

AMBO Board Meeting Minutes

2:00 p.m. Wednesday 16 November 2022



CHAPTER

The AMBO Board of Directors met on Wednesday 16 November 2022 via Zoom. AMBO Board Chair, Jerry Backlund, called the business meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Jerry Backlund (Chair); Michele Engberg (Vice Chair); Jesse Szykulski (Treasurer); Liz Riel (Director-at-Large); Matt Munter (Arrowhead Representative).

Board Members Absent: Silvia Gonzalez (Secretary); Jim Williamette (Past Chair); James Coyle (Southeast Representative); Doug Fortune (Southwest Representative); Brian Hoffman (Director-at-Large); Sid Fossan (Northwest Representative); Dan Hauck (10K Representative); Gil Rossmiller (Director-at-Large).

Others in Attendance: Nick McNeely (Legislative Consultant [until 2:40 p.m.]); Rick Hauffe (ICC Regional Representative); Steve Ubl (St. Paul, for Jim Williamette).

Roll Call. Engberg called the roll.

Agenda. The agenda was accepted as distributed. Motion by Engberg; second by Riel. Backlund noted a couple of additions: ICC Technical Training Program information from Williamette and Building Code Anniversary Notice from DLI.

Minutes. Approval of the October Meeting Minutes was tabled to the next Board Meeting.

Legislative Report. McNeely addressed the meeting relative to Legislative activities. Mid-term elections resulted in many new legislative members and a surprising Democratic majority. Construction and housing issues may be less difficult for AMBO. An increase in the state surplus will need to be addressed.

Board members discussed DLI delegation agreements.

There was discussion of a PCA request for comments on a concern related to septic tank storage on manufacturers' lots. Szykulski will forward information to others.

McNeely noted that the Legislative session begins January 3, 2023.

Treasurer's Report. Szykulski's financial report was accepted as distributed. The budget is being prepared. Motion by Engberg; second by Riel.

ICC Update. Hauffe spoke to the Board regarding Code changes being considered throughout the region. There was discussion of ICC considering changing process to a standard. Further discussion ensued relative to assistance with grant writing.

Region III Education. Engberg stated that the Institute Brochure is finalized and registration is expected to open next week. AMBO is now seeking program information from presenters to be forwarded to DLI for Continuing Education review and approval. Riel provided an update on the Trade Show.

Membership Report. Tabled to next meeting.

New Items. Backlund introduced discussion of the ICC Technical Training Program and mentoring and providing scholarships to education at the February Institute. Szykulski is looking at budgeting for scholarships. Williamette has stated that he will be a mentor and a couple more volunteer mentors for the Institute will be needed.

Backlund introduced discussion of the 50th Anniversary of Minnesota Building Codes as forwarded from Scott McLellan (DLI). DLI has created a Field Guide to the Minnesota Residential Code and will be doing a related presentation at the Annual Institute for Building Officials on January 23rd as well as presentations to ICC Chapters (Northwest and Arrowhead). McLellan is seeking opportunities to meet with metro area building officials.

Adjournment. There being no additional new business or old business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. Motion by Engberg.

Submitted by Michele Engberg

