

# Iowa Association of Building Officials Newsletter



*"Setting the Standard for Building Safety"*

**September 8th, 2022**

*Greater Des Moines HBA facility  
6751 Corporate Drive  
Johnston, IA 50131*

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## Agenda

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- 8:45 Meet and Greet (coffee and doughnuts will be provided)**
- 9:00 Welcome – Brian Bishop**
- Roll Call Confirmation of Quorum– Brian Bishop, 2022 President**
- Approval of July 14, 2022 Minutes**
- Communications and Board Reports**
- State Building Code- Dave Ruffcorn  
IA Dept. of Public Health
- Treasurer’s Report-
- Committee Reports-**
- Legislative: None  
Education: None  
Membership: None  
Program: None  
Scholarship: None  
Code Development: None
- Nominating/Endorsement: - Begin discussion with existing Board members and membership in regard to serving on the Board
- Audit: None
- Regional Reports**
- ICC: Rick Hauffe  
Region III  
Eastern- EICBIC- Fall training with the Permit Tech Association- Pat  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iowa-permit-technicians-conference-2022-tickets-384375095257>  
Central – MICCC-
- Old Business:** None
- New Business:** -Jim Obradovich new contract, are there any changes needed.  
-Honorary Membership for the State Building Code Commissioner, State Fire Marshall and the Health and Human Services Director  
-Other
- 11:00 AM Adjourn**

### IABO 2022 Officers

President:	<b>Brian Bishop</b>	<b>515-283-4958</b>	- Deputy Building Official – Des Moines
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	<b>Neil Bombei</b>	<b>319-356-6085</b>	- Lead Building Inspector – Johnson County
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	<b>Mike Bruce</b>	<b>641-745-0970</b>	- Building Inspector – State of Iowa
Secretary:	<b>Adam Ostert</b>	<b>515-727-7767</b>	- Building Official - Johnston
Treasurer:	<b>Luke Maloney</b>	<b>319-892-5144</b>	- Building Official – Linn County
Past President:	<b>Tim Hennes</b>	<b>319-356-5122</b>	- Senior Building Inspector – Iowa City

## President's message

It is that time of year again. Summer is winding down and the kids are back to school. Soon we will be complaining about how cold it is rather than how hot it is, as we get through the fall construction push. This month's meeting, we will be providing education on truss bracing and installation. I can thank Rick Parrino of Plum Building Systems/ Gilcrest Jewett Lumber for coordinating this training and for Dan Knoup with the Des Moines Homebuilders Association for hosting this event. The training should be informative and will allow inspectors to interact with product experts and builders. This month is the International Code Council annual conference in Louisville, Kentucky with a week of code hearings to follow. Iowa will be well represented at this event. Next year this event will be in St Louis, MO so I imagine an even bigger Iowa presence will be at next year's event. On October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, the Iowa Permit Technician Association is hosting a training conference in Central City. Make sure to support this event with your staff if you are able.

Thanks,  
Brian Bishop  
IABO President

## Minutes: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting/training in Marion

### Introductions and Roll Call:

President Brian Bishop called the meeting to order at 9:01am Roll call was taken. Board members present were Brian Bishop, Neil Bombei, Adam Ostert, Josh Dorhout, and Tim Hennes absent was Mike Bruce. A count of more than 15 members determined there was a quorum, with a total of 28 people.

### **Approval of previous minutes**

A motion was made by Lucas Pump to approve the previous minutes and second was made by Duncan McCallum

### **Communications and Board Reports**

#### Correspondence Received—None

#### Treasurer's Report -was sent to the group

-Josh Dorhout reported that IABO currently has \$42,212.59 in the checking account, \$1,208.53 in the Registrations account and \$15,087.56 in the Savings account for a total of \$58,508.68.

A motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Tim Hennes and seconded Rod Van Genderen -no discussion and was passed with a unanimous vote by membership.

#### State Building Code Bureau-

##### Dave Ruffcorn-

-They are filling three vacancies for plan reviewers

##### Brian Young-not present

#### Iowa Department of Public Health Report -not present

-openings for Board members if interested.

## Committee Reports

Legislative-Brian Bishop gave an update on the State Building Code. The bill is officially dead... for now.

Education- None

Membership-None

Scholarship- Scholarship applications were sent to the schools.

Program-None

Code Development-None

Endorsement-None

Audit-None

Nominating- Tim will send Nominating Committee members the request for endorsement and the committee will have endorsement recommendation at the July 14 meeting.

## Regional Reports

Region III -Planning is well under way for the 2023 Region III Institute in Minnesota in February 2023.

-submitted a letter of support for Greg Karow to serve on the ICC Education Committee.

ICC Report- -May is building safety month

-Online registration is open for the code hearings this fall there are code of honor scholarships available.

### Eastern Iowa EICBIC

- Looking at setting a meeting for jurisdictions in the area to share amendments that each jurisdiction will be seeking to the 2021 I codes when adopted.

-Planning for the possibility of a fall training with the Permit Tech's association. Tentatively October 13<sup>th</sup>, considering legal aspects, accessibility.... other topics that may be of interest. So please share any input you may have.

Central MICCC -CICC to resume planning for upcoming code adoption this fall.

Old Business -IABO shirts have been ordered(Thanks Josh) 40 shirts were ordered, should be shipped in the near future.

New Business -Building safety month, no signed proclamation from the Governor's Office this year.

The IABO chapter has submitted one to ICC.

-State Building Code, future discussions for IABO to provide more input once we see another push for a State wide building code. It's likely not gone forever and we'll probably see it again.

### Adjournment

Neil Bombei motioned for adjournment and Tim Hennes seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourned 10:00

Respectfully submitted by IABO Secretary, Adam Ostert

Next meeting will be an inperson meeting July 14, 2022.

The updated Committee Member list is on the next page, you'll see there are a few vacancies still. Please consider volunteering if you are able. Contact a Board Member if there is a Committee that interests you!

# 2022 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
Roger Schemmel	City of Urbandale
Tim Hennes	City of Iowa City
Cody Christensen	City of Des Moines
Adam Ostert	City of Johnston

## 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
Vacant	
Rick Parrino	Plum Building Systems, LLC
Roger Schemmel	City of Urbandale

## Region III Committee

Gary Hansen	City of Marion
Adam Ostert	City of Johnston
Roger Schemmel	City of Urbandale
Pat Parsley	City of Hiawatha

## Scholarship Committee

Aaron Dodds	City of Cedar Rapids
Cory Simpson	City of Webster City
Jerry Byers	City of Pella
Brandon Davis	Johnson County
Mike Bruce	State of Iowa

## Membership Committee

Vacant	
Neil Bombei	Johnson County
Vacant	
Gary Hansen	City of Marion

## Code Development/Program Committee

Jack Swarm	City of Mount Pleasant
Tim Crabb	East Central Intergovernmental Assoc.
Patrick Parsley	City of Hiawatha
Roger Schemmel	City of Urbandale
Ed Higgins	City of Boone
Rick Parrino	Plum Building Systems
Adam Nelson	City of Burlington

## Endorsement/Nominating Committee

Jerry Byers	City of Pella (Chair)
Tim Hennes	City of Iowa City
Adam Ostert	City of Johnston
Creston Turnbull	City of Coralville
Vacant	
Ben Pothoff	City of Dubuque

## Audit Committee

Ryan Mayer	City of Clive
Vacant	
Jeff Junker	City of Ankeny

# Minutes: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Meeting in Johnston

### 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, Mike Bruce, Adam Ostert, Josh Dorhout, and Tim Hennes. A count of more than 14 members present and 14 members participating via zoom determined there was a quorum, with a total of 28 people.

### **Approval of previous minutes**

A motion was made by Roger Schemmel to approve the previous minutes and second was made by Lucas Pump

### **Communications and Board Reports**

Correspondence Received—None

### Treasurer's Report -was sent to the group

-Josh Dorhout reported that IABO currently has \$3818.38 in the checking account, \$1,208.53 in the Registrations account and \$50,088.28 in the Savings account for a total of \$55,115.19.

A motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Tim Hennes and seconded Mike Bruce-no discussion and was passed with a unanimous vote by membership.

### State Building Code Bureau- Dave Ruffcorn-

-Hired 3 new engineers

-Have not been contacted by legislators or the governors office in regard to a State Building Code

-Update of the current Iowa building code

Brian Young-not present

### Iowa Department of Public Health Report -Craig Lehming

-Name change for the department new name is the Department of Health and Human Services

-License renewal is less than 1 year away

-5 of the 8 board members are new

-Contact them if you are dealing with deficient contractors. They have conducted 65 investigations this year and have 120 left to complete by years end

-Craig's contact information

### **Craig M. Leaming**

Investigator II| Bureau of Environmental Health Services|

Division of ADPER &EH| Iowa Department of Public Health|

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### **Committee Reports**

Legislative-We are on a holding pattern until fall/next legislative session

Education- None

Membership-None

Scholarship- 5 applications received, awarded to:

-Vincent Butcher 2 year scholarship to SW Tech for Electrical trades

-Kia Clem 4 year scholarship to ISU for Construction Engineering

Program/Code Development-None

Endorsement/Nominating -Tim presented the requests for recommendation letters to the ICC board

- Michael Wich is seeking to move from Vice President to President
- Stuart Tom is seeking to move from Secretary/Treasurer to Vice President.
- David Spencer currently holds an At Large seat and is seeking the Sectary/Treasure. David's term expires at the end of the current term.
- Angie Wiese holds and At Large seat on the board and is seeking another term. I believe she's seeking to fill Section B seat that will be left vacant because Jim Brown's term expires.
- Ron Hampton is seeing reelection to a second term to the Section D seat.
- Jack Applegate does not currently hold a board position and is seeking an At Large seat.
- Jon Laux does not currently hold a board position and is seeking an At Large seat.

Motion by Cory Simpson to send recommendation letters for the listed applicants above and seconded by Gary Hansen

Audit-None

## **Regional Reports**

Region III – will host a hospitality room for the ABM. A motion was made by Mike Bruce to commit \$500 towards the hospitality room and seconded by Tim Hennes with no discussion the motion passed by vote

ICC Report- -Rick Hauffe

- August 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day to designate voting representatives for your jurisdiction
- 1 year membership is extended to delegates that are not yet members
- Public comment hearing template letter
- August 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the early bird registration deadline for the ABM

Eastern Iowa EICBIC

Upcoming Permit Tech training will be held in October in Eastern Iowa look for more details.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iowa-permit-technicians-conference-2022-tickets-384375095257>

Central MICCC -CICC to resume planning for upcoming code adoption this fall.

Old Business -None

New Business -shirts/pins for the ABM Roger Schemmel made a motion to provide shirts for the ABM attendees the motion was seconded by Gary Hansen after discussion the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

-Jim Obradovich contract discussed the excess work that Jim provided last legislative session and his help stopping the State Building Code. Discussed providing Jim with a thank you "bonus/tip". Motion was made by Tim Hennes to send Jim a check for \$1000 to thank him Luke Maloney seconded the motion. With some discussion the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

-Transition of Treasurer- Josh is leaving his role as Building Official to pursue another career as such he will step down as the Treasurer of IABO since he will no longer be a member. Luke Maloney was nominated to serve as the Treasurer until the end of the current term. Unanimously approved by members, no other nominations were offered and no opposing votes were offered.

Adjournment

Neil Bombei motioned for adjournment and Tim Hennes seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourned 10:00

Respectfully submitted by IABO Secretary, Adam Ostert

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