

1. Roll Call: Board members present were Roger Axel, Craig Hoium, Steve Torell, Gary Yoder, Merwyn Larson, Sid Fossan, and Dan Delgehausen. Others present Ron Nienaber, Patrick Parsley, Greg Johnson.
2. Approval of July 21st, 2005 meeting minutes: Merwyn moved to approve and Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. Financial Report: Merwyn moved to accept the financial report and Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. 2006 Contractor training Instructor compensation: Russell's proposal was discussed at length. It was compared to other instructor fees that we pay for classes and to what the community college pays our instructors through the BIT program. It was further noted that we have already paid for the curriculum so the comparison to other seminar instructors may not be an accurate comparison. Roger will work up a proposal that is comparative to what he is paid through the college.
5. ABM funding request update: So far we have received eight requests for assistance to the ABM in Detroit for a total of about \$7000. We have a total budget of \$13,500 since we did not spend the total allotment for funding requests to the hearings this spring. As of 8-29 we have nine requests for an estimated total of \$8500. I will send the requests to Craig Hoium and Keith Wille for approval.
6. ABM President's Breakfast: Roger asked who would like to be the second attendee to the chapter president's breakfast. Keith Wille will be named.
7. ABM Hospitality update: The cost of the hospitality room at the Marriott Renaissance for two nights in a regular room would be \$259 per night. To go to the deluxe room it would cost an added \$600. It was decided that we should have Larry rent the larger room and ask the other region chapters to participate. As of 8-29 I have received confirmation that each of the four statewide chapters is willing to contribute \$200. That should cover the cost of the larger room.
8. Region III report: Pat updated the board as to how the MN representatives were selected and asked the board to review there last meeting minutes in which they ratified the Region constitution and joined. At the same time the representatives were named. Pat further stated that he is working with the fire chiefs and fire marshals to seek their membership in the region. Further-Ron Nienaber wants to step off the board as soon as a fire person can be placed on the region Board in his place. The first board meeting will be in Detroit and the first membership meeting will be at the AMBO education institute.
9. Plumbing Inspector Certification: Roger noted that significant progress has been made in getting the exam ready. He noted that the contract would be changed to correlate with ICC in the development of both a commercial plumbing inspector certification and a residential inspector certification. Both tests are proposed for the AMBO education institute. Funding requests from committee members totals about \$1500.

10. 2006 Education Institute update: The committee is continuing to meet and assign duties for the promotion of the institute and to clarify the schedule. Larry Huff is seeking industry representatives for the trade fair. If you have ideas let him know. Our goal for attendance is 2000 man-days.
11. Construction Codes and Licensing Steering Team appointment: The Dept. of Labor and Industry has requested an AMBO member for working on a task force for the consolidation of some state entities. Roger Axel has appointed Gary Yoder to the task force.
12. St. Cloud Amendment vote feedback: Pat stated that there is a perception that AMBO is trying to override the building officials that have put in a significant amount of time on BCSD advisory committees. It was noted by the board that this was in no way intended to do so. The process is meant to be a tool to gather information on what code changes should be taken to the national level. This “vote” and “blog” process is a recommendation from the IBC code development committee in an effort to give a broader section of code officials an opportunity to participate. The board will communicate this to their respective chapters.
13. AIS Best Practices Report. Greg Johnson requested a budget to seek and participate with industry and government to develop a best practices report for building safety departments in MN. It is his hope that we can build a consensus of what a good inspection department should look like in MN. It is his hope that our participation and cooperation in this effort will help to stop the onslaught of legislation that we have to battle each year, which tends to work against our interest. Sid moved to budget up to \$5000 for the development of a Best Practices Report with IAS contingent upon the financial participation from other effected organizations. Gary seconded the motion and it was approved.
14. Executive Officer Search: So far we have two candidates interested in the position. They are Roger Axel and Merwyn Larson. No action has been taken.
15. Next Meeting: September 19th, 2005 at 1:00 on a conference call.

Respectfully

Patrick Parsley
AMBO executive Secretary