



NYSBOC BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 7, 2012

LOCATION: Middletown, NY

- * President James E. Morganson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM
- * Pledge of Allegiance
- * Moment of silence for deceased members and the veterans of Pearl Harbor.
- * Father Flanigan gave the invocation
- * A roll was called and a quorum was present:

Chapter	Name		Name		Name	
Board	Morganson, Jim	X	Cusato, Ed	X	Mekulik, Don	X
Board	Gettel, BJ	X	Scarson, Doug		Schwarz, Mark	X
Capital	Cordell, Robert	X	Griffith, Roger	X	Therriault, Rick	
Capital	Ricotta, Sam	X	Kinizzo, Tom (A)			
Central	Basile, Jim		Keeler, George	X	Williams, John	
Columbia	Ferratto, Edward	X	Pratt, Kent		Vieni, Charles	
Finger Lakes	Bailey, Jim		Crooks, Jack	X	Morris, Pat	X
Finger Lakes	Rech, Terry (A)	X	Parrington, Denis			
Mid Hudson	Thompson, Bruce	X	(A)		Serino, Robert	
Mid Hudson	Corraro, Tom					
Mohawk						
Valley	Fletcher, Rob					
Monroe	Bowers, Don		Drexler, Rob		Scarson, Doug	X
Nassau	Bonnie, Robert		Haramis, Stephen	X	Malitino, Michael	X
Nassau	Falmigetti, Eric (A)					
Niagara	Bleichfeld, Rich		Eberhardt, Jim	X	Rank, Kevin	X
Niagara	Hazen, Rich		Metzger, Dave (A)			
Northern Ad						
Ontario	Benedict, Al	X				
Rockland	Berrios, Ruben	X	Buckley, Thomas	X		
Southern Tier	Cross, Brent	X	Ezell, Kevin	X	Platt, Richard	
Southern Tier	Knickerbocker, Wm					
St. Lawrence	(A)	X	Neske, Paul			
Suffolk	Donnelly, Joseph		Frabrizio, Edward		Maher, Tom	
Tri County	Canfield, Gerard	X	Jaques, Eugene	X	Russell, Charles	
Tri County	Smith, Joe	X	Kidney, Wayne			
Westchester	Blasi, Frank	X	Tarchine, Ralph		Testa, Michael	

WSTB	LaBarbera, Chuck (A)		Monaco, John		Pacanowski, James
Yates	Lyon, Bruce	X			
NYS DOS	Addario, John		Nemeth-Weisser, Julie		Nichols, Dan
NYS DOS	Piester, Ron		Bradshaw, Eric		
Log Editor	Eberhardt, Jim	X			
Past Pres	Casella, Dan		Copp, Wm. Scott	X	Flanigan, John X
Past Pres	Gregory, William	X	Kiebel, Ron		McCabe, Dennis
Past Pres	McDaniels, Steve	X	Jacobski, Wm		Cichon, Wayne X
ICC	Drexler, Rob		Harris, Dottie	X	Piester, Ron

Distinguished Guests: Town of Wallkill Supervisor – Daniel Depew

Gave opening remarks and welcomed all to the Town of Wallkill. Acknowledge the folks that were not able to attend due to Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. Explained the geographical area and what it is compromised of. The demographics are changing in the State of New York. We are expected to have communications rapidly everyday whether cell phone, texting, email, facebook, etc. The public expects more and more from us. Spoke on the importance of effective code enforcement. We are trying to make sure that we have the safest communities possible and last a long period of time. You have to be able to streamline the communication between the building departments and the public. We are government and have to protect people against contractors, keep the website and social media up to date, get the proper education, get the correct staff, etc. In the next 10 -15 years there will be a change in government that will be in the building field. It will make us streamline more efficiently to meet that goal. The primary objective will be achieved through safety. Praised his building department and the work that Gene Jaques and his staff are doing.

Prior to Hurricane Sandy approximately 100 email addresses had signed up to receive our newsletter and alerts. Within 3 days after, we are now over 500 email addresses. People want information. Please visit the Town of Wallkill new website: www.townofwallkill.com

Secretary’s Report: BJ Gettel

Needs a list from each Chapter of who their delegates are going to be for the upcoming 2013 year. Please include phone numbers and email addresses.

President’s Report: James E. Morganson

Since the last meeting there were a couple of events that defined everything that has happened. President Morganson asked for a motion to suspended the regular order of business so that everyone could talk about them. So moved by Mark and 2nd Sam. Agreed and carried.

There were 2 big events. One positive and one not so positive. The positive one was the ICC Meeting in Portland, Oregon. President Morganson asked Sam to give us a report or anyone else that would like to say a few words.

Sam: New York was instrumental in the Meet and Greet that occurred on Sunday Evening at the Hospitality Room that was manned by BJ and Don at the hotel. The other thing was a reception for Ron that was well received following the election of Ron Piester as President of the ICC. Total number of attendees was approximately 80 people.

The upcoming International Code Council Annual Business Meeting will be held in Atlantic City, NJ in September 2013. This is where Ron will be presiding at the helm. This coming year Rob Drexler will be running for re-election for a 3 year term. I will discuss this under new business.

Jim Morganson, I would like to recognize the work that Sam and Gene did on behalf of the organization as well as Don and BJ. That was a very well done program. Thank you.

Most of us were still there when Hurricane Sandy comes. I would like to hear from everybody that was involved.

Bob Cordell: Went to the area twice. First time I spent 4 days in Babylon and then the second time I spent 4 days working for the Town of Hempstead. They were two totally different experiences.

In Babylon were in an area that had basically dwellings in it. Streets in the front and canals in the back. There was a lot of structural damage with boats all over the place; inside houses, around houses, not where they should be. The thing that struck me was the amount of fuel oil on the ground. They had 275 fuel oil tanks just sitting on the top of the grounds that were not anchored down. ENCON was having a real bad time trying to pump out the oil from these tanks that were every way but the right way. We were there a week and a half later to find that all of the belongings and contents of the houses were out on the ground and in the streets. The water damage along the canals was a lot of structural damage but as we got inland it was the rising of the salt water. Around here we would get mud. There was no mud, just beach sand everywhere. Very hard to tell how high the water got.

In Hempstead the water got into the crawl spaces where there electric meters were as well as the fuel oil tanks. The tanks were installed on their sides and again not anchored down. So when the water came, they were affected as well. Salt water got into the boilers, the electrical, and everything. The problem was when the water went away everything looked good, but when they turned the power on, the house would burn up. The salt water had damaged even vehicles. We saw a lot of vehicles in the streets that had been on fire because of the salt water. The salt water had left minerals behind that created these fires. Something to think about.

We did 2 different kinds of evaluations. CEDAR for Babylon and Island Park and we looked at about 3800 homes. In Hempstead they wanted a more in depth evaluation of the buildings. That took a long time to do. You were lucky if you could do 20 – 25 homes per day. It depends on what type of evaluation the municipality wanted.

We got good cooperation from the building departments and there officials. Once they figured out why we were there and what we could do for them. They were all grateful. They fed us very well. Our friends from BIANCO took us out for dinner. We did some good work and had a good time.

We do need to sit down with CEDAR and have a GOOD DEBRIEFING. There are some things that could be done better. Bob volunteered his time to be at that meeting.

John Flanigan asked who makes the decision in how in depth you go?

Steve McDaniels said if it is done on behalf of the State CEDAR Team the evaluations are done on a form. Bob went on further to say that in Babylon and Island Park that is what they did, when it came to Hempstead, that was already done and the municipality wanted more in depth.

President Morganson asked Steve McDaniels to explain his experience.

Steve stated that he responded with the first team into Islip. I was in charge of a 30 person crew. We inspected the Town of Islip and the Barrier Islands which is Fire Island. I had the same experience as Bob, two very distinct differences on the types of inspections that we did.

On the main land we had roads to go through, relatively easy to get to, and same type of inspections. Did approximately 3,000 inspections a day.

On the Barrier Island (Fire Island), they are all small boardwalks and catwalks constructed out of wood and when the hurricane came through it piled on top of everything. It was like Indiana Jones trying to get to some of the properties to do evaluations.

There was a mandatory evacuation on the Island, so we were the only ones that were able to be there to do the inspections. It took over 3 days to get 3,000 inspections done. That crew would have stayed if it was not for the other storm that came through. One of things that we noticed that we never thought of before was the issue of gasoline. We had guys that made it there but now how do we get home. Once we reached Sullivan County, which was the closet area to get gas before we got out of the Island. We saw people lined up at gas stations for hours hoping to get gas. That is a concern for the future.

All and all it went well for our crew. A lot of damage and about 10% of all the homes that we inspected were habitable. Town of Islip met us the second day with tax maps with aerial so that when we went to that are we knew where structures were supposed to be. Those were easy inspections for us to do. We were welcomed there.

Bob stated he could go the other way. In Island Park had approx 1500 – 2000 homes with 5 -6 feet of water in them. The problem was that village hall was a one story building with no GIS, maps, or anything that could assist us. We had limited data and what I did see was that most of the buildings had building numbers on 95 % of the buildings. That was very helpful and something to think about with your own communities.

What we saw in almost every home that we were in was the mold issue. Things were getting a little sticky in some of these building. Bob explained that they went into this one house were an elderly woman had put everything back into place just like it was prior to the hurricane. She wouldn't admit that she had 4 feet of water in her basement. No heat, no refrigerator, and spent 15 minutes trying to get her to leave. And she still would not admit anything was wrong. Two days later Bob couldn't breathe. Went back to Town of Hempstead Town Hall and contacted Adult Protective Services to get her out of there before she died. These were things that we had to watch for was people that would not admit they had a problem.

Steve said he saw were people did not have heat so they brought their barbecue grills into their living rooms and fired them up so they would have heat. Next thing that happened was it would start a fire and the fire department wouldn't have access to it. Fire Island only has a John Deer Tractor/Mule style fire truck to get across the whole island. A lot Fire Island is stilt construction. Now you see posts or partial structures on posts. There was a lot of fuel oil on the ground.

President Morganson asked Ed Cusato to speak. He represented the Board for us. He stated that he could not elaborate on anything more than what Bob and Steve saw. Some communities were prepared and others that were not. Hempstead had the GIS systems. You were the liaison for every organization that was down there and you couldn't just walk away and say talk to someone else. People were desperate for information

and vented their frustrations. You had to listen. They wanted information on FEMA, Red Cross and anything. We are not that but you have to take the time to listen and give them guidance. I think they appreciated that.

Ed said he will never complain again about a snow storm in Syracuse again after seeing what I saw down there and seeing how resilient the people are. I congratulate each and everyone that went down. One of my goals was to go down and to see our own brothers and sisters that were affected. One of our own Board members was affected real hard. I would have conversations for hours just so that he could have someone to listen to and discuss the frustrations that were affecting him. Dennis McCabe was another one that was affected. He had 4 feet of water go through his house. We were able to get him a generator. Look we can't help everyone but if you pick out someone, it does make a difference.

The guys opened up their homes and the generosity, I can't thank you enough. BIANCO took us to dinner and I thank you. Our members were up early in the morning and worked into the wee hours. That is a long, long day. Thank you.

President Morganson than asked Mark Schwarz to speak.

Mark stated on behalf of the Town of Hempstead, I would like to thank everyone that came down and I know there are a lot more that are not in this room today that need to be thanked. Never in my life did I think I would ever see something like this. I was born there and raised there. This was incredible. It meant a lot to me to see you there.

Steve Haramis stated that his supervisor wanted to know how he was going to do damage assessment and when he saw the CEDAR Team walk through the door with Bob Cordell and Dan Nichols, it was a relief to see the Calvary. I felt bad because they had to stay 2 hours away from my town. They couldn't get anything closer to us. They were getting up very early to come help us and staying late. When they came we had the maps, offered them lunch and they said no they wanted to continue to work. They were such troopers. I personally can't thank them enough. I know my Mayor and Board of Trustees can't thank you enough. It really hit home when you have a brotherhood like this that come out and put their arms around you and say that they are going to take care of you and everything is going to be alright. To have guys go out into the field and hit the trenches. No words can say how much we appreciated this.

Mark mentioned how we just got done taking the CEDAR Classes at the State Conference and next thing you know we are putting it to the test. We as an organization should take this opportunity to look at the events and see what went wrong and went right and how we can improve. Between the 2 hurricanes from last year and this year, how we have spoken about and it and now experienced it, we have seen things that were done well and things that need improvement. We should seize the moment in advancing the CEDAR response and correlate it with other procedures that are in place for uniformity. What we do as Code Officials and the direction from the State, we have an opportunity here to meld together for a much better cohesive response in future efforts.

Jim Eberhardt asked what happens with the information now. Mark stated we are still on the learning curve. His office has boxes and boxes of the inspections. My secretaries have spent the last two weeks trying to figure out how to enter the data. Do we alphabetize by Town, Tax Map Number, Street Address, etc. What do we do now? This is an area that needs to be looked at.

Steve mentioned that what happened on the Island was amazing. Basically we go in and do the evaluation and the report gets dumped on your desk. CEDAR, we started was so new and that plan is not in place to

send Code Enforcement Officials back in to do code enforcement. That should be brought up at the debriefing. On a good note when the storm hit it took out all the dunes on the islands, a motorcade of Cadillac's and SUV's came through and it was the Governor. They asked us who we were and realized that this was "Our Program". He was amazed. This was the first people that he had seen. As this starts to fizzle down, as an organization we need to keep the push on the Governor. Maybe there is another piece of the program that needs to come.

Sam Ricotta emphasized what Steve said. I think right now the people who are most directly affected have more insight to the short falls of the program because we did not have a reality of an actual incident of this magnitude to have this experience. I would make a motion that Bob, Steve, Mark and whomever else you see fit, send a letter to the Dept of State, that we want to be involved with any modifications to the CEDAR Program as it was written and to have the input. So you do not have someone from the Governor's office, who wasn't there, telling us how to do it.

Mark made a motion that we have a seat at the table. It was also mentioned that there is supposed to be a debriefing. This organization should have a representative sitting on the board. Bob said this is still going on and it might be a little early. There are still teams on the Island. We need to notify the State now so that we do have a seat. Further discussion took place. Let's not let this get lost. Mark said CEDAR worked great. It is just how we proceed that needs to be defined. Days after the event the only thing you want is certainty. Everyone doing the same thing. How do we train our individuals, municipalities, villages, etc.

President Morganson clarified the motion that a letter goes out indicating that this organization is involved in any discussions regarding CEDAR. Dottie emphasized that the training continues. A letter to Ron would justify to the Governor that we need this program. Discussion followed.

Sam feels this program should be a mandatory program. Everyone should know what it is about and how it works. Steve said that a lot of the CEDAR information is covered in the basic training classes. Mark feels it should be Part of 1203. Steve said that it would be a regulation change and instead should be included in the basic training. Gene Jaques stated that we should get all the power players together with us and discuss this. Doug wants to know where we are going to address the municipalities that won't send their employees.

Steve would like to add to the letter that we want the CEDAR Program needs to be pushed or accelerated. Kevin also thought to incorporate what CEDAR is. Bob said this needs to be done at the Association of Towns and Mayors. Ed said that was his objective this year. That is a hot spot at NYCOM. We are going to revise what we are going to be speaking about to the correct people; supervisors, council people, mayors, board of directors. This would include what a code official does and his responsibilities now will incorporate CEDAR as well. No one knows what you do until something like this happens. We had the same conversation last year and they haven't done shit. We pushed and got the first class in September this year. We have no identification, reimbursement, and that is some of the things that we need to discuss. There are people that are still not reimbursed from Irene.

Motion by Mark and second by Sam that a letter be sent to Ron Piester, NYS DCEA, Governor Cuomo, Jim Burns, and whomever else President Morganson sees fits, indicating that this organization is to be involved in any discussions regarding CEDAR Program and disaster relief. Agreed and Carried. This Executive Board will facilitate any meeting with those individuals when you are ready.

Bob said we need to now look forward towards a Phase II CEDAR. Take the Town of Hempstead for instance. They need help with paper work, figuring out what it means, what permits are needed, where do they go, etc. Discussion followed on the necessity for formality; one problem and 3 ideas on how to go

about correcting it. According to Steve there is not support above the Department of State levels. The counties would already have specialized teams by executive law. The information coming back from after the event that cannot happen through CEDAR because the event is over with and State of Emergencies have been lifted. People would not be covered by the Department of State anymore. That is something else that needs to be discussed further.

President Morganson asked BJ to discuss what happened north. BJ gave a short slide show presentation. She stated that Sullivan County was the last county north to be affected by the Hurricane. We sustained winds of 30 – 50 mph with gusts up to 90 mph for over 10 hours. 95 % of the roads were closed including the major highways. In the Town of Bethel 95% of the people were without power for 7 – 10 days. Cell phones worked but if you had the Time Warner package (cell, cable, and TV) you had no phone service for awhile. There were approximately 100 houses that were damaged. There were a lot of trees on houses. One of the houses had 11 trees on it and the owners stayed in it and are still there. The storm had wiped out a campground and mutilated a minimum of 8 large camping trailers. I could not thank the emergency services enough. They provided warming and charging stations, checked on the neighbors, assisted with clean up, distributed dry ice and water. They went above and beyond the call of duty. We have a mulch plant in the Town of Bethel and they offered to take any down trees free of charge throughout the county. The Food Pantry cooked hot meals and the gas stations operated off of generators. Took me over a week to do damage assessment because my town said I don't need help.

The Executive Board received a phone call asking about financial assistance. Bob Cordell said this is a hard subject. We have a lot of members and once we start helping people you are going to start running out of many. I hate to say that but it is a reality. President Morganson stated for the record that he received a lot of phone calls wanting to know how we could help people.

Someone stated that they had fatalities in their community and were amazed the amount of calls they received in people wishing to turn the tragedy into something better for that family. People are getting help from right next door.

Mark showed us pictures from his house and neighborhood. No one was prepared for the extremely high tide; 8 feet about level. Watched the transformers blow up, car alarms were going off, and any large vacant parking area was turned into a landfill for debris. We removed sand the same way you would remove snow.

Boats were everywhere. Because of the economy, 75% of the boats were in racks. So when the water came through the boats moved everywhere; into houses, streets, everywhere. Four houses, side by side, burnt to the ground and the fire department never knew and could get there. A lot of personal items destroyed and can't be replaced. He also showed pictures of the electrical system that was affected by the salt water and the damage. Bob mentioned the one picture he did not see was how on a 6 lane highway the median was filled with dead cars. They are still pulling dead cars out of the Island. Every few blocks you would find port-a-johns. Three days later Mark found out the National Guard was set up 3 blocks away. There was a metal container that the water had moved onto a bridge filled with salt bags. Still don't know the owner of that one. Mark re-emphasized the importance of NYSBOC being involved.

President Morganson read Dan Cassella's Letter:

May I respectfully offer the following update regarding the recent Hurricane Sandy weather event;

The NYSBOC Disaster Assessment Teams have been called to duty in regards to the recent Hurricane Sandy event.

I tip my hat to all those who had “boots on the ground” to assist those Long Island communities in need of damage Assessment Review assistance.

Special thanks to the efforts of; Eric Bradshaw, Dan Nichols, 1st VP Ed Cusato, Past President Steve McDaniel, Capitol President Bob Cordell & all those “CEDAR” responders, (too many to mention) in leading and assisting the troops into honorable service.

A special word of gratitude goes out to Town of Hempstead Code Enforcement Officer/NYSBOC Emergency Management Committee Member Roy Gunther who unselfishly dedicated numerous hours on providing coordination and communications efforts to Eric Bradshaw and Dan Nichols from NYS DOS DCEA and many others and communities who requested assistance....even though his own home was decimated by Hurricane Sandy. Truly a true testament of Roy’s dedication, unselfishness and heartfelt emotions to help the many others in time of need!

At this juncture, CEDAR teams are requested once again to continue in assisting Long Island and specifically the Town of Hempstead areas this week...

Once again I personally thank all those who made the CEDAR initiative happen and with such great success and determination!

We have more challenges ahead as we continue to meet the needs of the changing times to assist our fellow man with our skills and heartfelt emotion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Casella

To finish the discussion President Morganson applauded everyone that was there and thanked them for their service.

At this point in the meeting President Morganson discussed interest in committee involvement for next year. He put a little inquiry out regarding volunteers for committees and received a tremendous response. The time being 12:00 Noon, President Morganson has a real interest in feedback from anyone who wishes to serve on a committee. At this time, please approach either the committee chairman or myself. In the interest of time let’s grab our lunches and talk amongst ourselves.

The first committee I would like to change is the Ambassador’s. I would like the chairman to be John Flanigan. He is our true ambassador.

Building Log: Jim Eberhardt

Pictures are on the table for you to take out. Log is coming out at the end of the week with a nice layout.

Western Southern Tier and Capital District had their conferences recently. Jim is looking for a small sentence or two on how the conference was and any news you wish to share for the log. This goes for any conferences or training coming up.

Jim requested that everyone print out the Log and take it to your chapter meetings. He congratulated the efforts of the website team for helping to promote the Log. President

Morganson would like Jim to be the Press Secretary and recommends that every time we do something, get it out in your local papers and let Jim E. know. We need to promote Codes in a positive manner and raising the profile.

Bylaws: Jim Bailey & BJ Gettel

President Morganson wants the committee to look at the election procedures and to be able to run from the floor as it pertains to the election of officers. The committee will make a report in the future.

Codes Coalition: Gene Jaques

Did a good job at the ICC Conference and got everyone elected. Dec 13th is the coalition meeting and we will bring up CEDAR.

Codes Council: John Flanigan

Had a meeting on this past Wednesday. All the chairs of the new section of the new code for 2014 are filled and a new date to get it done. They went thru all the committees. The energy code on the commercial side needs to be done sooner and quickly. That has been sent to the Governor's Office early. Dottie mentioned that the Energy Commercial will be done at least 6 months before the rest of the code. That means the regulations will be on the books, just not printed in the Code Books. The goal is July 2013 Commercial Energy Code and January 2014 for the rest of the Energy Code. We meet again February 13th and they are going to have 6 meetings instead of 4. Discussion followed.

Steve McDaniel mentioned one item of concern. It has been discussed placing any NY modifications to the ICC document into a completely separate book like the NYICCR book. I have asked the questions several times and have expressed my concern that is something that we would not like to happen because then you would look at the ICC document and you would have to go to the NYICCR. It would make plan review difficult. I don't know how much validity is left in it from a cost prospective from the State. I know they would like it. Dottie says that has certainly been discussed. We will always do that but part of the contract was printing of the Codes. The Governor's office has stated there would be few modifications as possible and it will be a completely separate document. A lot of the States do that. Front end amendments would be incorporated into the document and they are looking at the cost factor. Steve stated they did not learn about this until the end. The committee would have made some changes then. Discussion followed.

Bob Cordell - These are our tools. They are what we use in our trade. It is my opinion they should be designed in a way that is most helpful for us. The code books will not be as useful to us if there are front end amendments. There has to be a way to put the code changes in the text and find a way to pay for them. The further in time we go, the changes will be less. We are not at that point yet and have a way to go. Discussion followed.

Kevin Ezell – some of these changes, New York is making changes for themselves. As long as there are committees we are going to try and make changes.

President Morganson wants a meeting with Mr. Piester to express your concerns. I will hopefully come back with answers. We are the premier code development people. Scott would like the decision to be made at our level not at state level.

President Morganson stated that no formal budget today but will give a report in March. He has not finished developing the committee structures yet. If there is a Chairman for any committee that has a request for monies to your committee, he would like need to know ASAP.

Treasurers Report: Douglas Scarson

Doug handed the Financial Report out. Current membership numbers for 2012:

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Eff Date</u>	<u>Prior</u>	<u>BJ's List</u>
Bianco	170	2/28/2012	159	171
Capital	222	3/2/2012	228	220
Central	127	2/21/2012	194	197
Columbia Greene	26	3/1/2012	24	57
Finger Lakes	215	3/25/2012	180	417
Mid-Hudson	10	1/23/2012	51	84
Mohawk Valley	10	2/13/2012	120	105
Monroe County Fire	31	3/26/2012	29	
Niagara Frontier	264	2/25/2012	239	239
Northern Adirondack	90	3/23/2012	80	80
Ontario County	11	3/25/2012	10	
Rockland County	80	2/13/2012	117	118
Southern Tier	106	2/21/2012	188	131
St Lawrence			10	
Suffolk County	86	4/1/2012	83	86
Tri County	230	2/28/2012	254	230
Westchester County	160	3/8/2012	148	148
Western South Tier	10	3/8/2012	10	10
Yates County	12	3/25/2012	10	
Total	1860		2134	2293

Some members belong to more than one chapter. What we need to emphasize is that the list you send us is the actual members that you are paying for. This is the list that we use for the website and the log. This year we will be sending out bills based on the membership submitted from the previous year and if there is a difference to contact Doug. Chapter Reimbursement Forms for 2012 were handed out.

Membership Committee: BJ Gettel

President Morganson stated the BJ needs some help. If you are interested to please let him know.

Legislative/Technical Committee: Robert Cordell & Dottie Harris

Dottie – Discussion about making the code schedule a little more. The disaster brought out the CEDAR importance more. The Codes worked in a lot of the disaster areas. It is critical to keep the codes up to date in New York State. New York does have a high regulatory status. Bob & Dottie will work behind the scenes. We will keep you informed.

There is a federal bill that has to do with FEMA Funding. That bill could move this year because of the storm. Some jurisdictions are still on the 1997 codes. That is not good. Visit the ICC site.

Bob Cordell: going back to the Capital again for Lobby Day. Bob is looking for a few people to go along. If anyone has ideas, please let Bob know. It is a good tiring day. The ones that we do see appreciate the time we spend with them.

President Morganson stated through Bob's efforts and through the times that we have been with Dottie in and out of the capital building. Last year, if you remember, we were very successful in getting Senator Betty Little received the National Award "Raising the Profile" from the ICC. That is my favorite subject "Raising the Profile". How do we get more public awareness in what we do? Bob single handedly did just that. President Morganson presented "The Raising the Profile" award to Robert Cordell.

It reads:

Whereas Robert Cordell works full time in the code enforcement profession.

Whereas Robert Cordell is a long time NYSBOC Member.

Whereas Robert Cordell is a chairman of our Legislative Committee.

Whereas Robert Cordell has a long time history of promoting NYSBOC Lobby Day.

Whereas Robert Cordell through his efforts at the State level has spot lighted New York throughout the entire nation.

Whereas no other single member has done more to promote and raise the profile of Code Enforcement.

This Association would like to express their thanks for all the hours he has devoted to our benefit, health and safety and welfare for the people of New York.

Therefore be it known that Robert Cordell is the first recipient of the NYSBOC Senator Betty Little Raising the Profile Award.

Bob stated a lot of this belongs to Dottie and thanked everyone for the honor.

ICC Conference, Atlantic City: Sam Ricotta

We have been on the ICC for the past 12 years. We have put Dottie in. We have elected Ron into and elected onto the Board. We are at the point that we have achieved. Ron will be presiding at the ICC in Atlantic City. It would be our obligation to show up in numbers in appreciation of Ron. This is what we have been striving for. Let's enjoy our time in the sun. We are at the head of the ICC. Sam passed around brochures. Please put on your Chapter websites and promote this. We have had up to 130 – 140 people attend this conference. We owe it to this organization and Ron. The dates are September 29th – October 10th. New Jersey is looking for financial assistance but more than that they need people there that they can rely on. Need people behind the scenes. If there is anyone that can assist them to please let Sam know. I am anticipating a lot of people. WE have a block of rooms that have been reserved at the Trump Taj Mahal. When making your reservations, use the G12 group block of rooms name again. They are accepting reservations now. There are 3 other conventions going on at that time. So make your reservations now. Pass the word. This is where most of the activities are going to be conducted. President Morganson reminded everyone that Ron Piester is running the meeting and that our own Rob Drexler is up for re-election for a 3 year seat on the Board. So it is very important that if at all possible you attend this conference. Even if you can only be there for the election on Tuesday, it is worthwhile. Our goal is 200 people. This is going to be a lot of people vying for a seat on the Board. We need the support of everyone. Make sure you are a registered voting member. We need to get this out across the State. There was a lot of voting issues in Portland.

Gene mentioned that we need to start looking for candidates for the Board. Sam will act as the liaison between New York and New Jersey. Gene and Sam will be attending a meeting in February and will let everyone know.

NYSBOC ABM Committee: Don Mekulik & BJ Gettel

85th Anniversary will be held on Sept 11 - 13th, 2013

Fort William Henry, Lake George

Room rates are \$94 and meals are \$66 per day which includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Each individual will make their own reservations and meal packages. Don went through some of the details; Cocktail party and Banquet, Boat ride on Lake George, Ghost Tour at Fort William Henry. It is still a working package. This will be a small education year. 75 rooms have been blocked out. Make sure you use the "NYSBOC" name when making your reservations. The hotel will honor 2 days before and 2 days after our event at the state rate.

For those Chapters in Region 3: The committee is collecting donations. Please send what your Chapter can afford to BJ. Make the check payable to NYSBOC and mark the check 2013 ABM Lake George. The more monies received the better time we can all have.

ICC Update: Dottie Harris

Any code changes for the Residential, Energy, Fire, and Existing Building Code must be submitted by January 3rd. There are forms on the website. Call Dottie with your questions.

The ICC had a reorganization that resulted with 35 layoffs. The Budget Committee is meeting in DC right now. That is why Ron is not here. He does send his greetings and Happy Holiday wishes. Building Safety Month festivities are changing. Will let everyone know as soon as I get told.

The 2014 ICC ABM will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

New Business:

Scott Copp: Charlie Bliss had a heart attack on his way back from the Island. He is in Orange Regional with 4 stints. He is doing much better. Shortly after the ABM in Portland, Rob Drexler had surgery. He is doing well. Get Well cards were sent to both.

Ed Hare and Pete Iello have retired as teachers from the State.

President Morganson, on behalf of the Executive Board wished everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday and New Year.

Meeting adjourned at 1240 PM

Respectfully submitted,

BJ Gettel

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Secretary

Next Meeting Date & Location:

March 1, 2013: Central Chapter, Syracuse

Maplewood Inn

400 7th North Street, Liverpool, NY 13088

866-318-9937 Government Rate is \$94.00

June 7, 2013: Slingerland Fire House

September 2013: Lake George area to be presented in September 2013 ABM (Region 3)