

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMBO BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 17, 2011  
(CONFERENCE CALL)  
1:30 p.m.

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### Call to Order

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

### Roll Call:

#### Board Members and Others:

a. Gary Yoder – <b>not present</b>		
b. Dave Fisher chairman		
c. Kathi Osmonson sec/tr		
d. Gary Hagedorn - director		
e. Scott Dornfield director		
f. Randy Kardell director		
g. Duane Grace director		
h. Patrick Higgins director		
i. Tim Saari director		
j. Larry Huff ex/tr– <b>not present</b>		
k. Lisa Vieau ex /sec		
l. Roger Axel ex		s. David Swan guest
m. Tom Joachim consult – <b>not present</b>		t. Steve Hernick guest
n. Remi Stone consult		u. Jim Williamette guest – <b>not present</b>
o. Craig Hoium guest –not present		v. Pat Parsley guest
p. Greg Johnson guest – <b>not present</b>		w. Steve Nelson guest– <b>not present</b>
q. Brian Hoffman guest – not present		
r. Joe Ryan guest – <b>not present</b>		Nick McNeely

### Agenda: Additions/Approval of Agenda

Motion/Second: Grace/Higgins to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of the April Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Dornfeld/Saari to approve the April minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

### Reports:

#### ICC Report - Pat Parsley

- Just got back from Dallas where Nick Carver is proctoring the hearings.
- Steve Jones from New Jersey is running against him for the ICC Sec/Treasurer position.
- ABM is last week of October, Hearings are first week of November.

**DLI Report:** Steve Hernick reported that they are just holding our breath. Surcharge in conference committee...hope it won't be challenged. On line licensing and permitting in the works, all depends on legislature. The bill to eliminate the entire department shows up every year but it hasn't grown legs yet.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tabled because Larry was not present. Many questions about the RIII school and spending more than they made in the last report.

**Executive Director's Report:** Roger Axel – draft matrix is out – committee meeting every 2 weeks and they should have the matrix completed by mid – June. That will give time for State approval prior to advertising the schedule. Hernick said that they do the review of contractor and electrical courses and have been able to handle the quantity of reviews for various institutes within 30 days turn around time. He does not anticipate a problem unless legislature drastically cuts staff.

**Chairman's Report:** David Fisher –

- a. Grant requests funding form...needs to be on the right letterhead. Al Peterson said to disregard his request. Discussion on the form. Decision to go with the Code Development committee. Application should be due 30 days prior to hearings for approval. Should there be a benefit to being a member of both AMBO and 10k, because they both support funding. IPMC code? Al's request – going for green, but not on the green committee...point system...takes the choosing out of the mix?
- b. Building Safety Month – promote it.
- c. ICC – ABM Future discussion – need to get it on the budget for next year – somebody who is on the board, just like 10k does.
- d. Plumbing - Pat Higgins had a couple of plumbing board members came by his office and asked him to share how this affected their action...feathers are ruffled.  
Dave got a copy of the meeting minutes, and it looks like they pushed through the IPC, though they said they did not do that...  
Steve said the p committee had a sub committee looking at a model code. Sub committee report to the board was pressured to make a decision on what model code. Both model code groups were present. It was just a board meeting not part of the rules process , not an attempt to adopt. We need to wait for the rules process ... Pat said the p committee members lobbied him to support the UPC recommendation. Final authority is the plumbing board...State acts as a secretariat and do the work of putting the rule through the process, but they have the authority to adopt it. DOLI is not the authority on this one. Logic may prevail with the board. Kathi asked if anyone had reviewed both documents and knows the difference. Nobody has...  
Higgins – said they are going after the UMC next.  
Remi. People are sensitive to what the p board are doing – AMBO's action suprized people. We are attracting attention more than changing people's minds...  
Hagedorn – our intent was to make them look at all of the codes...just asking them to make it a fair process...  
See the plumbing board minutes: <http://www.dli.mn.gov/pb.asp>

**Committee Reports:**

- a. Legislative Committee: Update – Brian Hoffman/Craig Hoium –Remi & Tom Fees on education...review and approvals. Nick McNeely jumped in when Remi was gone? Still in the middle of the sprinkler debate – Dave got a response from governor – BAM's compromise was that they would notify homeowners that sprinklers were an option in exchange they could not be required by any code . We requested governor to veto it.  
Cruise and Crawford – make BO's permissive rather than mandatory, but we got them to pull these bills and we are still mandatory. Higgins, past 4-5 years, if that were not in place there would not be a designated BO in Mpls or St. Paul right now. They would have used any old BO's # and plan review would have been optional. Legislators picked up on our actions – Kudos from Remi.  
Variance bill that would correct the court bill that was passed last year that made it nearly impossible to get a variance on hardships, is just about passed.
- b. ICC/AMBO Code Book Publication –no report
- c. Code Development - Jim Williamette & Kathi Osmonson – Joint Code Development meeting June 10, 2011 at Spring Lake Park / Blaine / Mounds View fire station 3. 11920 Ulysses St. Blaine, MN <http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=wl>  
9am start. Grilling of burgers to follow. Bring sides to share if you are so inclined.
- d. IRC Code Development - Scott Dornfeld – **no report**
- e. IMC Code Development **No report**
- f. Uniformity - Dave Swan – IPC....21 votes on Poll...send meeting minutes to all chapters in the state so we can have more folks join in on the discussions...
- g. Public Relations - Larry Huff No **report**

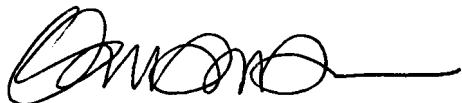
**Upper Great Plains Region Report:** previously reported

**Other Discussion: Other Discussion:** 10-K Jim Beam Golf Tournament June 3, 2011

**Adjournment** – There was no further business. Motion/Second: Dornfeld/ Everyone else to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next meeting:** – AMBO Board meeting is on June 21, 2011 – Tuesday at 1:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted By:



Kathi Osmonson  
Executive Secretary/Treasurer