

AMBO Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 21 December 2022 by Zoom



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The AMBO Board of Directors met on Wednesday 21 December 2022 via Zoom. AMBO Board Chair, Jerry Backlund, called the business meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Jerry Backlund (Chair); Michele Engberg (Vice Chair); Brian Hoffman (Director-at-Large); Gil Rossmiller (Director-at-Large); Liz Riel (Director-at-Large).

Board Members Absent: Silvia Gonzalez (Secretary); Jesse Szykulski (Treasurer); Jim Williamette (Past Chair); Matt Munter (Arrowhead Representative); Sid Fossan (Northwest Representative); James Coyle (Southeast Representative); Dan Hauck (10K Representative); Doug Fortune (Southwest Representative).

Others in Attendance: Nick McNeely (Legislative Consultant [until 3:15 p.m.]); Rick Hauffe (ICC Regional Representative).

Roll Call. Engberg called the roll.

Agenda. The agenda was accepted as distributed. Motion by Engberg; second by Rossmiller.

Minutes. Approval of the (October and November) Meeting Minutes was tabled to the next Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Budget Update. Szykulski's submitted financial reports were accepted as distributed. Motion by Hoffman; second by Rossmiller.

ICC Update. Hauffe notified the Board that Jack Applegate (ICC Board of Directors) plans to attend the ICC Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute, arriving Sunday, departing Wednesday.

Hauffe will attend the 10K Chapter swearing in next month.

Iowa and North Dakota continue to consider Code changes.

There was discussion to suggest that ICC's Applegate may be able to connect with area representatives from DCTC (Scott Holm) and Dunwoody to discuss the future of code administration and bringing in new code officials.

Legislative Report. McNeely addressed the meeting relative to Legislative activities. The new session, the first year of the biennium, begins at noon on Tuesday 3 January 2023. There are many new members and it is the most diverse Legislature ever in Minnesota. Democratic majorities in both the House and the Senate may be favorable to AMBO concerns. McNeely noted current committee chairs and stated that the current state surplus is a one-time surplus mostly from last year. Issues are expected to include paid sick time, government aid, cannabis, climate change, etc. Hoffman stated that Minnesota Commercial Energy Code is also a likely topic. Discussion ensued relative to Commercial Energy Codes.

McNeely has met with the DLI (Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry) Legislative Representative and shared with the Board some potential DLI issues which may include: window cleaning, window safety, assisted living facilities, OSHA fines, ergonomics, sick time, paid family leave, prevailing wage, boiler inspections, and more. DLI expects to add staff.

McNeely will meet with BAM (Builders Association of Minnesota) and LMC (League of Minnesota Cities) and perhaps Housing First. He will plan to attend AMBO meetings at the February Institute: Board Meeting Monday (13th February at 5:00 p.m.) and General Membership Meeting (Tuesday 14th February at 4:00 p.m.).

McNeely Contract. Backlund noted that McNeely's contract will be renewed.

Region III Education Planning. Engberg stated that AMBO board members that are ICC Chapter Representatives should consider donating any unused ICC Continuing Education Benefits to the February Institute.

DLI has received payment is beginning review of February sessions.

The ICC contract is signed.

An on-line glitch in the Institute registration is being addressed by ICC.

ICC Chapter Presidents are eligible for a complimentary day at the Institute.

Region III Chapter will provide hospitality at the February Institute. Engberg made a motion that AMBO provide a hotel room for the Institute hospitality. Second by Hoffman. Approved.

Several board members confirmed receipt of ICC emails regarding the Institute.

Riel updated the board on the Trade Show.

Membership Report. Rossmiller provided an update on AMBO Memberships.

Nominations. Backlund stated members should be considering Board nominations. Szykulski is stepping down as Treasurer. Also board terms for Backlund and Williamette expire in February.

Website. Backlund noted that the Web site is functioning.

Adjournment. There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Motion by Rossmiller; second by Hoffman.

Submitted by Michele Engberg

