

AMBO Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 11 2024, by zoom



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The AMBO Board of Directors met on Jan. 11, 2024. AMBO Board Chair, Jerry Backlund, called the business meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Jerry Backlund (Chair); Michele Engberg (Vice Chair); Jim Williamette (Past Chair); James Coyle (Director, S.E.); Brian Hoffman (Director-at-Large); Liz Riel (Director-at-Large); Silvia Gonzalez (Secretary); Joanne Hager (Treasurer); Sid Fossan (Director, Northwest); Nickila Khristina (Arrowhead); Barb Williams(webmaster); Gil Rossmiller (Director-at-Large)

Board Members Absent: Nathan Bruhn (Director-at-large); Doug Fortune (Director, Southwest); Dan Grinsteinner (Director, 10K Lakes)

Others in Attendance: Nick McNeely; Rick Hauffe

Roll Call. Roll call by Silvia.

Agenda. Motion to accept agenda by Sid Fossan, 2nd by Jim Williamette. The agenda was accepted as distributed without any additions

Meeting minutes. December meeting minutes emailed. Motion to approve as presented by Sid Fossan, second by Gil Rossmiller. Notes approved.

Treasurer's report. Joanne Hager emailed finance report. Joanne will update finance report when she has more time. Sid raised the question of why AMBO has more money in the than past years. Are we spending less money? Comments made about hybrid classes helping with more class participants at the Institute. Discussion tabled until a later date.

Legislative report. – Nick McNeely reported the legislative session will begin on February 12. A main focus will likely be a bonding bill. Legislators from both sides of the aisle are interested in preventing any more ongoing spending to the budget. The session will work on affordable housing with possible changes to municipal zoning and land use. As well as cleanup to the recreational cannabis law, PFML, and some basic tax conformity work. Nick will submit his contract for his consulting fees soon.

Region III update. Michele reported that the last two classes were approved by the Department of Labor. Two IAPMO plumbing classes were approved and worth 8 CE units each.

The ICC Contracts are signed. The fire demonstration folks withdrew their participation from the Institute. To date we have nine trade show vendors and three complimentary vendors.

Liz thanked Silvia for all her assistance on the trade show correspondence. Jim Williamette asked that the Region III scholarships be announced on the AMBO website.

ICC Update. Rick Hauffe-The next annual business meeting will be held in Long Beach,

California-Celebrating the 30year anniversary of the ICC. The theme for May's Building Safety month will be "Mission Impossible". Rick is working on a shorter proclamation for building safety month for those building inspection departments that want to use the document for their Building Safety Month proclamations. The 8th Annual Leadership academy in conjunction with Group A -2024 Committee action hearings will be held in Orlando, Florida on April 5 -16th, 2024.

New Business. A discussion and recommendation were made to add three more board members to the committee. Gil made the motion to add more board members-- total up to nine at-large board members. The board would have to present candidates at the general membership meeting and vote on them at the Institute. Michele and Brian will work on the changes to the by-laws.

Don Sivigny asked Jerry to encourage the board members, and anyone else interested, in joining the various Tag committees to review new model codes. Don Sivigny would like the names of interested folks by Feb.9, 2024.

A discussion ensued about grants or funding for folks that need assistance traveling and attending the conferences in Orlando and Long Beach. Silvia says she will check with Region III.

Old Business. Barb stated there is a new membership software available on the AMBO website. Jerry is putting together tumblers, T-shirts and hats for the Institute.

Sid Fossan made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Jim Williamette. The meeting adjourned at 3:11 pm.

Submitted by Silvia Gonzalez
