

**AMBO Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 1:30PM Conference Call**

**October 18th, 2011
Meeting ID # 7679928749
Phone: 1-888-839-3411**

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35p.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members and Others Present:

Gary Hagedorn-Director
Kathi Osmonson-Sec/Tr
Dave Fisher -Chair
Randy Kardell-Director
Duane Grace-Director

Patrick Higgins-Director
Roger Axel- Exec
Nick McNealy - Consult
Tim Saari-Director
Tom Joachim-Consult

Steve Hernick-Guest
Pat Parsley-Guest

Matt Simoneau

Agenda: Additions/Approval of the Agenda:

Motion/Second: Duane Grace / Pat Higgins

Approval of the past Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Higgins / Hagedorn

Past chair voting member – Follow up Fisher

Gary Yoder is retired, David Fisher tried to contact him unsuccessfully...he has retired...motion to vote on Craig Hoium as past chair voting member.

Motion/Second: Higgins / Osmonson...unanimous

Reports:

ICC Report: Pat Parsley: By-laws article 6 section 7...vacancy in director position...Previous motion was correct according to the bi-laws

Everything is ready for the ABM / code hearings

Appreciation for Larry and Chris who have been working on campaign –

Will be appointing ICC committees at the ABM

Financially – ICC has a stable budget.

Pat visited MI code official school last week – many jurisdictions are getting rid of BOs and going with contract inspections.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Huff –Table report as Larry is gone.

Motion/Second: Grace / Hagedorn

DLI Report: Steve Hernick

MN Dept. of Labor & Industry is still putting the rules committees together – coming together but it is going slow.

Electrical permits are now on line.

New licensing system is up and running. – they can issue and renew on line.

Funding is 8% behind budgeted. New accounting system is still not operating...

They are planning to do spring seminar series' on residential codes.

Chairman's Report: David Fisher – Open Discussion

- Process for advisory committees :

Jim, Scott and Kathi developed application form.

Code development people are already active and it made sense for them to be involved.

Had a hard time for getting people from out state to get involved. The burdon is the commute, no phone conferencing yet. Kudos to Rochester for submitting applications.

David Fisher stated that if people are interested who was recommended for positions, they can contact him directly.

Steve Hernick added that they will have proposed rules on line...new policies will allow drafts to be on the website during this code cycle...they can also do e-mail contacts on this. Information will be getting out to the members.

- We need to get members to the Fire Code and Plumbing board meetings.

Kathi was there last month and stated that Joe Faust was at the Chief's fire code committee, and willing to be a liason to AMBO IBC code development Fire Safety sub-committee.

Get the plumbing meeting information to Kathi for the Code Development meeting next week, and we will find someone from that code sub committee to be at the advisory board meetings.

- David expressed some concern about negativity against AMBO regarding what Greg is writing about the plumbing code and on Thursday will be presenting to 10K Lakes chapter....which leads to our **code adoption policy (attached)**.

Pat Higgins said the third paragraph could be taken the wrong way by legislators. Pat Parsley – understands what Pat is saying – however that may just be our sensitivity to it...we need to recognize that they are the policy makers...and we enforce the policies....he thinks the language is ok. Tim Saari asked...what is the purpose of this policy? Nick McNeally – alternative to Greg's draft that was stronger. Tim – how do we use this? What do we do with it? Put it out there for the chapters to see where we are coming from...guideline for our views moving forward. It is in reaction to what Greg is doing, slamming AMBO as not supporting the integrity of the Code – the thought was that he is being paid by ICC to do this...

Pat Parsley – ICC is not a part of what he is doing other than supporting the IPC – the part about going to other chapters and getting support is on his own. ICC would not support splitting of the associations. He can go to other chapter meetings...AMBO does not have authority to tell other chapters what to do...it is his right to go to the other chapters, though it may cause some concern. Kathi & Tom J said that it is important to have a policy in place.

Motion/Second: Grace / Osmonson to adopt the policy eliminating the third paragraph as it is unnecessary. Gary Hagedorn stated that the goals of original AMBO board are right in line with what the policy statement says. Pat Higgins asked – if this is our policy, are we going to make electrical and high pressure piping advisory – open question? PP – overall statement in line with our goals, not pre-conceived of what we are going to go after...simply a belief statement – unanimous approval

All members are welcome to call Greg – 651-235-1215 mobile

Nick – to Pat Parsley does ICC have position towards the authoritative boards? ICC focuses on Code development, adoption is left up to the individual States. Industry in a dominant role would be viewed negatively. ICC is interested in proper balance.

Discussion about members of AMBO who could be on the Plumbing board. Toh Joachim stated that 323.435 – designates the board requirements – 2 inspector positions are required – 1 metro – 1 out state.

12/31/2011 positions will be available – 1 municipal inspector – engineer and commercial / industrial contractor – journeyman needs to be re-appointed. Craig Hoium would be

a good candidate for this board. Kathi will take that recommendation to the Code Development committee meeting next week.

- Should everybody be coming to AMBO Board meetings? Board only or guests, too? Lobbyists? Treasurer's report going out to everyone...??? Sometimes the discussion is hard to control....additional people cost more \$ on the conference call...If you have to leave and come back, hang up - \$1.00 / minute / person... the board was charged with exploring other technology...??? Talk to our IT guys...bring it back next meeting.

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Executive Director's Report: Roger Axel - Matt Simenau was off line...Roger ~ Brochures are in. mailings next week. Registration is live on ICC website. Off & running. Tom has not done the shadowing yet. That will happen soon.

Committee Reports:

- a. Legislative Committee: Update – Brian Hoffman/Craig Hoium –Remi & Tom – no report
- b. Code Development – Kathi ~ meeting at MV City Hall on Tuesday September 27, 2011
- c. IRC Code Development – Scott D.no report
- d. IMC Code Development no report
- e. Uniformity - Dave Swan's Report go to website and get on these questions, we need participation
- f. Public Relations - Larry Huff -

Upper Great Plains Region Report:

- a. Education Committee - Joe Ryan/Roger Axel – updates above

Other Discussion TJ – contract for AMBO – 11/3 – 12/7 will be gone – will submit a formal contract, will include AMBO conference calls. He will call in on 11/15.

Pat Higgins asked about AMBO requests...Nick and Jim got ICC scholarships... were able to fund through the Credit Card points for airfare & hotels.

13. Adjourn: Higgins / Osmonson

Next meeting: – AMBO Board meeting November 15, 2011