

AMBO Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 14, 2024, by zoom



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The AMBO Board of Directors met on Mar. 14, 2024. AMBO Board Chair, Jerry Backlund, called the business meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Jerry Backlund (Chair); Barb Williams (Vice Chair); Brian Hoffman (Director-at-Large); Liz Riel (Director-at-Large); Joanne Hager (Treasurer); Sid Fossan (Director, Northwest); Dan Grinsteinner, (Director, 10K Lakes), Dave Matthews (Director-at-Large), Greg Smith (Director-at-Large)

Board Members Absent: Silvia Gonzales (Secretary), Jim Williamette (Past Chair); Krystina Nickilla (Director Arrowhead), Doug Fortune (Director SW), James Coyle (Director, S.E.); Gil Rossmiller (Director-at-Large), Nathan Bruhn (Director-at-Large)

Roll Call. Roll call by Barb.

Agenda. Motion to accept agenda by Sid Fossan, 2nd by Brian Hoffman. There were no additions.

Meeting minutes. January meeting minutes emailed. Sid Fossan motioned to approve with Greg Smith seconding. Notes were approved.

Swearing in of New Board Members. Rick Hauffe was unable to attend. Will add to next month's meeting agenda.

Treasurer's report. The finance report was emailed. Joanne mentioned here were 2 large payouts to the Marriott and ICC. AMBO got 400 points towards travel through the credit card(s) they are using. There are currently two credit cards. One of those should be closed out as the previous AMBO Treasurer, Jesse Szykulski, is still the co-signer on it. Currently that particular card has 42,000 points. While those points can't be transferred, Joanne has been reassured that they will not be lost when the card is closed (but will double-check prior to closing out). July 1 is AMBO's fiscal year start date. Due to the incoming/outgoing payments associated with the Region III Institute, Joanne will have a more detailed finance report next month. Motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Sid Fossan and second by Brian Hoffman.

Membership report – Barb briefly discussed the benefits of Membership Works software as it pertains to an automated process of reminding members of upcoming important dates and membership status reminders. Will have a membership list to update.

ICC Update – Rick Hauffe was not in attendance.

Legislative report. – Brian Hoffman discussed the topic of "Missing Middle Housing" in

cities with populations greater than 5,000. The legislature is being asked to change city's zoning rules to allow up to an 8-plex on a single-family lot bypassing consideration for parking. There would have to be more in-depth review for determining value as it affects any remodeling/demolition/new construction in order to keep it 'affordable'. Brian wanted to point out the need for more members in AMBO becoming familiar with the importance of being involved with the legislative processes as well as familiarizing themselves with the representatives in order to become comfortable in what can be an intimidating atmosphere.

Region III recap. The Institute was very well attended. There were 1,307 in attendance so it was on par with last year. There were no reported issues from presenters or attendees. Planning for next year's institute will begin early April. .

Old Business. Jerry mentioned he is still mentoring in Hastings though not all were staying in the field.

AMBO would like to meet with Greg Metz and Tim Manz from the State regarding the Delegation Agreements. Mike Grannes mentioned he spoke with Greg at the Institute who understood the building official's frustrations in obtaining the agreements but he honestly may be too busy to address it himself. Perhaps AMBO could pursue a 3-day training path for next year's institute in order to obtain delegation agreements.

Jim Williamette said he felt it was important to have AMBO participate in the annual U of M job fairs in order to help recruit folks into the building inspection field. He mentioned he would be more than happy to set up the first one (but not *every one*).

Jim motioned to approve AMBO attending the annual U of M job fairs with a second from Sid.

Jim brought up a need to have a new member category for Honorary Membership which would include past presidents in order to keep them involved with the Region III Institute.

Sid Fossan made a motion to adjourn with Jim Williamette seconding.

Submitted by Barb Williams
