

AMBO Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday 19 January 2023 by Zoom



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The AMBO Board of Directors met on Thursday 19 January 2023 via Zoom. AMBO Board Chair, Jerry Backlund, called the business meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Jerry Backlund (Chair); Michele Engberg (Vice Chair); Jim Williamette (Past Chair); Matt Munter (Arrowhead Representative); James Coyle (Southeast Representative); Brian Hoffman (Director-at-Large); Liz Riel (Director-at-Large).

Board Members Absent: Silvia Gonzalez (Secretary); Jesse Szykulski (Treasurer); Sid Fossan (Northwest Representative); Dan Hauck (10K Representative); Gil Rossmiller (Director-at-Large); Doug Fortune (Southwest Representative).

Others in Attendance: Rick Hauffe (ICC Regional Representative); Nick McNeely (Legislative Consultant); Joanne Hager (Treasurer Nominee).

Roll Call. Engberg called the roll.

Agenda. The agenda was accepted as distributed. Motion by Riel; second by Williamette.

Minutes. Past Meeting Minutes (October and November and December) were approved. Motion by Williamette; second by Engberg.

Treasurer's Report and Budget Update. Szykulski's submitted financial reports were accepted as presented. Motion by Williamette; second by Riel.

Hager spoke briefly to her background and stated that she has agreed to serve as the AMBO Treasurer, to be appointed at the ABM held during the Region III Institute next month.

ICC Update. Hauffe notified the Board of the ICC Leadership Academy to be held in Tampa, April 29th through May 3rd. The Academy will include a Membership Council meeting and several days of training.

ICC Award nominations will be due March 5th.

ICC encourages Iowa and North Dakota to continue to consider state-wide codes. State-wide codes can help states receive FEMA funding.

Legislative Report. McNeely noted that Democratic legislators are looking at reproductive rights, sick leave, and legalized cannabis. Items of interest and/or concern to AMBO include a square-foot valuation provision, restricting building official authority, stopping code adoptions until 2026, prohibiting added inspections, disallowing aesthetic reasons for denying building permits, and allowing a maximum 60 days for building permit approval. Discussion ensued.

The AMBO Legislative Committee will begin meeting. All are welcome to join the discussions. Nick will contact folks that have expressed interest.

Region III Education Planning. Engberg noted that the Institute planning is moving along. AMBO has met the hotel room requirement and additional rooms have been added to the AMBO block. Attendance numbers are looking good, over 1,000 on-site class days and about 150 virtual sign-ups.

Riel provided an update on the Trade Show. Participation looks to be slightly ahead of last February.

Membership Report. Rossmiller's updated Membership list was discussed and there was discussion of how to improve membership numbers.

Nominations. Backlund stated members should be considering Board nominations and awards.

Website. Backlund noted that the Web site is functioning. Engberg noted that Williams has added a credit card payment option for the Trade Show.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m. Motion by Williamette; second by Riel.

Submitted by Michele Engberg

