

# NYSBOC BOARD OF DELEGATES

## MEETING MINUTES

**DATE: September 13, 2013**

**LOCATION: Lake George, NY**

President Jim Morganson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and a roll was called with the following were present:

President	Morganson, James E.	X			
Xst Vice President	Edward Cusato	X			
2nd Vice President	Donald Mekulik	X			
Secretary	BJ Gettel	X			
Treasurer	Douglas Scarson	X			
Historian	Mark Schwartz	X			
Past President	Wayne Cichon				
Capital	Cordell, Robert	X	Griffith, Roger	X	Theriault, Rick X
Capital	Ricotta, Sam	X	Kinizzo, Tom (A)	X	
Central	Cusato, Ed	X	Keeler, George	X	Williams, John X
Columbia	Ferratto, Edward		Pratt, Kent		Vieni, Charles
	Koloski, Stan (A)	X			
Finger Lakes	Bailey, Jim	X	Crooks, Jack	X	Morris, Pat
	Rech, Terry (A)				
Mid Hudson	Thompson, Bruce		Parrington, Denis (A)		Corrao, Tom X
Mohawk Valley	Stine, Rich		Piemonte Vito		
Monroe	Bowers, Don	X	Drexler, Rob	X	Scarson, Doug X
Nassau (BIANCO)	Bonnie, Robert	X	Haramis, Stephen	X	Malitino, Michael X
Nassau (BIANCO)	Falmigetti, Eric (A)	X			
Niagara	Bleichfeld, Rich		Eberhardt, Jim	X	Rank, Kevin
Niagara	Metzger, Dave (A)	X			
Northern Adirondack	Morganson, Jim	X			
Ontario	Benedict, Al	X	Storke, Scott (A)	X	
Rockland	Berrios, Ruben		Buckley, Thomas	X	
Southern Tier	Cross, Brent	X	Ezell, Kevin	X	Platt, Richard
Southern Tier	Knickerbocker, Wm (A)				
St. Lawrence					
Suffolk	Donnelly, Joseph	X	Frabrizio, Edward	X	Maher, Tom X
Tri County	Canfield, Gerard		Jaques, Eugene	X	Ben Maldonado X
Tri County	Smith, Joe (A)				
Westchester	Blasi, Frank	X	Tarchine, Ralph		Testa, Michael
WSTB	LaBarbera, Chuck (A)	X	Monaco, John	X	Pacanowski, James
Yates	Lyon, Bruce				
NYS DOS	Addario, John	X	Nemeth-Weisser, Julie		Nichols, Dan
NYS DOS	Piester, Ron	X	Kreiger, Erika	X	Kent-Wheeler, Sharon X

Log Editor	Eberhardt, Jim	X				
Past Pres	Casella, Dan	X	Copp, Wm. Scott	X	Flanigan, John	X
Past Pres	Gregory, William		Kiebel, Ron		McCabe, Dennis	X
Past Pres	McDaniels, Steve	X	Jacobski, Wm			
ICC	Drexler, Rob	X	Harris, Dottie	X	Piester, Ron	X
Guests	Gilhooly, Jim - President, BIANCO Smith, William - President, Central					

The Secretary informed the President we have a quorum.

President Morganson: Seeing that we have a quorum with great pride and respect for those that came before me, I would like to start this 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting with a salute to the flag led by 2nd Vice President Don Mekulik. Father Flanigan read the invocation.

Briefly we will split the meeting this morning. From now until 10:30 it will be dedicated with our committee reports. Depending on how that goes, we will ask Mr. Ron Piester to take the center stage.

Once again from the Executive Board thank you all for being here for the event and especially for the delegates meeting. We will begin with the Secretaries report.

**Secretary's Report:** Quorum is present. Motion to approve June Minutes by Scott Copp and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Ezell. Approved and carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Douglas Scarson

Motion to approve treasurer's report. Jim Eberhardt - are we going to have a positive underwriting for the end of the year. Doug stated yes because of the conference, support of the Region 3 Chapters and the positive support of the membership. Next time you will see CD's on the report. It will produce more of an income for us. Kevin Ezell asked if that will that be a mutual fund. Mr. Ezell was concerned that it would be put into stocks. Doug stated no risk involved in what we are doing.

Federal Exemption Status was granted a short time ago. I am working with the accounts and we have to file by November 30, 2013 for the 2012 report and the 2013 report. The Chapters that have communicated with the accounts office so far that wish to get into the exemption, we will be emailing to the chapters that have not applied. You need incorporation and bylaws for your chapter. We are talking about Federal Tax Exempt not the State Tax Exempt. There are 6 chapters so far that have filed with the accountant. The total bill from the Federal would be \$4500 that would be split amongst how many chapters apply. The accountant's fee would be an additional cost.

**Presidents Report:** James E. Morganson

President Morganson thanked everyone for attending the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual NYSBOC Conference. Most of the correspondence that has been received lately has to do with the information for the candidates for the ICC and asking for our support. Some of the information was asking for help once we arrive at Atlantic City.

I have received a great deal of information on the Part 1208 training requirements. I would suggest that we discuss that later in the meeting.

## Committee Reports:

### **Annual Business Meeting Conference:** *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, President*

President Morganson noted that Don Mekulik did an exceptional job for the 85<sup>th</sup> Conference and thanked him for his hard work. Don has received a lot of feedback from everyone. The members expressed they enjoyed it and have expressed the interest that we come back here in 3 years. It was Don's pleasure and honor to do this. The hotel was excellent and bent over backwards to assist us.

Chuck LaBarbera talked about the Western Southern Tier Conference that was held just prior to this conference. They had 82 registered and 7 exhibitors. It was a great conference with 18 hours of continuing education.

President Morganson stated that we are on target for attending that area next year for the 2014 Conference. We need the written proposals as soon as you can. I had them from the past but I do not have a current one. When you gentleman get back and get settled in please send one.

Dan Casella: Mr. President, can we bring this next year's meeting up under the proper order of business or is that now or under new business. I have a couple of questions. Is it a good time now or later?

President Morganson: You have the floor.

Dan Casella: I don't recall from Western Southern Tier any financial documentation. You may have that I don't know but I have asked the Board and everybody here and I don't remember that we voted on this.

President Morganson: They did send packages originally. As you know there is a 2 year history we did

Dan Casella: I know we talked about it in concept but I don't remember going ahead with this.

President Morganson: I did just ask for those Dan.

Dan Casella: Are there any other offers?

President Morganson: Some of the past history and I won't go through it all but when it was offered I know that Kevin Rank, who is not here, and I will speak for him, said he no way, he wanted no part of it.

Dan Casella: If there are no other offers with that being said

Don Mekulik: There are no other offers

Dan Casella: With that being said then we have their offer. What is the price?

President Morganson: I don't have the original proposal with me. The rates were extremely low. President Morganson asked Chuck what were your rates for your conference?

Chuck: Roughly \$75.00 per night.

Ed Cusato: Those are good rates.

President Morganson: Well in the interest of. Dan do you have a further suggestion or open the process again.

Dan Casella: No, I don't want to be unreasonable. I just want to confirm that we have a set price officially and duly voted on. If we need to do it at the next meeting, I think we have time.

President Morganson: By next meeting, yes. Again those rates that I saw were definitely under \$100. For the record then for the next meeting we will have in front of us all the information and hopefully we will follow the same format that was here whereas the regional folks will chip in so that it is not a great expense for the state chapter.

**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 Flanigan will continue to promote us all the time.

**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.*

Jim would like to hear from WSTB conferences and any other chapter that has had conferences. Make sure your email is up to date. We do not give out your email addresses. The cost for the log is drastically reduced. President Morganson requested to get articles into the local papers as well. It is great publicity. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

President Morganson requested the Ed talk about Sgt Eddie Ryan. The group raised money for him while we are here in Lake George. Ed explained that we were having dinner on Tuesday night. At another table was this young man with his parents. He is a quadriplegic Marine sniper. He was part of an accident with friendly fire. He touched our hearts. Don stated that he is from his hometown. They moved up here for his medical needs. His parents are extremely proud of him. We wanted to buy him dinner but the waitress had already taken care of that. President Morganson invited him and his family on the boat ride with us. They had a great time. The family passed out wrist bands and we raised \$420.00 on the boat ride alone. In combination with what we raised the night before, this little group raised over \$550.00. President Morganson praised the group and reinstated that this is the kind of thing that needs to get into the local papers. Don mentioned that the family had called him yesterday and

apologized because they were not able to attend the barbecue because of the storm. He wished to send his very, very heartfelt thanks and generosity that they have received from this group. If anyone ever returns to Lake George, there number is in the phone book or call Don and he will give it to you but they would like to see each and every one of you when or if you come back.

Ed stated that we didn't have to ask for money, they were passing out those wrist bands to thank us for the hospitality but like you folks always do, you went into your pockets and asked for your help. John Orr stated that we obviously didn't do it for the publicity; we did it because it was right. He would like to take it one step further and send a press release to the "Times Herald Record". It was not something that was stage and it would go a long way for the people in Orange County.

Ron Piester offered to get it published into the ICC News. President Morganson said he would appreciate that and asked if anyone else would like to publish it.

**Bylaws:** Jim Bailey & BJ Gettel

*Maintain and update the policy and procedures for the organization.*

No report at this time.

**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.*

Sam Ricotta – We have received the proposed training regulations for Part 1208 and are going over it.

Jim Eberhardt – should we go to our chapters, review it and get back to you ASAP?

Sam – defer to Ron and I will get back to you. I do not know what the time frame is to getting our comments in.

President Morganson has sent a letter to all the Chapter Presidents and encourages feedback.

**Codes Coalition:** Gene Jaques & Rob Drexler

The Coalition was endorsed the slate of candidates for the upcoming ICC Conference. The folks from New Jersey do need our help when we get to Atlantic City.

Rob Drexler thanked everyone for their continued support. The Coalition had an excellent meeting during the FASNY conference. The Coalition is planning on 3 - 4 meetings next year. We will be asking for 2 members from each group to participate. We want to be at the national level.

CDP Access - is now branded. Jim & BJ have been testing it and the ICC will be using it in Atlantic City this year. Jim Bailey stated they worked out the security from the various devices. The ICC is providing training on this program and will have webinars as well. Rob strongly urge that you attend this class while in Atlantic City.

Codes & Standards Committee: These are the key players, 22 people on this committee throughout the entire Country. If you would like to sit on any of the committees and keep New York in the forefront of all committee work, please contact myself, Dottie or Ron.

Election in Atlantic City – I am running and thank you for your support. Sept 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to sign up for voting for the elections.

**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”.*

No report

**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.*

**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

Made presentation – Code Update – 1 Hour of training credit

**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.*

Dan spoke with Eric Bradshaw and things are in the works. He is waiting for the officials to make up their mind. Hopefully the Governor will continue his support.

NYSBOC has been asked to discuss the CEDAR Program at the NYC & Long Island Conference in May 2014 and Ron Piester has been asked to talk about it.

**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.*

Associations of Towns – John Flanigan reported that we were in NYC. There were over 100 people that went to classes each day.

Eastern States was last week. Not sure if we are staying in Eastern States or not. We don't see too many people from New York there. NY provides their own training to the officials.

FASNY – I was surprisingly honored there. We are in good condition with them. You will see that when we go to Atlantic City in a couple of weeks.

**ICC:** Dottie Harris, Ron Piester, Rob Drexler

**Legislative/Technical Committee: Bob Cordell**

We had our day at the State Capital. We received positive feedback on code development and code books. No promises but we are educating them.

We had the live burn at the Town of Bethlehem Training Center near Albany. We had invited the Legislature but nobody came. We had a good turnout of NYSBOC people and local contractors. We did get it on the local news.

Legislature passed a resolution sponsored by Senator Betty Little on Building Safety Month and a proclamation from the Governor. Going forward we will meet with the members that are supportive of us for funding of code books. We will try to put forward permanent funding for our code books. If you take \$1.3 million over 3 years it would work. The live burn is on the website. President Morganson requested that everyone take a look at it.

The President went on to explain that Senator Betty Little was invited to this event but her schedule would not permit it. She is still very supportive of us.

**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.*

**Scholarship Committee: Tom Corrao & Wayne Cichon**

We had more applications this year than previous years. President Morganson requested a new scholarship in Jim Niebuhr's name. Niebuhr to Neighbor fund that would help our own through disastrous times. Details to be worked out with the Board. Motion by John Flanigan and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Kevin Ezell. Agreed and carried.

**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.*

No report

**Old Business:**

President Morganson was proud to announce that James Gilhooly received Code Official of the Year and Raising the Profile Award. He will be asked to speak at the Awards ceremony at the ICC Conference in Atlantic City. Dan Casella requested that we send a disc to the governor's office. You can see the presentation on the website.

Jim Gilhooly stated that he paid over \$2600 for the submittal plus other expenses to the ICC for the Merit of the Year Award. A motion by Jim Bailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Theriault to pay up to \$4000 to reimburse Jim for his expenses upon receipts received to the treasurer. Agreed and carried.

President Morganson would love to have more people to show up to ICC. Blue Shirts, khaki pants and black shirts from last year. Contact Don Mekulik if you need shirts. Send BJ your contact information. Make sure you are registered to vote.

Sam - Capital District has sent \$2500 to offset expenses for the Atlantic City. I am asking for other chapters to donate. James Gilhooly stated that Bianco Chapter sent \$1000. If your Chapter is interested in donating, contact Sam to where to send the money.

**New Business:**

Dottie Harris – The ICC has a program for the high school technical training program. See me for the packet of information.

President Morganson introduced Mike Dewin. He has scholarships for people going to Atlantic City. If you are interested please see him after the meeting. Ron Piester stated that the ICC has specific policies regarding this. The travel scholarship is for the jurisdiction.

Robert Cordell motion to adjourn and second by Gene Jaques.

**Next Meeting Date & Location:**

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

March 14, 2014: Nassau County

June 6, 2014: Slingerland Fire House

September 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014: