

NYSBOC BOARD OF DELEGATES

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 1, 2013

LOCATION: Maplewood Inn, Liverpool, NY

- * President Jim Morganson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM
- * Pledge of Allegiance
- * Moment of silence for deceased members
- * A roll was called and the following were present:

President	Morganson, Jim	X			
1st Vice President	Edward Cusato	X			
2nd Vice President	Donald Mekulik				
Secretary	BJ Gettel	X			
Treasurer	Douglas Scarson	X			
Historian	Mark Schwartz	X			
Past President	Wayne Cichon				
Special Guests	Gilhooly, Jim - President, BIANCO Williams, John - NYS Fire Chiefs Association Magee, Richard - NYS Fire Districts Neske, Paul - President, STBOA Bates, Bruce - 2nd Vice President, STBOA Wilkinson, Jeff - President, NYS Fire Marshals Chicetti, Wayne – President, Finger Lakes				
Capital	Cordell, Robert	X	Griffith, Roger	X	Theriatult, Rick X
Capital	Ricotta, Sam	X	Kinizzo, Tom (A)		
Central	Cusato, Ed	X	Keeler, George	X	Williams, John X
Finger Lakes	Bailey, Jim	X	Crooks, Jack	X	Rech, Terry (A) X
Mid Hudson	Corrao, Tom	X			
Mohawk Valley	Stine, Rich	X	Piemonte, Vito	X	
Monroe	Bowers, Don	X	Drexler, Rob	X	Scarson, Doug X
Nassau (BIANCO)	Bonnie, Robert	X	Haramis, Stephen	X	Malitino, Michael X
Niagara	Rank, Kevin	X	Metzger, Dave (A)	X	
Northern Adirondack	Morganson, Jim	X			
Ontario	Benedict, Al		Storke, Scott (A)		
Rockland	Berrios, Ruben	X	Buckley, Thomas	X	
Southern Tier	Cross, Brent		Ezell, Kevin	X	Platt, Richard X
Southern Tier	Knickerbocker, Wm (A)	X			
WSTB	LaBarbera, Chuck (A)	X	Monaco, John	X	Pacanowski, James X
Yates	Lyon, Bruce	X			

NYS DOS	Piester, Ron	X				
Past Pres	Casella, Dan	X	Copp, Wm. Scott	X	Flanigan, John	X
Past Pres	McDaniels, Steve	X				
ICC	Drexler, Rob	X	Harris, Dottie	X	Piester, Ron	X

Secretary's Report: BJ Gettel

A quorum is present.

Presidents Report: Jim Morganson

Welcomed all guests and asked for participation from them. Discussed the new committee list and asked that a brief description be inserted with each committee below. I have taken the approach that they need to be defined.

Treasurers Report: Douglas Scarson

As of today, there are 3 Chapters have not reported. Mohawk Valley, St Lawrence and Westchester have not sent the minimum 10. Just so everyone understands the process. I have sent notices, numerous emails, and a lot of phone calls. We have 894 members as of yesterday. I have 3 or more checks today from the different chapters for the full memberships.

Federal Tax exemption: In December we finally received a letter with an employee's name on it from the IRS. The accountant followed up immediately. Letter asked for more information. We are communicating with the IRS. Hopefully this is the last time and we should be okay and the woman was confident that we should get our tax exempt status but would not say for sure.

The second part of the question was "Are you going to exempt the Chapters as a whole"? She could not answer that. That will be the next letter that she corresponds to us. I hope to have an answer for the Chapters by June. In the letter that she sent, she stated that we have to fill out a 1099 for 2012. So we will be filing.

George Keeler said there chapter went through this and we got it done under six months. My question is when you go to them about the chapters, are you going to exclude chapters like us that already have tax exempt status? I could say yes but not sure.

I did have a question from her on the first letter. She asked where the NYSBOC office on Long Island is? I commented that there is no Long Island office. My home address is the office address. She stated that there is a bank account in Long Island under your name and I said no. If the chapters have bank accounts please use your Chapter Name on the bank account, don't use NYSBOC. Down the road it will cause trouble.

Bob Bonnie mentioned that a lot of the earlier officers were from the Long Island area. Doug will look into this further.

Once we get our status back, my plan is to get onto a conference call and explain what needs to be done from now on. The accountant is going to give us guidance and how to stay in compliance. They know that some chapters are already in compliance and the other chapters are not aware

Sam Ricotta made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Bob Bonnie. Agreed and carried.

Committee Reports:

Annual Business Meeting Conference: *2nd Vice President, Secretary, President & Chuck LaBarra of Western Southern Tier*

BJ reported that the theme is “History”. The committee is still working on the activities due to the fact that it is too early to talk to the people from the boat ride and the haunted Fort Henry Tour businesses. The theme for this year’s conference is “History”. We have gone into the archives and asked a couple of retired instructors to come and teach as well as current instructors. We will have more details at the June Meeting. Vendor registration will go out shortly. It was suggested that “Pink Cards” will be filled out at this event.

Don asked that the chapters in District 3 to please send their contributions to BJ so that we can make this a successful 85th Anniversary extravaganza.

Ambassadors Report: John Flanigan

Members, who as individuals, can represent this Organization. Qualifications include length of service, committee memberships, office holders and persons with experience in many disciplines (Building/Fire). It shall be the goal of any ambassador to develop relationships with other Chapters, State Organizations and elected officials. A list of all our associates should be established and a continual upgrade should be done as the Ambassadors reach out.

John attended the Association of Towns meeting as well as Ed Cusato. John stated it was well attended. There were approximately 90 people in the classes but those are people that we do not see anywhere else. I went through everything that I could go through including sprinklers.

Eastern States Conference is meeting March 24 – 27th in Quincy, Mass. I don’t see too many people there because of the amount of training that is being offered here in New York.

Ray Andrews is retiring from DCEA. Ron will talk about this more. He has done a lot for all of us over the years.

Building Log: Jim Eberhardt

The “Log” will serve as the “Official” source of all NYSBOC news and publications. Beyond that, the “Log” committee will act as Press Secretary to the NYSBOC community. They will insure that any time the Organization is mentioned in a part of the State, the story will be repeated in print across the State. Individual stories will become State wide press releases to promote the goodwill done by NYSBOC Members.

Bylaws: Jim Bailey & BJ Gettel

Maintain and update the policy and procedures for the organization.

Submission:

(a) The election of officers will take place at the annual meeting in accordance with dates set forth in Article VI, Section 1 (a) & (b).

- 1) **Any member seeking to be nominated for election of the officers from the floor must notify the Chairman of the Nominating & Election Committee their intent in writing no less than 14 days prior to the election. The intent notification must include proof of the members eligibility and qualifications per Article VIII, Section**

10 of these By-Laws.

Jim Bailey read the proposed amendment. It is pertaining to allowing nominations off the floor. Jim drafted it under the direction of the President. Jim doesn't agree with it. Is this something we wish to move forward with? President Morganson explained that this had come out of the last meeting that he asked the committee to prepare this.

Discussion followed.

Bob Bonnie – We spent the last 3 years doing away with this so that we can get some rhyme and reason and order into this organization so that somebody could not come out of the woodwork and just run for office. Why change it now? Was there a problem?

President Morganson stated there was a problem with the last election.

Bonnie – There is a process and let's follow it. If someone wants to be nominated, they send their nomination in. Once they are nominated, even though they are not put forward by the nominating committee, they have the right to run at the general election. Everyone knows who is running and you have 3 -4 months to digest who this person is, where they are coming from, or are they out of the local Chapter where the annual meeting is. So that you can make preparation to counteract anything along that line and now you want to come along and say 14 days before. So if our annual meeting is in Lake Placid and a group of people decide they want to nominate someone off the floor, they notify the secretary and then all of a sudden they have 6 bus loads of people from that chapter and then they control the election. I don't see this. This is counter acting everything that we put into the bylaws and this is what we are trying to avoid.

Dan Casella – My recollection was when we had a centralized meeting place, everything was fine then. Now that we are on a rotating basis was to prevent exactly what Mr. Bonnie was describing. We changed that. This concept was in there way back when to prevent an individual location, no disrespect, from taking over. And those hard working people on the Executive Board get wiped out after all those years. That is not what we are about.

Steve McDaniels – I was the nominating committee chairman this past election where there was a perceived problem. I don't think there was a problem. I followed the bylaws in their entirety. Yet there a felling that somebody should be able to run from the floor. I agree with Bob Bonnie. That is why we did away with the other bylaws because someone could come in and wipe out this organization. You would create a new Chapter and that chapter could come to the annual meeting and offer up 5 people and do away with the whole Executive Board as it stands. I do not believe that is where we need to head.

Ed Cusato: I will speak personally and I make my apologies now. This situation last year was created partly towards me. You folks do what you think you need to do but think what is best for the organization. If you have a problem with me or not confident in what I am doing, then come to me and let me know so that we can discuss things and give me a chance to explain why I did what I did. This all started against me and everyone knows it. My apologies.

Steve McDaniel – Ed if someone is not confident in your abilities then someone should have taken that into account when you held your first position on the executive board. Everyone knows what the bylaws say. If you want to run for executive board of this body and you are proud and confident in doing so, then you should do it well in advance and not surprise people at the annual meeting. I believe you

should put that notification out ahead of time and let people know that you want to run for this body and not do it at the annual meeting.

Don Bowers – I don't think this is taking away from us having to do that and that is exactly how the process should run. If you don't like me in a position then fine, run. Submit your information and run just like anyone would run. We have the ability to change officers if they are not doing their job, why do we need to change that ability.

Dan Casella made the motion to reject the proposal as submitted and 2nd by Rich Stein. Agreed and carried.

Certification and Education: Sam Ricotta & Mark Schwarz

As a priority overseeing the Continuing Education Credits and ensuring new opportunities to improve course material, availability, and advancing recognition of the value of in-service credit hours. Coordinating educational opportunities, with architects, engineers and industry.

President Morganson state that there is a change here and seeing how Sam has done this his whole life he asked that he be the Chair. He asked Sam to read the description and either add to it or take away from it. This is new opportunities for us to improve our education.

Sam stated that he will get together with the various chairs from the different Chapters and try to get things scheduled for next year. This year is a little late. Make it known to the website committee what your dates are so that it gets posted.

Codes Coalition: Gene Jaques & Rob Drexler

Rob reported on some hot topics. We have been meeting with conference calls and meetings. There are 3 hot topics.

- 1) Residential Sprinklers: made a successful presentation in front of the Council last month. Standing room only. Received a lot of positive feedback. All groups of the Coalition were present.
- 2) Working diligently to come with ways because of the changeover of the code council members, we want to have input with who is coming up with those positions. We want to come up with a list knowledgeable people send to the governor's office.
- 3) Reaching out and asking each group to come up with 2 names so that we can develop code review committee. The intent is for these 10 people to review our codes annually and possibly make presentations. We truly feel that NY should have more of a presence in the process. There will be more good things to come with this.

President Morganson asked Rob to introduce the members of the coalition that were present at today's meeting.

Jeff Wilkinson – NYS Fire Marshals
Rich Magee – NYS Fire Districts
John Williams – NYS Chief's Association

State Fire Marshal's Conference changed the venue to Liverpool and the information will go out shortly. It will be posted on the webpage.

Codes Consensus: Don Mekulik *A technical advice group that would spread information with a common voice in response to code questions. A clearinghouse where members could get answers/guidance regarding code related matter. Ultimately any member could review and choose from a list of “standard” answers to a code questions about which other members have already reached “consensus”.*

President Morganson is skipping this for now. We are trying to develop a hot line for people to email and Don volunteered to do it. It is just someone to reach out to when you didn't have an avenue to go.

Codes Development:

2013 is the time to expand NYSBOC's role in Code Development. To that end, I ask that we keep the existing subcommittee structure in place. That group will establish a format to continue dialog about relevant Code issues. Must have direct access and the ability to monitor the latest in DCEA & ICC Code Development discussions.

President Morganson suggested taking a look at all those people that were on the subcommittees that have already invested time and have been acknowledged for their expertise in the field, to be put together on this committee.

Kevin Ezell – We are not trying to make so many grammatical changes such as we were changing building inspector to code official. We are trying not to make those kinds of changes unless what needs to be done. We are not going to be able to have the code printed as often as we would like to have. When the ICC makes there changes, we might have a separate book. There is a meeting for what used to be called Code Development to CDP Access in Dallas.

President Morganson inquired what the hot topics were. Kevin says he has received the information yet even though the schedule is out. Kevin is still on the Residential Committee and there are over 500 proposed changes. Sprinklers are one of the topics. The one topic that Kevin mention is why is NYS Stair Tread Geometry different than the ICC. We talked about that at the committee. Kevin is waiting for the information from the ICC. The request was made to Kevin to please let the group now if there are any significant changes coming about.

Steve McDaniel – The Publication of the Code. When the committee originally set down there was no talk of 2 different books and there was numerous modifications made. If we had known this, we would not have made so many.

Committee for Information Management: Tom Costello

To develop a strategic development plan for information management services and support for the entire organization and techniques to substantially improve performance, efficiency, and outcomes.

DCEA: Ron Piester

The publication of the code is an issue that we are looking at. We are trying to access the down side of doing it. There will be challenges and the timing is a problem.

Steve McDaniel – NY Amendment book wouldn't be so big if we would know what direction you are taking. Hopefully the NY Book would not be as big as the ICC.

Bob Cordell – I agree. The same thing happened with the Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Code. We made changes that were editorial.

Code Books – complicated issue that could have a big impact on how you perform your duties that would have serious implications. It may be more difficult to create the different books as we move forward into the digital age. The other thing that is driving this is the timing. We have significantly accelerated our update schedule to get the changes done. We are looking are implementing the 2012 Commercial Energy provisions by July 2013. The rest of the 2012 Residential Energy and the Uniform we are targeting May 2014. It is related to a push that originated in organizations like NYSBOC. This stemmed from Scott Copp stating we need a regular schedule for updating the Codes. We need develop a uniform system for updating of the codes, something that coordinates with the publication of the ICC Codes. What we are currently talking about is coordinating the future cycles. With that come the challenges with publishing, terms of review at the State level and also an obligation to utilize the national code development process that the ICC has established much more than in the past. Discussion followed.

Not sure where we are going to end up. The State is not taking it lightly. If you have questions, please call or email my office and we will give you what we have. Just understand we don't have all the answers now.

We are looking at the codes themselves. Sandy was huge game changer for everyone. Everyone including politicians are talking and acting differently after this disaster. The officials are asking us "How do we increase building resiliency through the codes?" The politicians don't want to hear that it is already in the codes. They want to show their constituents that they are doing something proactive on this. There are continued discussions going on about how we should increase building resiliency through the codes. We are not sure where this is going. My perspective is not to screw up the codes that we have now.

I am looking to develop an overlay of resilience requirements based upon the actual hazards that exist within certain geographic parts of the State. That would not necessarily be prescriptive requirements but would be performance standards. Buildings would have to meet these standards based on the hazards that have now been established through science for that area. Not an easy task. This body and the Codes Coalition need to be at the table in the future. This will affect your communities in a big way. We will keep you informed.

Ron made a public apology to Bob Cordell and some others about the CEDAR Debriefing. Mix up on the date, the new date is: March 14th from 10 AM and 12 PM. Conference call number will be established. If you participated in CEDAR, we would like to hear from you. Ron continued to thank everyone that participated in the deployment last year. We need to learn from that experience and how we can work together and improve for the next event.

Dottie Harris: Article from the Building Safety Article regarding CEDAR that just came out yesterday. It will be on the NYSBOC Website soon. Please read.

Changes in Staff: Ray Andrews is retiring. His last day will be April 10th. Also on that day Cathy Karp, his deputy is also retiring. We will be making announcements on the changes to come. Discussion followed.

Kevin Rank - Thanked Ron and his staff for assisting with the NFBOA Conference.

President Morganson wanted to be sure that on the record that Shawn Waldron is given a huge thanks from all of us. She is a tremendous help. Without her a lot of the conferences and classes would not run so smoothly. The membership gave her a round of applause.

Technical Subcommittees will continue. There will always be changes and to what extent are we going to rely on the ICC process vs. our own review. I think that if organizations like NYSBOC, FASNY, etc, continue to participate, we may not need separate sub committees in the future.

CDP Access: This is the most important thing that is happening in the national organization. I will discuss further under ICC.

Scott Copp: In July, the commercial energy side is going to change. The ICC and the committee are working on a commentary specific to NYS. The goal is to have it published. Ron said it is becoming more difficult to actually meet the provisions of the energy code.

Bob Cordell: Instead of disbanding the technical subcommittees let's put these committees to work earlier in the process. Ron said this could be a function for NYSBOC. Discussion followed. This was the exact intent of President Morganson's earlier remarks.

Mark Schwarz: SLMS, a lot of people down by me are having problems accessing it. Ron stated that the state is addressing this problem. John and Shawn are frustrated in the State as well. Discussion followed. John Addario is doing a class on this program. Ron asked if the delegates would poll there chapters and find out how many are in SLMS. Let Ron know the results.

Kevin Rank: wants a statewide survey put on the website about SLMS. Jim and BJ will do this. President Morganson agreed.

John Addario had requested that the information about SLMS be put on the NYSBOC website and this has been done. It is in the Document Center under the DCEA icon.

President Morganson asked what the status of the Annual Report was. Ron stated that approximately 2 years ago his office was submitting a proposal to do away with the annual report as a consensus rule making process. This was recommendation from sources in Albany. For those of you that are not aware how this works. The rule is invalidated if one person submits an objection during the public hearing comment period. As soon as we submitted the rule, the objections started coming in. Some code officials were telling us that this is a useful tool and some were saying it was justification to the Supervisor that the state is looking at what we are doing. So we pulled that rule and submitted another proposal to the governor's office last July and it is still under review. The annual report must be submitted to DCEA. The DCEA will not be publishing who has or has not submitted. We don't know what the future holds. Will keep you informed. Discussion followed.

Kevin Rank – Will the list of certified code officials be posted? Yes.

President Morganson stated if there was something this organization could do to help the DCEA, to please let us know.

Emergency Management/CEDAR Team: Dan Casella, Steve McDaniel, Ed Cusato, Mark Schwarz, Robert Cordell, Eric Bradshaw, and Eric Famigetti

Promote & complete the true implementation of the CEDAR program and continue to develop partnerships within the Emergency response structure. Serve and an advisory position to DCEA policy making for the betterment of the organization.

President Morganson pointed out the minutes from the last meeting. He thanked BJ for chronologically do a good job of what transpired. I felt this was important that we change this committee to a team. The importance of that was received from the suggestion of Mr. Piester and this organization on how we could integrate more into the process. You can see by the layout of everybody that wanted to get involved in the process is on the team. A team approach will work better.

Dan – I apologize for not being at the last meeting. I just want to say thank you to everyone. There is nothing more gratifying than seeing the Calvary coming down the block.

The President asked that Dan bring up this letter that he received from Greenwood Lake about SIPBOX structures. They are used as emergency shelters. Dottie questioned if they are regulated and offered to check on them. President Morganson will contact the mayor and get her involved as well. Ed did talk to the company as they are going to be at the Central Chapter Conference. Discussion followed.

Dan will sit in on the CEDAR conference call and report back.

Events, Association & Conferences:

Combine the Association of Towns, Conference of Mayors, and Eastern State reports as time sensitive presentations. Only active subjects will be discussed as they relate to the Delegates Meeting calendar.

President Morganson explains by saying sometimes we would get a report that would be outdated. So I lumped these events altogether.

Eastern States will be March 24th in Boston.

Association of Towns: Ed Cusato – congratulated John Flanigan on his presentation. We are trying to establish a relationship with the Supervisor's and the Executive Boards. Ed's purpose is to speak on the importance of Code Enforcement Officers and what you do, what your requirements are, training, budgeting, and Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Sandy as it pertained to our role in the CEDAR Team; especially on what we did, how we reacted, and to help out. People in the Southern Tier understood.

NYCOM: the summer session is where we are going to establish a working relationship. Thanked John again.

According to John there is a new executive director for the Association of Towns. The gentleman is from Westchester. Jeff retired and now there is people that want input. We are seeing the change. The codes classes averaged 90 people per class. Attendance was down and they are talking to go regional classes instead.

All of the conferences are on the website that has been submitted to the website committee. If there are more, please let Jim Bailey or BJ know about it.

ICC:

Dottie: CDP Access is very critical and NSBOC participating more on the national level. Action hearings are in Dallas in April. If you are not able to attend you can watch the proceedings on line.

Building Safety Month is coming up and the weeks have been designated:

Week 1: Fire Safety and Awareness

Week 2: Disaster Safety and Mitigation

Week 3: Backyard and Pool Safety

Week 4: Energy and Green Build

We are making it user friendly this year. Emails are going out to Chapter Presidents providing them with posters and things. Letters to each governor have gone out to have them declare Building Safety Month proclamations.

The ICC Conference is in Atlantic City. I am encouraging everyone to attend. Ron will be officiating and he needs your support.

Rob Drexel: This is our 10th year anniversary. We are on solid ground and Ron is fortunate to be President. Because of the 10th year anniversary a committee was formed called Vision 2023 and Guy Tomberlin is heading up the committee. Basically we are looking at our future. Where is the ICC going, what the ICC should do and how should we act. We will be updating the 2015 plan.

CDP Access (Code Development Participation) and remote participating. Not everyone can get to the ABM or the hearings. The membership has spoken. You will be able to access remotely and collaborate. The idea is for you to follow a code section from start to finish. So we don't have 20 proposals in front of the body. You will be able to vote during the process. That is the general concept. We are in a top to bottom review for securities for preserving our governmental voting consensus process.

Hope to roll out some BETA testing with the energy code portion of the CDP this year and hope to see things up and running in 2015. This is a great opportunity for NY to collaborate with our partners from across the country. NY is very involved and we want to keep it that way.

The Fire Service Council and the Membership Council are meeting this weekend in Alabama. President Piester has called these two groups together to strengthen the ties between building officials and the fire service across the country. I think this is a great idea. Essentially, hopefully, they will solve some problems and come up with ideas on how to work together for a better future.

ICC Website: I am proud to say that both Jim & BJ are on the ICC website committee. The committee has totally revamped the store already and is working on the rest of the site. They are hoping to make our website more user friendly. Keep up the good work. We want you to be able to find what you want in 2 - 3 clicks.

The ICC Annual Conference is in Atlantic City this year. I can't emphasize that enough. Your vote will count but you must preregister for your voting access during the ABM and make sure dues are in current standing. Discussion followed. The dues go to the primary voter and that could be your supervisor, mayor, or town clerk. If you have questions call Dottie.

Rob Drexler is officially announcing that he is running for the ICC Board this year. I am looking for your support and vote. Thanks for your support.

President Morganson thanked the ICC folks for their continued support.

On a personal note, Rob Drexler said thank you for the care package that he received from Doug Scarson on behalf of NYSBOC after his surgery.

Ron Piester: Thanked Rob for his report.

CDP Access was started with 2 chapters 10 years ago. NYSBOC was one of them. The demand for members to have participation in Code Development Process. This is important. Please follow what is going on so that we can create quality codes through a process with integrity that leaves the final vote to all of you, the code officials, who have the pure interest for public safety. Next year there will be a time to get involved and time to participate with no excuse. You will be able to do it from your desk. So you will have an obligation. If you have any questions please feel free to call.

10 year anniversary: We are going to have fun and recognize some people that helped us along the way. Part of my job is to take the ICC it into the future. Strategic visioning is not easy. What is our association going to look like? Tactical is easy because it is right in front of us but to look into the future, that is tough. It is a challenge but exciting as well.

Building Council and Fire Council meeting in Alabama this weekend: The energy of the ICC is originating through our Councils. They are doing great work to build a stronger relationship between the 2 agencies. We understand the values but there are areas that do not. Become a member of the membership council. Discussion followed. Each council elects a governing committee. They have a direct line to the board of directors. Our Board is participating in those calls. We are using the membership councils to generate the ideas, the discussions that are going to allow the Board to create policy and direction for the future of the organization. It is not the Board of Directors that makes the decisions for the organization, this is a member driven organization. The members are driving how this organization evolves. The Board of Directors utilizes the Member Councils to understand what is in the heads of our members. Go to the website and find a member council. If you have questions call any one of us.

The Building Safety Journal just came out. It discusses the time line of the ICC. The president gets to write an article. So I chose to write: Code Officials – Steward's of the Economy. As code officials you do so much more, it's not just building safety that you have a part in. I see the basis of the successful communities that are out there that are attracting businesses that are attracting people, that are dynamic, that are progressive, the foundation for that is a sustainable infrastructure. Think about it. If you are a business or someone that is thinking where do I want to move to, do you want to move to a community where you are dealing with buildings that are under foreclosure. No, you want to go where neighborhoods are maintained and buildings are safe for your business and your families. I see the role of the code official as much more than building safety. I tried to identify a couple of points in that article that hopefully show that our code official members have a lot more to be proud about than building safety. So please read the article and show it to your politicians. Any comments please let me know and submit your success stories.

Legislative/Technical Committee: Bob Cordell

I want to do something this year that may cost a little bit of money. I talked to Chief Pete Latonzio in conjunction with Building Safety Month and our trip to the Capital this year. We want to burn a building with and without sprinklers. Need to get the members to attend. We may need to do it on a day they are not in session. Dottie and I are working on that. I may need a little more money in my line item. Discussion followed.

President Morganson: I am interested in this and Northern Adirondack will donate \$500 to the cause. How much more from this organization?

Bob: When we do these for our conference we are looking at (2) 10 x 10 rooms side by side with framing and sheet rock on the inside. The labor is typically donated. I don't anticipate bus upon bus of legislative people. I am not sure we are going to get a parade of people. We would most likely use a municipal training center. That would cost a little. I may have enough in the legislative budget line item. I just don't know.

John Flanigan: Local media will come. Just need to now ahead of time. They have been doing it right along. Media is not a problem.

Bob: Want to do this after a visit to the Capital and have a flyer to hand out while we are there inviting the folks down for this burn. Present it in a scenario to form your own opinion.

Reuben Berrios: I like your idea and as you said, we are not going to get everybody. It would be great to make a video and send it to them.

John Williams: As Bob has stated it really drives home the point on how the sprinkler system works. That is the message to get out. How that 5 - 8 minutes does matter. It is very effective. Even if you have 300 people there and 20 people understand it, it does get communicated throughout. The obvious thing is to get the thing built. We are going to have ours built and at our conference on June 13th. We are building flash over rooms.

Bob wants to know if anyone would object to him putting on this type of demonstration. No one objected. Are we on record for supporting residential sprinklers to that degree? President Morganson asked the members present if anyone would object to us making a strong presentation in Albany on Residential Sprinklers? No one objected.

Kevin Ezell: I am against residential sprinklers being mandated but not against the demonstration being done nor if the delegates or NYSBOC as a whole feels like that is where we should be pushing our efforts in doing that.

Bob: This is an educational function that is simply a demonstration. Giving out information on what happens with a non-sprinklered room vs. a sprinklered room. It should be recognized that this Organization is in favor of the statement that fire sprinklers are effective and fire sprinklers save lives. It's just that we understand that some places do not have municipal water to get it done and that is what is driving the objections for most people in this room.

Chuck Labarbera: We did it at the WSTB conference last year and it was very effective.

John Flanigan: Demonstration on home sprinklers was given at the Association of Towns. This is completely different than the big metal pipes. I think that the \$10,000 - \$15,000 is way out of sight.

President Morganson: Any other chapters that can contribute let Bob know.

Dottie: Keep pushing to get the products that you need to get your jobs done. There is money from the hurricane. It would be nice if the money is used for the code books. That will be an ongoing issue.

Membership & Recruitment Committee: BJ Gettel & Kevin Rank

As a goal, can we get at least one person from each Chapter to promote NYSBOC. Help coordinate an effort to first account for and service our existing members while actively seeking new members. Be responsible for the gathering of membership information and membership dues from each Chapter yearly.

President Morganson thanked Kevin for volunteering to help.

Scholarship Committee: Tom Corrao & Wayne Cichon

Application is on the website. Applications are now being accepted. An email will go out to everyone.

Ways & Means: President & Treasurer

No Report

Website Management: Jim Bailey & BJ Gettel

Promoting, informing, and updating code enforcement officials through a means of the internet.

Jim B: There was a little change made yesterday. Jim would like feedback on the website. Still have a lot of visitors to the site. Average duration is over 4 minutes on the site with a minimum of 4 pages visited. That means they are finding what they wanted. We have the ability to do surveys through the website now. Upcoming events on the home page are anything within 90 days out. If we are missing something, if an article has been on there too long, maybe you want to see a change, just contact myself or BJ. If all else fails, let Don know.

Dan Casella requested that we enhance "First Preventers" if we can. Jim will take care of it.

President Morganson requested that everyone please go and explore the site if you haven't already. He thanked Jim & BJ for promoting and keeping up with the changes. Makes us look as good as we are.

Kevin inquired as to how many people have signed up for the website. BJ reported approximately 1800 addresses.

Old Business:

Jim Gilhooly - Chapter of the Year Award ICC 2013: We are progressing and thanked everyone for their help. We will be taking videos today of the President and 1st Vice President to help with the submission along with videotaping Mr. Piester.

New Business:

Rubin Berrios – We are having a problem by us. Remember the little CO2 canisters that you used to have for the soda in the bars, well they have changed to the size of the hot water heaters and they are piped into the buildings. There have been a few instances where people in the building have just dropped because of the air. We need to get the message out to our firefighters, police, medics and code officials. There is supposed to be an alarm that beeps but I am sure next to the French fryer it is going to mean much.

ICC ABM: Atlantic City

Sam Ricotta – Ron is officiating. Rob Drexler is up for re-election. The business meeting is on Monday and the election will be on Tuesday. We are really hoping to get 200 people in attendance from New York. At the last meeting brochures and pamphlets that had been prepared by our brothers in New Jersey.

We may be changing the hotel. I will know within the next week.

We are going to participate again with New Jersey and others and will host the Meet and Greet the Candidates Night. Along came discussion of a Hospitality Room and some other things that will lead to expenses including the re-election of Rob Drexler. I would like to make a motion that NYSBC appropriate \$1550 made payable to NYS Codes Coalition for the collaborate effort of the hospitality suite, the Meet and Greet the Candidates Night, and re-election campaign of Rob Drexler, 2nd by John Flanighan. Rich Stein asked what the balance in the seed fund is. Balance is \$7800 or less. Doug asked if that is a separate account through the Code Coalition. Sam replied yes it is. Agreed and carried.

NJ is looking for able body assistance. They are also looking for funding. Sam will get back to us on the events and what kind of funding they are looking for.

President Morganson wants to know who is attending. This is the closet this is ever going to be. As a testament to Ron, we should have a large turnout. New York has a reputation. We need to show our strength by showing our numbers. If you want to maintain that reputation, we need you to show up. We have more than 160 people at farther away locations.

President Morganson is looking into putting together an effort for transportation. I need your feedback. Ed commented that Central Chapter has been able to send 10 - 20 people every year. This year we are sending twice as many. We are looking into bus starting in Buffalo and going right straight down and picking up people along the way. Need to work together on this. Discussion followed. Sam is asking everyone to come back with numbers at the June meeting.

Dan Casella: Can we do a survey on the website? President Morganson wants a person from each Chapter to become the Chapter Coordinator to seek out who is going. Too many unanswered questions. It will be put on the website the schedule of events. Monday is the business meeting and Tuesday is the elections. A questionnaire will be created and sent out to all members by the website committee. Dottie states that they will not post anything on the ICC website until after the Dallas hearings.

Sam will let BJ know something as soon as he knows something.

Sprinkler Survey Results as of February 19, 2013
Number of people that participated: 568

In favor of Sprinklers - Yes = 386 vs. No = 182

What type of area do you live in:

Rural = 217
City = 96
Mixed = 238
Other = 17

Is your area mostly;

Year round homes = 551
Secondary/Seasonal homes = 17
Other = 0

What is the primary type of housing in your area;

Single family = 541
Duplex = 3
Multi-family - 23
Other = 1

What type of water system does your area mostly have;

Private well = 161
Municipal system = 404
Other = 3

Does your area have a good water supply - Yes = 489 vs No = 79

President Morganson reiterated that the committee structures have changed. Any comments or suggestions are always welcomed. He still has about 7 people that wish to be on a committee and he will be looking for your guidance. Code Development looks like a place to put some people.

December meeting is still open. Doug spoke to the Southern Tier and is coordinating with them. The Treadway Inn in Owego is government rate for the rooms, comping us on the use of the meeting room and the luncheon that they are offering is economical. Southern Tier will bring forth other happenings for that meeting. Kevin Ezell stated that there is another place he will look into. President Morganson suggested that we get the information together and present at the June Meeting. Kevin Rank made a motion that Southern Tier host it wherever they please, 2nd by Doug. Agreed and carried.

Bob Bonnie stated that Nassau County is willing to host the March 2014 meeting. They will get back to BJ with location and details. The venue they are thinking if using is accessible to JFK, mass transit, and easy to get to. President Morganson made a motion to move the meeting date to March 14th seeing how his conference is ending on the Day before the 7th, at a location that Nassau chooses, 2nd by Kevin Rank. Doug did mention that the last time everyone went to Long Island, the Chapter spent enough money there for 3 meetings. Bob Bonnie said we had nothing to do with Eastern States function. Bob reassured Doug the cost would not come close to that. Agreed and carried with one noted objection.

President Morganson thanked BJ for the work on the minutes. Please read them. I also offer my thanks to the dignitaries that are here today and invite them back. Good Luck President Piester. I would also like to offer this association's support to Rob Drexler on his re-election to the ICC. I formally thank the Central Chapter for hosting the meeting today.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by: Scott Copp, 2nd by Kevin Ezell

Next Meeting Date & Location:

June 7, 2013: Slingerland Fire House, Slingerland, NY

September 11- 13, 2013: Fort William Henry, Lake George, NY

September 29 – October 1, 2013: ICC Conference, Atlantic City, NJ

December 6, 2013: Owego Treadway Inn, Owego, NY.

March 14, 2014: Nassau County to host.