

### Call to Order

#### 1. Roll Call:

- a. Craig Hoium **X**
- b. Gary Yoder **X**
- c. Dave Fisher **X**
- d. Sid Fossan
- e. Bill Schlenvogt **X**
- f. Steve Nelson **X**
- g. Randy Kardell **X**
- h. Gary Hagedorn **X**
- i. Patrick Higgins **X**

#### Others:

- j. Roger Axel
- k. Patrick Parsley
- l.
- m.
- n. Brian Hoffman
- o.
- p.
- q.

- 2. Approval of the Agenda: **Moved, second and passed to accept the agenda with one added item to new business.**
- 3. Approval of the September 13th Meeting Minutes: **Moved by Randy K. and second by Gary Y. to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.**
- 4. Treasurer's Report: **Moved by Patrick H. and second by Gary H. to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Motion passed.**
- 5. Committee Reports:
  - a. Legislative Committee: **Brian Hoffman reported that he attended a "get out the vote benefit and will be giving a state refunded donation. Craig Hoium will also be donating for a total of \$150. It was a worth while networking opportunity. On November 6<sup>th</sup> Brian will be attending a AMM meeting with the MN league of cities to discuss issues of permit fees as arisen from the recent law suit settled with the city of Shakopee. He thinks there will be trends to try to cut permit fees in accordance with a study done by Spingstead. Members of the board noted that the figures are very misleading and don't take into account all costs associated with codes administration. We need to stay on top of this issue. (Can we note to AMM and the league that we are committed to a best practices study that will help with fee rationalization that will be more accurate?)**
  - b. IBC Code Development: **No report except that Pat Parsley noted that Steve Thorpe is working on a region concept of code development. He may be using the conference call line and may want to have his committee meet at the Region Institute.**
  - c. IRC Code Development: **No report except that Pat noted that Scott is starting to set up meetings to review the public hearing results.**
  - d. Uniformity: **Roger Axel noted that there are 16 items on their agenda and sent them to the board for distribution to their chapters.**
  - e. Education Committee:
    - i. Contractor Training: 10K Agreement: **The agreement is still being negotiated. They will be trying to set up a class in southern MN. Roger will talk to the new director of inspections in Mankato and Craig will be willing to assist is setting up a class in the area.**
    - ii. Education Institute: Joe Ryan/Roger Axel: **Roger noted that we will be sending brochures to 1500 architects, 1200 interior designers, 1000 mechanical contacts and more to municipal managers and "green concept" contacts. Pat stated that the brochures were well received at the board of AELSLAGID. Roger is planning a meeting with the**

facility to verify rooms for the classes and for the meetings that need to be scheduled. So far the meetings include:

- a. **Green Buildings Reception** Monday 4:30-6:30 PM
- b. **AMBO Board mtg. dinner** Monday-7:00PM
- c. **Region III Board meeting** Tuesday breakfast-7:00AM
- d. **AMBO Membership meeting** Tuesday evening 5:10 PM
- e. **Region III membership mtg.** Tuesday evening 6:00PM
- f. **Evening Banquet (reception?)** Wednesday 6:00-8:00 PM
- g. **Region President's Summit** Thursday evening 6:30 PM
- h. **Hospitality room:** ??????????????????

iii. Institute registration desk volunteers: **Roger will start a sign up sheet.**

*(He might also make a dvd player available for showing the HERO program.)*

iii. Chapter offerings and news: **10K seminars are coming up. Craig and**

**Roger will see to it that Region Institute brochures are available.**

f. Public Relations/Communications:

i. Web site update: Steve Nelson: **Steve is in the process of getting the new web page design ready. He is hoping to have it ready for our next meeting. He will also be working with John Tilton on a newsletter.**

ii. Vendor participation with Institute Trade Show: Larry Huff: **So far Larry has three booths sold but is expecting a lot more. (Will we provide a space for ICC? They typically will not pay for a booth.)**

h. Building Inspector Competency Advisory Committee – Brian Hoffman/Craig Hoium: **Generally the committee is setting minimum competency standards to be administrated by the local jurisdictions. The standards will start very low and will include required CEU's. The trades want only trade experience and licenses to be the requirement. More complete language will be distributed for comment.**

i. Chapter Visits:

i. Northwest Chapter October 6th- Craig Hoium: **Craig said it was a good visit that helped to dispel accusations that are still out there about AMBO. Pat noted that Sid Fossan had called and said it was a very good presentation that will help NW see AMBO in a different light.**

ii. Arrowhead Chapter-Roger Axel: **Roger stated that it was a good meeting and that Arrowhead is donating their day of training to the Region institute. He thanked them and updated them on what AMBO is doing.**

6. ICC Report:Greg Johnson: **No report except that he sent a letter of thanks to the Region for assisting in his reelection.**

7. Upper Great Plains Region Report:Pat Parsley: **Pat is busy getting the Presidents Summit underway. He is asking the Region chapter of donate \$1,000 toward the cost of the Summit dinner. So far he has contacted all the WI presidents and most of the MN presidents and personally invited them. He will be attending the WI fire inspectors board meeting on Nov. 5 in WI Dells. He asked for \$100 for mileage or meal costs. Roger moved to approve the expenditure, Gary H. seconded and the motion passed. The city of Fairmont will cover the rest of the costs.**

8. Calendar Update:

9. Pending Business:
  - a. Funding Requests for Orlando (see email attachment): **No action required.**
  - b. 2008 ICC ABM Planning (Gary Yoder & Patrick Higgins): **Patrick and Gary are working on getting a committee and making sure we have a good location for our hospitality room in Reno. They may need funding for a trip to scope out the location prior to the 2007 ABM. 10K is already studying their budget to be sure they will be appropriately participating. Pat Parsley invited Patrick to give a presentation at the Presidents Summit if he is ready. We all want to make this a great MN experience.**
  - c. Presidents Summit at Institute: **See region report.**
10. Presidents Report: **Craig noted the great honor it was to receive the merit award from ICC as our chapter president. He went on to thank all who contributed including all the committees, the board, the founding board, and especially the executive officers. Roger went on to say the Brent Snyder said it is almost unheard of for such a new chapter to earn this award!**
11. New Business:
  - a. Brent Snyder Discussion - To Date Donations: **So far donations total over \$60,000 and it is our goal to reach \$80,000 before too long. He will keep us informed of the situation.**
  - b. Establishment of Nomination Committee: **Craig will establish this committee of non-board members. Gary Hagedorn is the only at large seat up for election and he stated that he intends to run for reelection.**
  - c. **Plumbing Certification Test: Mr Kardell noted that he has had complaints about the questions on the test. Those who were close to passing think they would have passed if it were strictly plumbing code. It was noted that the reference material included the necessary materials and that some two-year inspectors were able to pass the exam. We concur with ICC that the test was appropriate.**
  - d. **Randy K. moved that we approve the new 2007 Professional Seminar agreement with 10K. The terms are the same as last year at a cost share from 10K to AMBO of \$10,000. Dave F. seconded and the motion passed.**
12. Next Meeting: **November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 1:00**
13. Adjourned at 3:00pm

Respectfully

**Patrick Parsley CBO  
Executive Secretary**