

# Iowa Association of Building Officials Newsletter



*“Setting the Standard for Building Safety”*

**May 11, 2023**

Cedar Rapids Public Library  
450 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E.  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

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## **Agenda Meeting Starts earlier to accommodate training.**

**8:00**  
**8:30**

**Meet and Greet (coffee and doughnuts will be provided)**

**Welcome – Neil Bombei**

**Roll Call Confirmation of Quorum– Neil Bombei, 2023 President**

**Approval of March 9, 2023 Minutes**

**Communications and Board Reports**

Correspondence Received: Various requests for endorsement

State Building Code-

IA Dept. of Public Health

Treasurer’s Report- Update on unpaid member count

**Committee Reports-**

Legislative:

Education: Inspector skills class May 11

Membership: Alex Rogan, City of Dubuque added to committee

Program:

Scholarship: Update on student applications

Code Development:

Nominating/Endorsement:

Audit:

**Regional Reports**

ICC:

Region III:

Eastern- EICCC- Regional group established, working on establishing a cold weather concrete policy

Central – MICCC-

**Old Business:** Building Safety Month Proclamation signed by Governor, Chapter Leadership Academy- Luke and Ryan attended

**New Business:** St. Louis ABM transportation

Other

**9:15 AM**

**Adjourn**

## **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,


First, I wanted to go back a couple of months and highlight something that happened earlier this year. Please take a moment and congratulate Pat Parsley on his receipt of the 2023 Brent Snyder award! The award was presented to him at the Region III Upper Great Plains Educational Institute in February. Qualifications for the award are: 1) exhibit a dedication to code training, 2) made contribution to fostering training, 3) relate real-life experiences to code training experience, 4) dedication to fostering uniform code enforcement, 5) devotion to friends and family, 6) exhibits a healthy perspective on life, 7) exhibits a sense of humor. Check, check and check. Congratulations Pat!

Pat and his award is shown below with Christine Rose, from Fargo, ND. Pat has donated his expertise and time on many occasions to our membership.



Also, many of you already know that May is Building Safety Month. You might have your local governments sign a proclamation for this. This year I submitted a proclamation on behalf of IABO to the governor's office, to request a signature from Kim Reynolds. Our group has been able to experience an in-person signing a few times in the past, most recently in 2018. They only allow a certain amount of these each month. We did not make the cut this time. She did sign it, and they will mail me the original document. For now you can see a copy on the following page. Everyone be safe out there.

Thank you,  
Neil Bombei  
IABO President

  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to support the highest-quality codes to protect us; and

**WHEREAS**, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; and

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month serves to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to prosperity; and

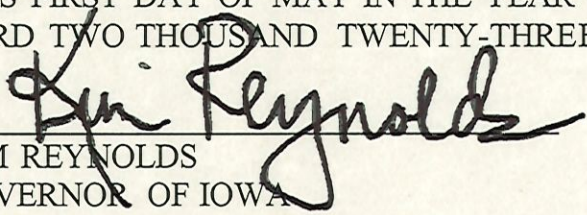
**WHEREAS**, “It Starts with You,” the theme for Building Safety Month 2023, encourages us all to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as:


**Building Safety Month**



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE  
HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND  
CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF  
IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES  
THIS FIRST DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR  
LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE.

  
KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
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PAUL PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

## Minutes: March 9, 2023

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

President Neil Bombei called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Luke Maloney took roll call. Board members present were Neil Bombei, Adam Ostert, Luke Maloney, and Brian Bishop. Ryan Mayer and Mike Bruce were absent. A count of more than 11 members determined there was a quorum, with a total of 33 people attending.

### **Approval of previous minutes**

Luke Maloney sent out March 9, 2023 minutes via email. A motion was made by Keith Rash to approve the previous minutes and a second was made by Adam Ostert. All present voted aye.

### **Communications and Board Reports**

#### Correspondence Receive

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.

#### Treasurer's Report

Luke Maloney reported that IABO currently has \$62,652.50. The breakdown is \$9,606.06 in the checking account, \$22,198.71 in the Registrations account, and \$30,090.92 in savings.

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

#### State Building Code Bureau

David Ruffcorn -Discussed proposed legislation which would limit local political subdivisions the ability to restrict use of certain materials and a proposed bill prohibiting the use of energy benchmarking.

#### Iowa Department of Health and Human Services

### **Committee Reports**

#### Legislative

Adam Ostert -updated the membership on multiple bills Jim Obradavich is watching. Including SF479 regarding energy code, SF455 relating to storm water & topsoil, SF514 regarding a state reorganization, SF174 regarding building design, and HF605 pertaining to energy benchmarking. Dave Ruffcorn explained energy benchmarking. Brian Bishop gave the membership a few specifics on the proposed legislation

### Education

Neil informed the membership of the upcoming inspector's skills class. The class will be held in Cedar Rapids on May 11, 2023, after the IABO meeting.

### Membership -None

### Scholarship

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

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### Audit

Ryan Mayer resigned from this committee due to a conflict of interest due to executive board membership.

### Nominations -None

## **Regional Reports**

### ICC Report

Rick Hauffe- Building Safety Month is in May. Push to get local proclamations on TV. March 5<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for nominations to ICC awards. Discussed the Spring Interchange. Discussed several different proposed bills relating to our industry.

### Region III –

Pat parsley- Region III attendance was up to pre covid levels, the event will be held at the same venue next year, and Pat was applauded for being awarded the Brent Snyder Award.

## Central MICCC

Adam Ostert -Officially an ICC Chapter, looking into creating a committee to create handouts, and trying to compile code interpretations

## Eastern Iowa EICCC

Gary Hansen –Gave an update on EICCC chapter application, discussed pronto issues, next EICCC meeting to be held Apr. 13 at LCPSC. Electrical code update and building safety month activities.

## Old Business -None

## New Business

### Awards

**Building Official of the Year - Roger Schemmel of Urbandale**  
**Lifetime Achievement - Tim Hennes of Iowa City**

Neil Bombei- Discussed Leadership academy and requested membership approval to send three IABO board members. Pat Parsley made motion to approve, Adam Ostert Seconded. Motion Approved. Neil also updated the membership on the Building Safety Month Proclamation and how it has been sent to the Governor's office for approval. Ray Nees informed the membership that the City of Eldridge has updated their electrical code to the 2020 NEC and that all jurisdictions in that area are now on the same code.

### Adjournment

Gary Hansen motioned for adjournment and Adam Ostert seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourned 9:36am

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

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Jeff Junker	City of Ankeny
Keith Rash	City of Waukee

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