 2011 will be another year to watch this activity.

Licensing for Building Officials will be every 2 years versus the current 3 year cycle.

Legislative Report: Remi Stone (AMBO/10K Lobbyist), Brian Hoffman, Craig Hoium. Brian Hoffman talked about the importance of being involved in legislative action as code officials & code official organizations. Remi Stone and Brian Hoffman discussed the last two years of Regular Sessions that had 3,864 bills introduced in the House of Representatives and 3,430 bills introduced in the Senate. Of those, 399 bills became law. During that time, AMBO monitored, directly lobbied and participated in the advancement (or demise) of more than 100 bills. Remi provided a handout document and discussed new laws of interest and bills of interest that may resurface next session that need special attention. (See Remi's 2010 Legislative Session Report attached)

AMBO Report: Grant funding was discussed to send Nick Carver to the International Green Construction Code hearings in Chicago this August. Nick heads the IGCC Code development committee that was formed early this year. Nick talked about the progress and the importance of educating municipalities to get them on board with implementing Green Code programs. Getting all departments involved in the building process and educated to handle green building projects in house versus projects using outside consultants. The project cost savings can make the idea of building green much more attractive to a builder and project designer.

Code Development Report: Jim Williamette spoke of the need for more people to get involved in the code development process by volunteering their time to a committee. There is a plan to move committee meetings around to different cities to hopefully get new people involved. The idea to get industry people attend these meetings for their input is being encouraged.

Uniformity: Roger Axel spoke about the uniformity questions posted on the 10K website by Dave Swan and his committee. The monthly questions get a lot of viewers but few people voting or commenting on the code questions. They would like to see more voting and comments to truly get a feel of uniformity to these codes which many times are interpreted differently by different code departments. Uniformity is an important part to our public image.

10K Chapter Education: Jesse Szykulski mentioned that the up coming seminar 'Fire Sprinklers, Alarms and Smoke Management' on August 25<sup>th</sup> still has openings. The seminar is at the Bloomington Fire Station #1 from 8:30 am-4:00pm. The registration form is on the 10K website. The new refund policy approved at the board meeting will be on the website and noted on the registration forms.

Contractor Education: Roger Axel talked about the recent contractor educational seminars and the future of the program. Volunteers to help out with instructing the seminars and other aspects such as sending out notices and setting up seminar locations is needed. John Edberg and Roger Axel put in a lot of hours and could use some help.

Upper Great Plains Region report: The itinerary for seminar offerings in 2011 at the Northland Inn is set. There are nine ICC seminar offerings scheduled. Jim David will be taking over as the trade show coordinator this year as Larry Huff has relinquished his duties. Thanks to Larry for the job he's done with the trade shows in the past.

Functions and Activities: Thanks to Larry Pepin, Roger Axel, and Dave Sherbel for building a handicap ramp for a person in Columbia Heights. Roger mentioned the recipient was very excited to be able to use the new ramp and was very appreciative.

Public Relations: Kathy Osmonson mentioned she has a power point presentation available to present to a municipalities city council on what our profession does and the benefits to the city. Larry Huff is requesting financial support to this years ABM to help support and lobby for ICC board member candidates.

Larry Huff also mentioned that Summer Conference attendees donated over \$350 to help pay for hospitality food and beverages at this years event. The event saved money by doing our own cooking and using a townhome for hospitality events versus a hospitality room at the lodge.

New Business: 10K President Scott Dornfeld thanked everyone involved with making this years Summer Conference a success and thanked all that helped. Scott had a huge part in making all the arrangements and lining up food and beverages at a reduced cost. The chapters thank Scott for his many hours of planning and making it a big success.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Bakken, 10K Secretary