

AMBO Board Meeting Minutes



CHAPTER

Thursday July 11, 2024, by zoom

The AMBO Board of Directors met on July 11, 2024. AMBO Board Chair, Jerry Backlund, called the business meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Jerry Backlund (Chair); Barb Williams (Vice Chair); Jim Williamette (Past Chair); Nathan Bruhn (Director-at-large); Silvia Gonzalez (Secretary); Joanne Hager (Treasurer); Greg Smith (Director-at-Large); Mike Grannes (Director-at-large); Dan Grinsteiner (Director, 10K Lakes); James Coyle (Director Southeast).

Board Members Absent: Brian Hoffman (Director-at-Large); Liz Riel (Director-at-Large); Doug Fortune (Director, Southwest); Krystina Nickila (Arrowhead); Dave Mathews (Director-at-Large); Sid Fossan (Director, Northwest); Gil Rossmiller (Director-at-Large).

Others in Attendance: Nick McNeely (Legislative Consultant); Rick Hauffe (ICC Senior Regional Manager); Steve Kartek (Building Official-Eden Prairie).

Roll Call. Roll call by Silvia.

Agenda. Motion to accept agenda by Jim W., 2nd by Greg S. Agenda approved.

Meeting minutes. June meeting minutes emailed. Motion to approve with corrections by Jim W., second by Silvia G. June notes approved.

Treasurer's report. Joanne shared treasurer's finance report and explained that cashing in the account points would provide improved coverage for hotel costs. Motion to accept by Jim Williamette, second by Mike Grannes. Finance report approved.

Membership report. Barb W. reported that many members have fallen off the website. There are currently 135 members on the website. \$11,900 collected for memberships.

Legislative report. Nick stated that Governor Walz would be in office for the next two years but after that the house could change. Nick says that Mike Nelson (labor committee) retired and was the person responsible for bringing forth the legislative bills. Affordable housing is still on the radar and Elkins will continue to push forward some of the affordable housing bills. The single stairway issue is currently being reviewed by the MN Department of Labor code officials.

Region III update. Jerry reported that the class matrix is complete. The committee is waiting for vendors to get their required documents in. Jim W. said Region III institute was created because AIBO wouldn't accept or provide funding for some seminars.

Mike Grannes stated he appreciated the hybrid option for participants.

New Business. A discussion ensued on the resolution emailed to the board by Scott Holm. Mr. Holm would like AMBO to support his proposed resolution for changes to the composition of the International Code Council Board of Directors. He will propose the change at the October 2024 Annual Code Council's Business meeting (ABM) in Long Beach, CA.

The board voted and did not feel we could support the resolution as presented.

Below is an excerpt of the proposed change:

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the International Code Council allow only Governmental Member Voting Representatives (with the exception of the Immediate Past President) to serve on the Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS, several ICC Chapters provide for their Board of Directors to include other members such as public members, and

WHEREAS, State licensing boards along with Professional organizations such as the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), and the Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ) require a diversity within their board membership structure, including public members; now therefore Be it Resolved, that those members here assembled on October 21, 2024 at the Code Council's Annual Business Meeting, do hereby request the Board of Directors to establish a task group to evaluate the composition of the Board of Directors for the purpose of determining the future makeup of the Board, including individuals whose background, skills and experience will best serve the current and future interests of the organization.

James Coyle reported that he could utilize at least four new building inspectors to handle the workload created by the new work at Mayo Hospital. He asked which municipalities employed their own electrical inspectors instead of state electrical inspectors. The municipalities were Apple Valley, St. Paul, Lakeville, Woodbury, Coon Rapids and Burnsville.

Adjourn. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jim Williamette, with a second from Mike Grannes. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:36pm.