

AMBO Board Meeting Minutes



Thursday March 9, 2023
VIA Zoom Video Conference

The AMBO Board of Directors met on Thursday March 9, 2023 via Zoom. AMBO Board Chair, Jerry Backlund, called the business meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Jerry Backlund (Chair), Jim Williamette (Past Chair), Brian Hoffman (Director), Silvia Gonzalez (Secretary), Sid Fossan (Director), Matt Munter (Director), Liz Riel (Director), Doug Fortune (Director), James Coyle (Director), Joanne Hager (Treasurer), Nathan Bruhn (Director), Todd Hoekstra (10K rep).

Board Members Absent: Michele Engberg (Vice Chair), Jesse Szykalski, Gil Rossmiller (Director) were all excused.

Others in Attendance: Richard Hauffe (ICC Regional Representative), Nick McNeely (Legislative Consultant).

1. Roll Call. Silvia Gonzalez noted those present on the Zoom call.

Swearing in new board member. Rick Hauffe swore in Nathan Bruhn, Nathan gave us a quick summary of his work experience. Existing board members introduced themselves and provided their inspection/work history.

2. Agenda. The agenda was accepted as presented. Motion to approve by Silvia, 2nd by Sid.
 3. Minutes. The reading and approval of February meeting notes. Motion to approve by Sid Fossan, 2nd by Brian. Minutes approved.
 4. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Joanne Hager reported she had met with Jesse. All vendors from 2023 Region III Institute paid. Joanne will provide a financial report later. Motion to accept by Sid, 2nd by Nathan. Budget accepted.
 5. ICC update-Richard Hauffe shared that Pat Parsley really appreciates his 2022 Brent Snyder award. Hauffe announced the ICC Spring Interchange Event beginning April 29 in Tampa, Florida.
 6. Region III Education. Michele Engberg provided an email wrap up of 2023 Region III institute which was read by Jerry Backlund. There were 1300 attendees and 230 virtual participants.
 7. Trade Show. Riel reported we had 17 tables, 14 paying vendors. Jerry thanked Silvia and Liz for all the good work they did with the vendors.
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8. Legislative Report. Nick McNeely reported on the 17.5 billion dollar surplus over 2 years. A 1.5 billion dollar bonding bill. Nick described some of the 350 proposed bills, more bills introduced than ever previously:

- Micro-unit dwellings authorized on religious properties. Temporary housing for the unhoused on wheels for religious establishments.
- State Building Code; installation of adult-size changing facilities required in restrooms accessible to public.
- Designated refrigerants limitation of use prohibited-prohibited by DOLI but acceptable by the Feds. Greater incidence of fire with A2L.
- State Building Code; new buildings with pitched roofs exempted from requiring dedicated anchorages for window cleaning.
- State Building Code; inspection exemptions for load control allowed for electrical utilities clarified.
- Elkins Affordable Housing Act bill limited to new single family construction (60 day permit issuance)

Other Business. Brian Hoffman believes AMBO should begin a dialog **with the fire service over concerns they have** of lithium batteries **starting fires, primarily when charging**, in buildings. Brian talked about a bill that DOLI would need to adopt **a progressively more efficient** commercial energy code every 3 years. The codes would support high efficiency buildings and has support from all parties. Brian emailed the board members a letter of support for the partnership with CEE for the 10 million dollar grant.

Jerry Backlund reported on membership list. Jerry B. also reached out to Jack Applegate about training program in Oregon.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m. Motion by Sid Fossan. Second by Brian Hoffman.

Submitted by Silvia Gonzalez
