

Iowa Association of Building Officials Newsletter

July 8, 2021



“Setting the Standard for Building Safety”

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This will be our first meeting back in the DPS building in room #125. We will also have an option for attendance via zoom if you prefer.

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Agenda

- 8:45** **Meet and Greet-** refreshments will not be provided at this meeting
9:00 **Welcome** – Brian Bishop
Roll Call Confirmation of Quorum– Brian Bishop, 2021 President
Approval of May 13th Minutes
Communications and Board Reports
 State Building Code- Dan Wood
 Iowa Department of Public Health
 Treasurer’s Report
Committee Reports
 Committee Appointments
 Legislative:
 Education:
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Regional Reports
 ICC:
 Region III
 Eastern – EICBIC
 Central – MICCC
Old Business:
New Business: ABM will be held in September in Pittsburg, PA who is planning to go?
 Post COVID operations of jurisdictions, what is working for everyone.
- 11:00 AM** **Adjourn**
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IABO 2021 Officers

President:	Brian Bishop	515-283-4958	- Deputy Building Official – Des Moines
1st Vice President:	Neil Bombei	319-356-6085	- Lead Building Inspector – Johnson County
2nd Vice President:	Mike Bruce	641-745-0970	- Building Inspector – State of Iowa
Secretary:	Adam Ostert	515-239-5228	- Assistant Building Official - Ames
Treasurer:	Josh Dorhout	712-722-0761	- Building Official – Sioux Center
Past President:	Tim Hennes	319-356-5122	- Senior Building Inspector – Iowa City

President's Message

Here it is already July, wow where has the year went. We will be hosting our first in person IABO meeting since March 2020. Our last in-person meeting was in Cedar Rapids, 5 days before the country shut down due to the pandemic. Now we are starting to return to “normal” business operations. Many of us have experienced numerous changes to our personal and professional lives since then. Some changes have been good and actually made our lives in public service more efficient. It was very interesting observing how different jurisdictions and levels of government adapted to the pandemic. In the City of Des Moines we transitioned from a paper permitting system to a modified electronic system in a matters of days. The ability for building departments to change their practices during the pandemic from utilizing virtual inspections, to incorporating electronic plan review and permitting, and creating remote work abilities proved to be a workable challenge for all of the professionals that make up the members of the Iowa Association of Building Officials. IABO members, ICC and others did an excellent job during the pandemic in sharing information and finding solutions to keep offering the same level of service to our customers even though the office may not have been open or staffed. All of your efforts to your community were commendable and much appreciated.

As we begin to host our first in-person meeting, we will also have a Zoom option available for members that don't want to travel or maybe aren't allowed to travel to meetings yet.

The IABO Leadership team has already began discussing plans for our annual training and banquet event in January 2022. I think after this past year everyone is ready to start getting back to normal and we hope to have a great celebration in January 2022.

Brian Bishop
IABO President

Minutes: May 13, 2021 **Zoom Meeting**

Introductions and Roll Call:

President Brian Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Roll call was taken. Board members present were Brian Bishop, Neil Bombei, Adam Ostert, and Josh Dorhout. A count of more than 15 members determined there was a quorum, with a total of 28 people at the meetings commencement.

Approval of previous minutes

A motion was made by Neil Bombei to approve the previous minutes and second was made by Mike Bruce, the motion passed with a unanimous vote by membership.

Communications and Board Reports

Correspondence Received- None

Treasurer's Report

- Josh Dorhout reported that IABO currently has \$24,840.86 in the checking account and \$15,086.13 in the Savings account for a total of \$42,248.01.
- Several dues were received from jurisdictions, send Josh an email if you are uncertain if you are up to date with dues.
- A motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Neil Bombei and seconded by Lucas Pump -there was no discussion, the motion passed with a unanimous vote by membership.

State Building Code Bureau- Dan Wood

- working on the Administrative code for the possible update to the 2021 I-codes(IFC, IBC& IEBC). They need Governor approval but still looking at a January 1 adoption date.
- they are planning to amend Chapter 11 of the IBC to reference the ICC A117.1-2009 in lieu of the ICC A117.1-2017
- Recruitment for Building Code Commissioner will be posted again in the fall
- the adoption of the new Energy Code will likely be around September
- if your jurisdiction is in the process of adopting the 2021 I-codes or have adopted them, they would like to hear what amendments you have or are proposing adopt so they can get a feel for what jurisdictions will be doing.

Iowa Department of Public Health Report- None

- Brian Bishop noted that they are still looking at a summer (July?) adoption of the Plumbing and Mechanical codes

Committee Reports

Legislative-it's been a busy session

Dan Wood/ Brian Bishop reported the following:

- there is a possible amendment to the electrical code that was just adopted to allow for local jurisdictions to create local amendments that are less restrictive.
- possible Bill to reconsider the Electrical code adoption that was just completed.
- watching the plumbing bill we influenced to see if anything gets attached. Will only have requirements for State Plumbing Inspectors.

Education- Roger is working on a training opportunity at Plum truss manufacturer in Osceola. Look for details forthcoming.

Membership-Mike Paradekooper reported that there was nothing to report

Scholarship- Welcome Aaron Dodds to the committee

- there were 14 new scholarships they will be sent out for review
- discussion was held to possibly review the program. The committee will bring change proposals to the meeting in the fall.

-looking at ways to increase communication between the committee and the Treasurer to ensure that awarded scholarships are paid to the recipients school. With the annual change of board positions the follow up of the 4 year scholarships is tough to ensure that all scholarships are paid that are awarded.

-looking at two(2)-2 year \$1000 scholarships awarded per year in lieu of one(1)- 4 year \$500 and one(1)- 2 year \$500 awarded each year

-Kaitlyn Goth was the 2020 scholarship recipient- due the chaos of the last year payment of her scholarship was not submitted to Iowa State for the 20-21 school year. A motion was made by Mike Pardekooper to issue a \$1000 to Iowa State to cover Kaitlyn's scholarship for the 20-21 school year and the 21-22 school year. The motion was seconded by Kevin Ciabatti and there was no discussion, the motion passed with a unanimous vote by membership.

Program-Thank you Duncan and Cedar Rapids for the Derecho training that will follow.

Code Development-None

Endorsement-None

Audit-The audit was completed, and the Audit Committee thanks Adam and Josh for providing all necessary documentation and prompt follow up to questions. Jeff Junker thanked Ryan Mayer and Mike Pardekooper for their work on the audit and recommended approval of the 2020 Treasurers annual report There was a motion made by Pat Parsley to accept the report and Gary Hansen seconded the motion. There was no discussion, the motion passed with a unanimous vote by membership.

Nominating- none

Regional Reports

Region III- Pat Parsley- the Region III institute was successful.

-The Region III Board voted to decrease the membership dues for Region III for this year. The dues will be half what they were last year and the invoices will be sent out in July.

-The ABM will be held in Pittsburg this September. There are scholarships available for Region III members to attend, information is located on the region III website.

-One of the changes in the 2021 code regarding stoops originated from our region, it is a good change, if you get a chance check it out.

ICC Report-Brian Bishop- ICC committee action hearings are complete they were completed remotely, it was different but was finished on time. Final action hearings will be in Pittsburg this fall.

Eastern Iowa EICBIC-Duncan McCallum

-they are discussing adoption of the 2021 codes with some local changes but there is a general consensus on the codes to be adopted.

Central MICCC-Ryan Mayer

-still meeting, last meeting they discussed a new electrical product called E-lids he will send out information on the product if you want to review it.

Old Business-None

New Business- May is building safety month, the Governor signed a Proclamation for Building Safety Month.

-The ICC ABM/Code Hearings are in Pittsburg Sept. 19-21st think about if you would like to attend, we'll discuss at the July meeting. Planning for a group to go (planning, shirts...) We'll send out a survey to assess interest.

-Jerry Byers stated that endorsements for the ICC Board are being received and will be brought to the July meeting for approval.

-Roger explained that the new website had an update but is experiencing delays in fixing "glitches". We should be able to have a member/committee of members in charge of making updates with pictures and information in a few months.

-Braced wall requirements and the 2018 IRC were discussed as well as upcoming training opportunities in braced walls. There is a 2018 wall bracing provisions book available from ICC. It was noted that Sandra Hyde with ICC is a great presenter on the subject matter if you are seeking an update course.

Adjournment

Duncan McCallum motioned for adjournment and Mike Pardekooper seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourned 9:52

Respectfully submitted by IABO Secretary, Adam Ostert

2021 Committee Member List

Legislative Committee

Rod Van Genderen	City of West Des Moines
Brian Bishop	City of Des Moines (Chair)
Jeff Junker	City of Ankeny
Steve Richardson	McKeon Door Company
Tim Hennes	City of Iowa City
Cody Christensen	City of Des Moines
Mike Pardekooper	City of Altoona

Education Committee

Eastern Iowa	
Duncan McCallum	City of Cedar Rapids
Tim Hennes	City of Iowa City
Neil Bombei	Johnson County
Pat Parsley	City of Hiawatha
Luke Maloney	Linn County
Central Iowa	
Mike Pardekooper	City of Altoona
Bob Hendricks	City of Winterset
Rick Parrino	Plum Building Systems, LLC
Roger Schemmel	City of Urbandale
Vacant	

Region III Committee

Mike Pardekooper	City of Altoona
Adam Ostert	City of Ames
Roger Schemmel	City of Urbandale
Pat Parsley	City of Hiawatha

Scholarship Committee

Aaron Dodds	City of Cedar Rapids
Mike Pardekooper	City of Altoona
Jerry Byers	City of Pella
Jeff Harden	City of Ankeny
Mike Bruce	City of Creston

Membership Committee

Josh Dorhout	City of Sioux Center
Mike Pardekooper	City of Altoona
Sean Devlin	City of Waukee
Gary Hansen	City of Marion

Program Committee

Roger Schemmel	City of Urbandale
Rick Parrino	Plum Building Systems
Adam Nelson	City of Burlington

Code Development Committee

Jack Swarm	City of Mount Pleasant
Tim Crabb	East Central Intergovernmental Assoc.
Patrick Parsley	City of Hiawatha
Vacant	
Ed Higgins	City of Boone
Jeff Harden	City of Ankeny
Steve Richardson	McKeon Door Company

Endorsement Committee

Jerry Byers	City of Pella (Chair)
Tim Hennes	City of Iowa City
Adam Ostert	City of Ames

Audit Committee

Ryan Mayer	City of Clive
Mike Pardekooper	City of Altoona
Jeff Junker	City of Ankeny

Nominating Committee

Creston Turnbull	City of Coralville
Bob Hendricks	City of Winterset
Josh Dorhout	Sioux Center

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