

# Iowa Association Of Building Officials Newsletter

*(In memory of Chuck Thomas, beloved friend and member)*

**January 14, 2016**

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5505 Mills Civic Parkway  
West Des Moines, IA 50266



*“Setting the Standard for Building Safety”*

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\*\* CEU's will be provided for attending chapter meetings!

## Agenda

- 6:00 pm Registration / Refreshments / Appetizers**
- 6:30 Welcome – Cody Christensen,  
Installation of Officers - Jim Brown ICC, Board Member  
Roll Call and Introductions  
Approval of November 12, 2015 Minutes**
- 6:45 – 7:15 Communications and Board Reports**  
Correspondence Received  
Treasurer’s Report  
State Building Code Bureau Report  
Iowa Department of Public Health Report
- Committee Reports**  
Legislative:                      Education:                      Membership:                      Scholarship:                      Program:  
Code Development:                      Endorsement:                      Audit:
- Regional Reports**  
ICC: Jim Brown ICC, Board Representative and Richard Hauffe, ICC Government Relations Liaison  
Region III                                      Eastern – EICBIC                                      Central – MICCC
- Old Business:**  
**New Business: Awards**
- 7:15 Adjourn**
- 7:30 – 8:30 Buffet Dinner – Smokey D’s Award winning Buffet**
- 8:30 – 9:00 Entertainment by Comedian Josh Novey**

IABO 2016 Officers

<b>President:</b>	Michael Pardekooper	515-309-9457	- Building Official – Pleasant Hill
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:</b>	Roger Schemmel	515-331-6782	- Associate Building Official– Urbandale
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:</b>	Tim Hennes	319-356-5122	- Senior Building Inspector – Iowa City
<b>Secretary:</b>	Brian Bishop	515-283-4958	- Deputy Building Official – Des Moines
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Linda Rivers	563-284-6571 x18	- Building Official - Walcott
<b>Past President:</b>	Cody Christensen	515-283-4989	- Permit & Dev. Admin. – Des Moines



## President's Message

IABO Members,

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and hope each of you had a joyous holiday season. I am looking forward to 2016, and the exciting things it holds for IABO, and its members. It is nice to start the year with a training event such as the one on January 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, with our annual banquet being held the evening of January 14<sup>th</sup>. It is not too late to sign up for the classes, and I encourage all members to attend the banquet. We have a great agenda lined up including a professional comedian to add to our social event.

As we start the year, I would like everyone to consider getting more involved in the IABO organization. Please take a look at the current committees, and consider volunteering to help with any that interest you. The IABO board members are always open to any ideas or suggestions on how to make our association better. The ABM this year will be held in Kansas City, and I am hoping we have a very strong presence there from our IABO group. With the location being in such close proximity, it is an opportunity to attend an ABM and Public Comment Hearing without the extensive travel. ICC and IABO both offer scholarship funding to help with the expense of attending the annual event.

If you are considering additional educational opportunities, the ICC Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute is a very nice educational event planned for next month on February 8-12. This offers a smorgasbord of training opportunities in different areas of code development.

IABO has always been a great resource to provide assistance in interpreting difficult code sections, and providing support in other areas of our profession. I encourage everyone to utilize the wealth of knowledge contained within our membership as we move forward into the new year, and the possible challenges that newly adopted code cycles may present.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as a board member for the past 5 years, and now as President of this prestigious association.

Sincerely, Michael Pardekooper

# Minutes: November 12, 2015

## **Meeting at Iowa Department of Public Safety**

### **Introductions and Roll call:**

President Cody Christensen called the meeting to order at approximately 9:09 AM

Board Members present were Cody Christensen, Roger Schemmel, Tim Hennes and Mike Pardekooper. Absent were Linda Rivers and Tom Palmer. A count of three board members and more than 15 members was taken to determine there was a quorum.

### **Approval of September meeting minutes**

Reviewed the minutes of the September 10, 2015 IABO Chapter Meeting. Approval of January meeting minutes was change to September meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Jeff Junker and seconded by Craig Witry to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

### **Communications and Correspondence**

Cody reported that Steve Van Note sent a thank you for the plant IABO sent in memory of his father. Also that Jim Smith, American Wood Council, sent an email encouraging members to DISAPPROVE code change G-170 when it comes up on the online vote. It was a code change that made it through the process and there are some unintended consequences that would impact the ability to use fire retardant treated wood in Types III and IV Construction.

Cody also reported that Dave Ruffcorn is looking for an IABO representative to participate in an Energy Code workgroup.

### **Treasurer's Report.**

Cody stated Linda Rivers, Treasurer IABO, is responding to a tornado that went through Walcott last night and will not be at today's meeting to give a Treasures Report. She will send the Treasures Report to the Audit Committee and we will have the report for the January meeting.

### **State Building Code Bureau**

Cody announced that the City of Des Moines hired Brian Bishop, who was previously employed by the State Building Code Bureau.

Rich Bolten reported:

- Code Adoption – 2015 Building, Residential, Existing Building and Fire Code are moving forward with adoption date sometime in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2016.
- The current plan is to adopt the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code in mid 2016.
- Dave Ruffcorn is putting together a group to provide input on the Energy Code and ask that an IABO member be part of the group. Ryan Mayer, City of Clive volunteered to represent IABO in this group.

### **Iowa Department of Public Health Report**

Jennifer Hart reported the State Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board will meet on November 17 and she anticipates the Board will move forward with the notice to adopt the mechanical code. She stated the soonest they could become effective would be in March 2016. Jennifer stated the amendments are the same as the 2012 with one other amendment and will adopt the 2015 IMC.

Jennifer reported the 2015 Plumbing code is moving forward with expected adoption in May. A copy of the draft rules will be available on their website for comments.

### **Civil Rights Commission:**

Cody stated he received a request from the Iowa Civil Rights Commission to collaborate with IABO on accessibility training in May 2016. Members should look forward to this training opportunity in the future.

### **Hawkeye State Fire Safety Association (HSFSA):**

Cody introduced Patrick Phelan, Des Moines Fire Department, representing HSFSA. Patrick stated HSFSA would like to provide more training opportunities with their members and work closely with IABO to provide training that would benefit both IABO and HSFSA members.

One issue that he's hearing from HSFSA members is they would like training on photovoltaic systems and their installation.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Legislative Committee:**

Jim Obradovich reported that during this time of year the legislators are trying to figure out what their priorities are for next year. Jim reported that it will be important for IABO to reestablish a presence at the Capitol to let people think about introducing bills of interest to IABO or if anything with codes or inspections comes up we'll be front and center to provide input on issues.

#### **Education**

Mike Pardekooper reported the committee is working on setting up the annual meeting and banquet. A survey was sent out to respond to a selection of classes and dates for the meeting.

#### **Membership & Scholarship, Endorsement & Audit**

No report.

#### **Program**

Roger Schemmel reported that a program is being developed for the January meeting.

#### **Code Development**

Cody reminded the committee that with the codes being adopted at the state level this is opportunity for the Committee to participate in that process.

#### **Nomination**

Cody stated Creston Trunbull, Craig Witry, Bob Hendricks and Jeff Junker, the Nominating Committee, was asked to put together a recommendation for the 2016 IABO officers.

Bob Hendricks reported the Nominating Committee recommends Cody Christenson for Past President, Mike Pardekooper for President, Roger Schemmel for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Tim Hennes for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Linda Rivers for Treasurer and Brian Bishop for Secretary.

Cody opened nominations from the floor.

A motion was made by Rod VanGenderen and seconded by Scott Ribberger to cease nominations and moved that the membership cast a unanimous ballot for the Nominating Committees recommendations. Motion passed.

#### **ICC Report –**

Ron Hoover reported.

Our Government Relations Liaison, for ICC, is Richard Hauffe from South Dakota. Ron said he would encourage the Board reach out to Richard to attend an IABO meeting or the annual banquet.

CDP access was working well and then there were some issues that the ICC Board is working to correct.

Spring hearings are in Louisville in April and the Group B of the 2018 code cycle will be coming out for the fall hearings in Kansas City. Ron encourages members to attend both, but especially the fall hearings in Kansas City because they are so close.

### **Region III Report**

Brian Bishop reported Region III met at the ICC ABM and they are getting ready for the February training in Minnesota.

### **Eastern (EICBIC)**

Tim Hennes reported representatives from North Liberty, Coralville, Iowa City and Johnson County met and Tom Palmer explained North Liberty is proceeding with licensing of contractors.

### **Central (MICCC)**

Roger Schemmel reported the Central Iowa Code Consortium is working on code amendments. The committees have reviewed the significant changes and have been issued local amendments that have been submitted and are working through the process. Seven subcommittees were formed for different code sections and are working to have them ready for adoption by spring 2016.

Cody reported fiber reinforced concrete is an item that has been discussed in central Iowa. There have been a couple concrete companies that have proposed using small fiber reinforcement for residential foundations. Helix and Fiber Works (sp?) are two products that they have asked be consideration for approval based on engineering submitted. These products are under review by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party engineer.

### **Old Business**

Cody reported on the ABM and summarized the officer election process. The ICC Nomination Committee nominated a number of candidates for seats on the Board and left Ron Hoover's seat open with no nomination. When the vote took place they took nominations from the floor which resulted in Jim Brown being nominated for Ron's vacant seat and Brenda, from Las Vegas, nominated for the seat left vacant by Jim. Jim Brown is Iowa's ICC representative.

Ron Hoover explained there were some changes made on future election procedures.

### **New Business**

Rich Walke from Underwriters Laboratory introduce Product Spec, a new tool to help designers and contractors when they are trying to find fire rated wall configurations or fire stop materials. Product Spec was developed to work on smart phones and tablets to enable inspectors to look up listings in the field.

### **Program**

Roger Schemmel led the membership in a code question and answer/discussion.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Hendricks and seconded by Scott Ribberger. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Hennes, IABO Secretary

# 2016 Committee Member List

## Legislative Committee

Tom Palmer	City of North Liberty
Brian Bishop	City of Des Moines
Jeff Junker	City of Ankeny
Maurice Dudney	City of Urbandale
Tim Hennes	City of Iowa City
Jeff Harden	City of Altoona
Mike Pardekooper	City of Pleasant Hill

## Education Committee

<b>Eastern Iowa</b>	
Ray Nees	City of Eldridge
Tim Hennes	City of Iowa City
Linda Rivers	City of Walcott
Pat Parsley	City of Hiawatha
Tom Palmer	City of North Liberty
<b>Central Iowa</b>	
Mike Pardekooper	City of Pleasant Hill
Bob Hendricks	City of Winterset
Rick Parrino	Plum Building Systems, LLC
Roger Schemmel	City of Urbandale
Denny Bernholtz	Safe Building Compliance & Technology

## e Development Committee

Cody Christiansen	City of Des Moines
Tim Crabb	East Central Intergovernmental Assoc.
Patrick Parsley	City of Hiawatha
Ron Hoover	City of Marion
Ed Higgins	City of Boone
Jeff Harden	City of Altoona
Steve Richardson	McKeon Door Company

## Nominating Committee

Creston Turnbull	City of Coralville
Bob Hendricks	City of Winterset
Craig Witry	City of Cedar Falls

## Endorsement Committee

Jerry Byers - Chair	City of Pella - Chair
Tim Hennes	City of Iowa City
Craig Witry	City of Cedar Falls

## Membership Committee

Cody Christensen	City of Des Moines
Mike Pardekooper	City of Pleasant Hill
Sean Devin	City of Des Moines
Linda Rivers	City of Walcott

## Audit Committee

Roger Schemmel	City of Urbandale
Mike Pardekooper	City of Pleasant Hill
Jeff Junker	City of Ankeny

## Scholarship Committee

Mike Pardekooper	City of Pleasant Hill
Taylor Matteson	City of Manchester
Shelly Bernholtz - Chair	Safe Building Compliance & Technology
Jerry Byers	City of Pella
Jeff Harden	City of Altoona
Mike Bruce	City of Creston

## Region III Committees

Brian Bishop	City of Des Moines
Craig Clark	City of Waterloo
Roger Schemmel	City of Urbandale

## Program Committee

Roger Schemmel	City of Urbandale
Rick Parrino	Plum Building Systems
Denny Bernholtz	Safe Bldg. Compliance & Technology

Contact a Board Member if there is a Committee that intrests you!