

# Iowa Association of Building Officials Newsletter



*“Setting the Standard for Building Safety”*

**March 9, 2023**

Johnston City Hall  
6221 Merle Hay Rd  
Johnston, IA 50131

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## **Agenda**

<b>8:45</b>	<b>Meet and Greet (coffee and doughnuts will be provided)</b>
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Welcome – Neil Bombei</b>
	<b>Roll Call Confirmation of Quorum– Neil Bombei, 2023 President</b>
	<b>Approval of January 12, 2023 Minutes</b>
	<b>Communications and Board Reports</b>
	Correspondence Received: Endorsement request from Steven McDaniel State Building Code- IA Dept. of Public Health Treasurer’s Report-
	<b>Committee Reports-</b>
	Legislative: Education: Inspector skills class 5/11/23 in Cedar Rapids Membership: Program: Scholarship: Code Development: Nominating/Endorsement: Audit:
	<b>Regional Reports</b>
	ICC: Region III: Update from Region III ABM, Pat Parsley awarded the Brent Snyder Award Eastern- EICCC- Regional group is developing, May IABO meeting location in Cedar Rapids, EICCC meeting to follow. Central – MICCC- Region group established.
	<b>Old Business:</b> None
	<b>New Business:</b> Chapter Leadership Academy Building Safety Month in May Other
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

## **IABO 2023 Officers**

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

## IABO President's Message

### President's Message

IABO Members,

Here is a review of some details for those that were not able to attend our January meeting and training events. Our instructors were Pat Parsley - City of Hiawatha, Matt Brown - American Plywood Association, and Ed Lisinski - American Wood Council. Our banquet presenter was Pete Evans with Iowa State University. He discussed 3-D printing of buildings. They all did a great job. Compared to recent years we had a rare good weather stretch for the length of the stay. The night of the banquet, we recognized two well deserving members with awards; Roger Schemmel for Building Official of the Year and Tim Hennes for the Lifetime Achievement Award. On the night of our social event we were entertained with music from Rick Hauffe - guitar, Jeff Junker – bass guitar, Cory Sharp – drums, and some lead vocals by Ray Nees.



I spoke with Rick the day after they performed and he said he was more than willing to carry on this tradition next year. He also tasked me with finding a “blues/rock keyboard player” within our membership for next year. So if you possess that particular talent, and can attend in January, you have an open invite to join.

We have a couple of new regional ICC groups forming within central and eastern Iowa. At this point neither group is charging a membership fee, only requiring that you be a member of IABO. There are multiple reasons where these new groups will be beneficial to IABO as a whole, including a free training day benefit from ICC and one free attendee to the ABM or Chapter Leadership Academy. Other benefits would be meeting venues in closer proximity to the jurisdictions served, and perhaps discussion topics that may more directly affect your region. Maybe more people can attend these localized meetings. Also, it would be a good idea to bring (or send) someone that doesn't have the title of Building Official to these meetings. Their input is valuable to the conversations that are had there as well.

Thank you,  
Neil Bombei  
IABO President

# Minutes: January 13, 2023

## Annual Meeting

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

President Neil Bombei called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Distinguished guests included Rick Hauffe with ICC Government Relations Representative, Dave Ruffcorn State Building Code Commissioner, Patrick Daughenbaugh, Craig Leaming Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, Ed Lisinski American Wood Council and Chair for Building Officials Membership Counsel, and policy guru: Jim Obradovich from the Capital Group.

Rick Hauffe led the installation of officers. Neil Bombei- president, Mike Bruce- Vice president, Adam Ostert- vice president, Luke Maloney- secretary, Ryan Mayer- treasurer. Rick Hauffe presented an ICC to Brian Bishop for serving as chapter president.

Luke Maloney took roll call. Board members present were Neil Bombei, Mike Bruce, Adam Ostert, Luke Maloney, and Brian Bishop. Ryan Mayer was absent.

### **Approval of previous minutes**

Adam Ostert sent out November 10, 2022 minutes by email. A motion was made by Lucas Pump to approve the previous minutes and second was made by Gary Hansen. All present voted aye.

### **Communications and Board Reports**

Correspondence Received—None

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

Luke Maloney reported that IABO currently has \$52,845.55. The breakdown is \$6,075.78 in the checking account, \$11,679.34 in the Registrations account, and in the Savings account for a total of \$35,090.43.

Pat Parsley asked if any money is encumbered for scholarships. Brian Bishop explained that there were 2 scholarships, but they are already in the budget.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Ron Hoover and seconded by Kevin Ciabatti All attending voting aye.

#### **State Building Code Bureau**

David Ruffcorn -updated on upcoming legislation relating to residential building and existing building codes. The membership was also given an update on the Governor's office plan on consolidating state government

Brian Young -sent an email update on activity related to electrical permits, hiring 3 inspectors, and the Electrical Examining Board's goal of updating to the 2023 NEC by Jan. 1, 2024.

#### **Iowa Department of Health and Human Services**

Craig Leaming-update on Iowa Public Health and Human Services. Plumbing and Mechanical activity including number of active licenses, discussed the difficulties in

hiring, moving to inspections and appeals, discussed the amount of investigations and stated that 30% of the investigations originated from building officials.

## **Committee Reports**

### Legislative

Jim Obradavich -discussed last year's legislative activity, the successes we had in communicating with the Governor's office, and items we are keeping an eye on for this session.

Education -None

Membership -None

Scholarship - None

Program -None

Code Development -None

Endorsement -None

### Audit

Keith Rash -The audit was performed by the audit committee. The audit committee asked for a motion to approve, a motion to approve the Audit report was made by Tim Hennes and seconded by Rodd Van Genderen. All attending voting aye.

Nominations -None

## **Regional Reports**

### ICC Report

Rick Hauffe- Building Safety Month is in May. The theme is Building Safety Starts with You. Push to get local proclamations posted into the local newspapers and/or local tv station. March 5<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for nominations for ICC awards. Discussed federal funding opportunities for building safety. Discussed the politics involved in future code updates. Upcoming events: Region III, Spring Interchange, Chapter leadership, etc.

### Wood Council

Ed Lisinski -discussed the membership council meeting, it will be April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Tampa, Florida. Promote building safety months in various ways. Going to begin working on 2027 IBC.

Region III -None

### Central MICCC

Roger Schemmel -MICCC is officially a local ICC Chapter

### Eastern Iowa EICCC

Gary Hansen – EICCC had first meeting, is working on becoming a local ICC Chapter. Working to get the May IABO meeting held in Cedar Rapids with a partial day of training.

### Old Business -None

### New Business: Awards

Building Official of the Year -Roger Schemmel of Urbandale

Lifetime Achievement -Tim Hennes of Iowa City

### Adjournment

Jeff Junker motioned for adjournment, and Everyone seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:00 pm

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

## Membership Committee

Scott McCambridge	City of Ames
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

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

<b>vacaant</b>	
Jeff Junker	City of Ankeny
Keith Rash	City of Waukee

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

