

AMBO Board Minutes September 20th, 2004

1. Roll Call: Present, Roger Axel, Keith Wille, Sid Fossan, Don Delgehausen, Gary Yoder, Merwyn Larson, Steve Torell. Absent, Craig Houim, Duane Lasley. Others, Greg Johnson, Larry Huff, Ron Neinaber, Patrick Parsley.
2. Approval of 8-16-04 minutes. Approved as Corrected
3. Treasurer's Report. Accepted.
4. Legislative report: Approved the proposed legislation to modify rules requiring municipal inspectors to be certified in MN by 2007. Gave Greg Johnson the go ahead for finding an author.
5. Plumbing Certification: Dan Delgehausen reported that the SW chapter is very receptive to the concept and that Pat Parsley will be meeting with Dave Nelson at Salt Lake City to try and set up:
 - a. A final agreement with ICC to provide the test and certification.
 - b. Set up time frames for completing the process for a test available for the 2006 Annual Institute.
 - c. Get volunteer needs for the process and start to get volunteers.
6. Pin Status: Larry will have the pins this week. Pat has paid for the 500 pins.
7. 2006 Annual Institute: The board reviewed the various responses to the RFP and passed a motion for Ron Neinaber and Roger Axel to negotiate an agreement with Northland Inn not to exceed their estimates. The board also approved an amendment to the motion to allow Ron and Roger to negotiate for a more favorable agreement by seeking a multiyear agreement. NOTE: Roger will send a letter to all of the organizations that participate in the Institute letting them know that we have gone forward with establishing a new location for the 2006 institute.
8. Endorsements:
 - a. Fire Protection Advisory Council: Keith Wille will contact Bill Schmidt from Oakdale to offer him the opportunity to serve as the AMBO representative on this committee. Other possible choices are Clay Larson, Dale Schoeppner, Lyle Felch, and Kathy Osmonson.
 - b. ICC Property Maintenance Committee: Approved the request for endorsement by Linda Lichtenberger from Tennessee. Roger will send the letter to ICC.
9. SW/SEMCO/AMBO October seminar agreement: It was noted by Gary Yoder that the SEMCO chapter has no vested interest of time or finance in this seminar and offered to withdraw the chapter from the agreement. The board approved a 25%SW to 75% AMBO split on the profits. Keith Willie will write an agreement to be sent to SW for approval.
10. Refund Policy: Approved the policy as written herein:
 - a. 100% refund for cancelled offerings
 - b. 100% refund for written requests received two weeks prior to offering date.
 - c. No refund for requests received less than two weeks prior to offering date.
11. Newsletter: Sid noted that the first newsletter is on the web site and the announcement will be sent to the membership. He noted that he would be seeking articles from the board.
12. Shirts: Gary stated that they are still being stitched.

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13. 2004 Inspector of the year: Board members and chapters should get their nominees to Steve Torell. Board members were encouraged to get chapter nominees to Steve Torell before November 1st.
 14. Board nominees: It was noted that there is one at large seat open and the SW and SEMCO seats need to be reappointed. Roger Axel is willing to serve again.
NOTE: Roger will send a letter to the SW and SE chapters requesting a response before the annual institute.
 15. MN Mechanical Code Books: It was noted that we hope to have the books in December and that we need to market the books to industry. Roger will pen a letter to industry groups including:
 - a. MCCA
 - b. PHCC
 - c. ABC
 - d. AX
 - e. ASHREA
 - f. Plumbing Engineers
 - g. MN AIA
 16. Steve Torell noted that the 10,000 Lakes meeting at the AI was overlooked in the planning. It was noted that AMBO had nothing to do with this oversight. The 10,000 Lakes chapter has decided not to hold a meeting at the institute.
 17. Patrick Parsley reported that the SW chapter would like to coordinate its summer outing with the 10,000 Lakes Summer Conference 2005. Steve Torell will consider the invitation.
 18. Next Meeting: October 25th, 2004 at 1:00PM
- Respectfully submitted

Patrick Parsley
AMBO Executive Secretary

Attachment: After the meeting, the IBC committee proposed policy action for committee participation. This should be added to the October meeting.

AMBO board members,

At our last AMBO IBC Development Committee meeting we had discussed the committee roster and the requirements for who can be on the committee. I called Roger Axel with this question and if I understood Roger correctly, anyone can be a committee member, but the board would like to see ICC government voting members as chairpersons. There may be exceptions to the chairpersons rule, if the board supports the committees' selection of a committee member to be a chairperson who is not a voting member of ICC, but there is some reason or reasons that this person would be a good selection. If we pattern our committee

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rosters after ICC committees, they use the terminology of "users" and "regulators".

Our committee has some concern on this ruling. We would like to see rules in effect that would require committee members to be a member of AMBO or of an ICC Chapter and also place limits on non-voting member participation - maybe 2/3's voting members (regulators), 1/3 non-voting members (users) - something like that.

If you could discuss our concerns at one of your board meetings or if any of you would like to attend our next committee meeting we are meeting on Friday, October 1st - probably at Coon Rapids - location to be announced in my next meeting agenda. Let me know via RSVP if you think you might attend and I can adjust the agenda accordingly.

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