

AMBO Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 9, 2024, by zoom



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The AMBO Board of Directors met on May 9, 2024. AMBO Board Chair, Jerry Backlund, called the business meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Jerry Backlund (Chair); Jim Williamette (Past Chair); Nathan Bruhn (Director-at-large); Brian Hoffman (Director-at-Large); Liz Riel (Director-at-Large); Silvia Gonzalez (Secretary); Joanne Hager (Treasurer); Sid Fossan (Director, Northwest); Barb Williams (Vice Chair); Gil Rossmiller (Director-at-Large); Dave Mathews (Director-at-Large)

Board Members Absent: Doug Fortune (Director, Southwest); Dan Grinsteiner (Director, 10K Lakes); James Coyle (Director, S.E.); ; Krystina Nickila (Arrowhead); Greg Smith (Director-at-Large); Mike Grannes (Director-at-large).

Others in Attendance: Nick McNeely (Legislative Consultant); Rick Hauffe (ICC Senior Regional Manager).

Roll Call. Roll call by Silvia.

Agenda. Motion to accept agenda. The agenda corrected with April 11 date for approval of previous months minutes.

Meeting minutes. April meeting minutes emailed. Motion to approve. Notes approved.

Treasurer's report. Treasurer's finance report emailed to board members. Motion to accept by Gil Rossmiller, second by Jim Williamette. Report approved.

ICC Update. Rick Hauffe reported that on May 16, ICC will provide a webinar on how to donate chapter days. The U.S. Department of Energy received 45 million dollars in funding to assist jurisdictions with adopting the modern energy codes. FEMA is rolling out assistance to jurisdictions so they can adopt and enforce building codes. Funding will be available through the BRIC Codes Plus Up fund.

Legislative report. There are less than two weeks left in the legislative session, which ends no later than May 20, 2024. The House and Senate are hearing omnibus bills. The floor debates have been going late into the night with many amendments being offered by minority party members.

The Housing policies initially proposed in the "missing middle" and other affordable proposals have fallen to the wayside and will be taken up in 2025. Currently the House is proposing \$980,000,000 in bonding and another 37,000,000 in cash from the general fund for construction projects.

Region III update. Planning meetings in process. Dave Mathews suggested that a class on how to use Blue Beam might be beneficial to plan examiners and code officials.

New Business. Frank Martin spoke with Jerry about providing a volunteer liaison to the Doli's emergency response team. Silvia said she would volunteer to serve as AMBO's representative. Silvia stated she had been on the Minneapolis Emergency response team for the City of Minneapolis and held a Emergency Management Certificate. Jerry agreed to allow Silvia to represent AMBO although he expressed his preference for a younger person.

Old Business. A discussion ensued about what type of gift the board could present to Patrick Parsley for his retirement.

Jim Williamette suggested gifting him a stay at the summer conference. The board agreed.

Brian Hoffman made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Jim Williamette. The meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

Submitted by Silvia Gonzalez

