

# Iowa Association of Building Officials Newsletter



*“Setting the Standard for Building Safety”*

July 13, 2023

*Johnston City Hall, Council Chambers  
6221 Merle Hay Road*

*Johnston, IA 50131*

*Zoom link:*

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## Agenda

8:45	<b>Meet and Greet (coffee and doughnuts will be provided)</b>
9:00	<b>Welcome – Neil Bombei</b>
	<b>Roll Call Confirmation of Quorum– Neil Bombei, 2023 President</b>
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	<b>New Business:</b>
	Other
10:0 AM	<b>Adjourn</b>

## IABO 2023 Officers

<b>President:</b>	Neil Bombei	319-356-6085	- Lead Building Inspector – Johnson County
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:</b>	Mike Bruce	641-745-0970	- Building Inspector – State of Iowa
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:</b>	Adam Ostert	515-727-7767	- Building Official - Johnston
<b>Secretary:</b>	Luke Maloney	319-892-5144	- Building Official – Linn County
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Ryan Mayer	515-223-6221	- Construction Services Manager - Clive
<b>Past President:</b>	Brian Bishop	515-283-4958	- Deputy Building Official – Des Moines

# IABO President's Message

## President's Message

IABO Members,

Steve Van Note, and his wife Marcy, led an Inspector Skills class for IABO in May, which took place after our regular meeting. It is always great to have a local guy in the front of the classroom. Steve was the former Building Official for Linn County prior to accepting a position with ICC. Steve also authored a book titled "Inspector Skills" for ICC in 2014, so he is the perfect instructor for this course. They had a few crowd engaging exercises, and the class was well attended. We used the Cedar Rapids Public Library for the venue, which has been done a few times in the past. Thanks to all of the organizers on this.



Local preparations for ICC's Annual Business Meeting in St Louis have begun. IABO has considered renting a van for both the central and eastern Iowa locations as a way to encourage attendance of the event for our neighboring state. This will slightly reduce travel costs for those jurisdictions that can participate and offer a networking opportunity on the drive down. This will be the closest location for us since Kansas City hosted in 2016.

There will be an expo and conference, but no code hearings at this year's ABM. ICC has operated this way for the last couple of code cycles, with the process wrapping up over the first two years, and the third year being without any activity. I read on ICC's website that they will again be making changes to the code development cycle, beginning with 2024 (for the 2024-26 cycle). It does appear that they will go back to having some activity in third year of the cycle, but it will be wrapped up before that year's ABM. If interested, you can read about it here:

<https://www.iccsafe.org/products-and-services/i-codes/code-development-changes/>

It would be great to have a good Iowa attendance in St Louis.

Thank you,  
Neil Bombei  
IABO President

## Minutes: May 11, 2023

### **Introductions and Roll Call:**

President Neil Bombei called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Luke Maloney took roll call. Board members present were Neil Bombei, Adam Ostert, Luke Maloney, Mike Bruce, and Brian Bishop. A count of more than 29 members in person determined there was a quorum, with a total of 37 people attending including attending via Zoom.

### **Approval of previous minutes**

Luke Maloney sent out March 9, 2023 minutes via email. A motion was made by Lucas Pump to approve the previous minutes and a second was made by Tim Hennes. All present voted aye.

### **Communications and Board Reports**

#### Correspondence Receive

Neil Bombei explained that there were six requests for endorsements.

#### Treasurer's Report

Ryan Mayer reported that IABO accounts are in good standing with the breakdown being \$9,606.06 in the checking account, \$23,764.51 in the Registrations account, and \$30,091.41 in savings. Ryan also reported that 88% of past members are paid to date. Trying to update the membership list brought up to current date.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Pat Parsley and seconded by Tim Hennes. All attending voting aye.

#### State Building Code Bureau

David Ruffcorn -Discussed the state going through a alliance process and how the realignment will put the plumbing, electrical, mechanical code under one roof. Discussed Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance's receipt of a federal grant to do an energy study for the state.

Brian Young- IEEB is in the process of adopting the 2023 NEC and is requesting any input or feedback on that topic. Brian stated that the IEEB is looking for January 1, 2024 as the effective date of the code. Discussed attempting to get NFPA to perform and in person code update, at this time they would prefer to do training virtual. Neil stated that we have close to 100 attendees when the state is able to partner with NFPA to provide code updates.

#### Iowa Department of Health and Human Services

### **Committee Reports**

## Legislative

Adam Ostert -Session has ended. A lot of the bills we were watching did not move forward. Brian Bishop stated that the energy benchmarking bill did pass and explained what that means.

There was also a brief discussion regarding the possibility of an “Iowa Building Code” and how IABO would attempt to participate in that process.

Also had a discussion on which jurisdictions have adopted the 2021 I codes or have chosen to delay.

## Education

Membership – Alex Rogan was added to the committee

Scholarship – Mike Bruce updated membership that three applications had been received. That we have awarded two scholarships and gave explained that one is \$500 for 4 years and 1 for two years at \$500.

Mike Bruce informed the membership that informational flyers pertaining to the IABO scholarship opportunities will be sent out to the High Schools by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Program -None

Code Development -None

## Endorsement

Neil Bombei explained that an endorsement request was received by Steve Mc Daniel seeking reelection to the ICC Board of Directors and has been forwarded to the endorsement committee.

## Audit

Lucas Pump took the last spot on the audit committee.

Nominations -None

## **Regional Reports**

### ICC Report

Rick Hauffe- June 11 is the deadline for applications for code committees. Thanked everyone for the BSM proclamations signed for their jurisdictions. The Governor did sign a BSM proclamation this year.

### Region III –

Adam Ostert stated that the dates have been set and it is in the planning stages.

### Central MICCC

Neil informed the membership on the presentation of hammers and strike plates for the two new chapters. Group is discussing how to move forward with the adoption of the 2021 I codes.

### Eastern Iowa EICCC

Neil updated the membership that the group was made an official chapter from the ICC and is working on a cold weather concrete policy. Gary Hansen stated that the next EICCC meeting would be June 8 in Burlington and discussed working on solar permitting consistency.

### Old Business –

Neil sent a Building Safety proclamation to the Governor's office which was signed. Ryan explained Luke and his attendance at the ICC Leadership Academy in Tampa and what we learned,

### New Business-

Discussed the potential for transportation to the ABM in St. Louis. Discussed potentially renting a van to transport members. Would rent one from Des Moines area and one from Cedar Rapids. Costs around \$800 for each van. Oct.8-11 ABM

### Awards

### Adjournment

Tim Hennes motioned for adjournment and roger Schemmel seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourned 9:09am

Respectfully submitted by IABO Secretary, Luke Maloney

# 2023 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

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
Ben Yoder	City of North Liberty
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
Brandon Davis	Johnson County
Mike Bruce	State of Iowa
Brian Bishop	City of Des Moines

## Membership Committee

Scott McCambridge	City of Ames
Neil Bombei	Johnson County
Alex Rogan	City of Dubuque
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

Tim Hennes	City of Iowa City
Adam Ostert	City of Johnston
Creston Turnbull	City of Coralville
Scott McCambridge	City of Ames
Ben Pothoff	City of Dubuque (Chair)

## Audit Committee

Lucas Pump	City of Cedar Rapids
Jeff Junker	City of Ankeny
Keith Rash	City of Waukee

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

