

# NYSBOC BOARD OF DELEGATES

## MEETING MINUTES

**DATE: March 14, 2014**

**LOCATION: Rockville Centre, NY**

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

|                    |                       |   |                   |                     |                |
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|                    | Morganson, James      |   |                   |                     |                |
| President          | E.                    | X |                   |                     |                |
| 1st Vice President | Edward Cusato         | X |                   |                     |                |
| 2nd Vice President | Donald Mekulik        | X |                   |                     |                |
| Secretary          | BJ Gettel             | X |                   |                     |                |
| Treasurer          | Douglas Scarson       |   |                   |                     |                |
| Historian          | Mark Schwartz         |   |                   |                     |                |
| Past President     | Wayne Cichon          | X |                   |                     |                |
| Capital            | Cordell, Robert       | X | Griffith, Roger   | Theriahult, Rick    | X              |
| Capital            | Ricotta, Sam          |   | Kinizzo, Tom (A)  | Piester, Ron (A)    | X              |
| Central            | Cusato, Ed            | X | Keeler, George    | Williams, John      | X              |
| Columbia           | Ferratto, Edward      |   | Pratt, Kent       | Vieni, Charles      |                |
|                    | Koloski, Stan (A)     |   |                   |                     |                |
| Finger Lakes       | Bailey, Jim           |   | Crooks, Jack      | Morris, Pat         |                |
|                    | Rech, Terry (A)       |   |                   |                     |                |
|                    |                       |   | Parrington, Denis |                     |                |
| Mid Hudson         | Thompson, Bruce       | X | (A)               | Corrao, Tom         |                |
| Mohawk Valley      | Stine, Rich           |   |                   |                     |                |
| Monroe             | Bowers, Don           |   | Drexler, Rob      | Scarson, Doug       |                |
| Nassau (BIANCO)    | Bonnie, Robert        | X | Haramis, Stephen  | X Malitino, Michael | X              |
| Nassau (BIANCO)    | Falmigetti, Eric (A)  | X |                   |                     |                |
| Niagara            | Bleichfeld, Rich      |   | Eberhardt, Jim    | Rank, Kevin         |                |
|                    |                       |   | LaBarbera, Chuck  |                     |                |
| Niagara            | Metzger, Dave (A)     |   | (A)               |                     |                |
| Northern           | Morganson, James      |   |                   |                     |                |
| Adirondack         | E.                    | X |                   |                     |                |
| Ontario            | Benedict, Al          |   | Storke, Scott (A) |                     |                |
| Rockland           | Berrios, Ruben        |   | Buckley, Thomas   | X                   |                |
| Southern Tier      | Cross, Brent          |   | Ezell, Kevin      | X                   | Platt, Richard |
| Southern Tier      | Knickerbocker, Wm (A) |   |                   |                     |                |
| St. Lawrence       |                       |   |                   |                     |                |

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| Suffolk     | Donnelly, Joseph  | X | Frabrizio, Edward | Maher, Tom     |   |
| Tri County  | Canfield, Gerard  | X | Jaques, Eugene    | Maldonado, Ben |   |
| Tri County  | Smith, Joe (A)    | X | Ottino, Logan (A) |                |   |
| Westchester | Blasi, Frank      |   | Tarchine, Ralph   | Testa, Michael | 1 |
|             | Pennelle, Sal (A) | X |                   |                |   |
| WSTB        | LaBarbera, Chuck  |   |                   | Pacanowski,    |   |
| Yates       | (A)               |   | Monaco, John      | James          |   |
|             | Lyon, Bruce       |   | Nemeth-Weisser,   |                |   |
| NYS DOS     | Addario, John     | X | Julie             | Nichols, Dan   |   |
| NYS DOS     | Piester, Ron      | X |                   |                |   |
| Log Editor  | Eberhardt, Jim    |   |                   |                |   |
| Past Pres   | Casella, Dan      | X | Copp, Wm. Scott   | Flanigan, John | X |
| Past Pres   | Gregory, William  |   | Kiebel, Ron       | McCabe, Dennis |   |
| Past Pres   | McDaniels, Steve  |   | Jacobski, Wm      |                |   |
| ICC         | Drexler, Rob      |   | Harris, Dottie    | X Piester, Ron | X |

**Secretary's Report:** BJ Gettel

We do not have a quorum, 23 votes in the room.

**Presidents Report:** James E. Morganson

President Morganson thanked Dan Casella in coordinating today's meeting. Dan Casella mentioned that Bob Bonnie was influential in assisting as well. The Executive Board and the membership thanked the both of them.

It is my opinion that the same discussion can continue absent any votes at this point and time. We can get a good feeling where the discussion was going to go. Some of it could not be decided upon until the next meeting anyway. I see no reason not to continue in the exact manner that we anticipated. Any objections in us continuing without a quorum?

Dan Casella – does the bylaws state 3/4's of the delegates present or members present?

BJ: As per Article VI, Section 3, c: A quorum for the Board of Delegates meeting shall be not less than one third of the members of the Board of Delegates.

President: We cannot vote but we can have the exact same discussion. If a vote needs to happen it would be at our next meeting.

In an effort to go back through and to save on time, I have a lot of correspondence. It was an active time since our last meeting. We have been to an Eastern States meeting, Code Coalition meeting, and Association of Towns meeting. These are items that I will mention.

Al Benedict went to a meeting on cell towers and he wrote a letter looking for us to take a position on it. He is not here to discuss this. I will contact him directly. Apparently the speaker stated that we have no authority on the construction of cell towers. Bob Cordell mentioned he has some experience with this lately. Section 6409 was put in there and it does preempt the local authorities. Google it and it will come up under federal law.

The intention of this meeting was to talk about technology but we will do that a little later. We tried to actually webcast this meeting from this building to the delegates that could not make it. With future meetings that is the plan and the ultimate goal. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting that I have had a power point presentation ready but I put it away in the interest of time. I will discuss the rest in committee reports.

**Treasurers Report:** Douglas Scarson

Doug was not present. President Morganson mentioned that there is a proposed budget but because Doug was not able to attend, he is going to table this. It basically dove tails last year's budget.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Annual Business Meeting Conference:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, President & Chuck LaBarbera of Western Southern Tier

No Report. Review the last set of minutes.

**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:**

Association of Towns: 90 people attended class every day. Homeland Security has a course. They are out there not telling us how to do our job but to be aware of your surroundings. If you see something, say something. You are another set of eyes. Not well attended by every community but well attend.

Ed Cusato mentioned that he agreed with John about the Association of Towns. With that organization we take 3 steps forward and then take 3 steps back. He was supposed to speak but it fell through because of their classes. With John and Jim, he thought that we met with quite a few people down there. They are starting to get more of an idea of where we are going and what we are doing. He is in contact with them quite a bit in Albany. Ed will get together with them and put some articles in their publications. They are desperate for it and encourage us to pick up some of the load on doing some classes for them down there and the regional groups as well. It is a struggle with the group.

President Morganson mentioned he was disappointed in the booth. In the good old days, Ron Piester, Dottie Harris, Dam Ricotta would all be there. There was nothing there about Code Enforcement. The woman that was there is an upstate politician and was asked what happened and she responded that she would get something done for us. By then the meeting was over with. Something needs to be done about this. It was a huge disappointment. Dottie commented at least she didn't ask is there a code enforcement division.

Eastern States: John Flanigan reported there is a meeting coming up in Mystic, CT. We just don't have the people going like we used to. If you look at our programs on lines, BJ tries to keep them up to date. There are 3 major schools/conferences going on at this time. People are going locally. It doesn't cost them as much money. President Morganson handed out the flyers for the conference.

**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.*

No report but BJ read his email that stated he is compiling a log and any articles or photos need to be submitted as soon as possible.

**Bylaws:** Jim Bailey & BJ Gettel

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

Multiple correspondences have been submitted.

**Proposed Amendment 2014 #1 BUILDING LOG**

ARTICLE VII - GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. Board of Delegates.

(a) The property, business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed and transacted by the Board of Delegates composed of the following persons: The delegates from each recognized chapter of the Corporation, President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and the PAST Presidents of the corporation while holding active membership.

(b) The Board of Delegates recognizes that representation before the Legislative and Executive Branches of the State Government is essential to foster the aims and purposes of the Corporation. The Board of Delegates is hereby authorized to contact a Public Affairs Organization hereafter called PA. The Board of Delegates may arrange for at least the following services on behalf of the Corporation:

- \* Legislative monitoring
- \* Lobbying on behalf of the Corporation
- \* Liaison with other Government Groups
- \* Provide an Albany headquarters to serve as a mail and telephone contact for all persons with business with the Corporation.
- \* Design, collate, produce, publish, and mail the New York State Building Officials Conference "Building Log" at least ~~4~~ two (2) times annually, ~~this~~ This "Log" shall be provided to each member of the Corporation and other persons of interest to a total number of mailings per issue, as has been established by the Board of Delegates.
- \* Other services as may be mutually agreed upon.

Explanation/reasoning:

- This amendment was discussed at the December 6, 2013 to reduce to 3 times a year.
- This amendment relaxes the requirement and potential stress on the Log Editor.

- It also allows for more issues to be published at the discretion of the Log Editor.

Kevin Ezell: I don't see a problem with this. I would say it should go back because it has to.

Bob Bonnie: Why are we putting a number in there at all? Just say that we are publishing the Log.

President Morganson: Good point. The last meeting we were at we suggested 3 times but I feel we should be out there more and more.

## **Proposed Amendment 2014 #2, FISCAL YEAR**

### ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS

#### Section 1. Officers.

(a) The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian, each who shall be an Active Member as defined by Article III, Section I, and each who shall be elected biennially, pursuant to Article X; and the Immediate Past-President.

(b) Each officer shall serve in a respective office for a term of two (2) years or until a successor has been duly elected and has affirmed the oath of office.

1. The Treasurer shall serve for a term of four (4) years.
2. When an election results in a change of the Treasurer, the outgoing Treasurer shall continue to serve as Treasurer until the financial records for the year are completed.

(c) In addition, each recognized chapter of the Corporation shall annually elect, or appoint Delegates, in accordance with Article II, Section 9 who are active members of the respective chapter and who shall serve as active members of the Board of Delegates.

Dan Casella: With regards to turning over the books and before it goes to the account, does it say anything in the Bylaws that the books would go to a Ways & Means Committee to make sure that everything is in order? This way the new treasurer would have a clean slate so to speak.

BJ responded with No. President Morganson said this is an attempt to do just what Dan had mentioned. Good point.

Dan stated that in his chapter where it goes to the Ways and Means committee and then they would audit the books.

President Morganson stated that the minutes will reflect this. It is a valid point and not sure it should be in the bylaws. Did you want the Bylaws to say that?

Bob Bonnie stated that a separate auditor does it for BIANCO. The Ways and Means sets the budget and any changes that have to be made throughout the year. At the end of the year there is an Audit Committee that goes through it with the Treasurer to make sure that everything is in order. That is basically the same as any other organization. They are two separate functions even though some people sit on both committees. The committees should be separate. That is a housekeeping thing. I don't know if you want to set one up. It is not a bad idea.

President Morganson: This change with the inclusion somewhere of the Audit Committee would probably...

Bob Bonnie: Usually it is a 3 person board that is appointed by the President.

Dan Casella: Maybe at the end of #2 – where it says “for the year completed”, as authorized by the Audit Committee or something to that nature.

President Morganson said this would go back to the committee. That is a valid point.

Ron Piester: I would like to make a comment on creating an Audit Committee. From sitting on the ICC Board, one of the most important committees besides the Budget Committee is the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee helps the board get a comprehensive understanding of the management of our finances. That is a very important for the association.

Don Mekulik recommended that all 3 proposals go back to the committee for review. One suggestion that was brought to me was that instead of having the present treasurer be in charge that it be a joint treasurer for that period of time. Because his term is actually expired and there is no reason why we can't bring the two together and work together. And with today's technology they don't have to sit in the same room to get everything together. I do believe all 3 go back to the bylaws and be presented in June.

### **Proposed Amendment 2014 #3, MEETING LOCATIONS Proposed by Dan Casella**

#### ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting.

(a) There shall be an annual meeting of the Corporation held between the first day of September and the first day of November, such meeting to take place within ~~each of the following three (3) geographic county region areas of the State of New York on a rotating basis starting with Region 1 in 2011, Region 2 in 2012 and Region 3 in 2013:~~ Region 2, a centralized region within the State of New York.

Region 1 – Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates

Region 2 – Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Otsego, Schuyler, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Tioga, and Tompkins

Region 3 – Albany, Bronx, Clinton, Columbia, Dutchess, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Kings, Montgomery, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Rensselaer, Richmond, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, Warren, Washington, and Westchester

(b) The location of the annual meeting shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. In accordance with Article VI-Meetings, Section 1, (a), member chapters wishing to host the annual meeting shall submit, in writing, their desire to act as host chapter. The chapter must include with its letter of intent, a listing of recommended meeting sites capable of accommodating the meeting. This must be received prior to the June meeting preceding

the annual meeting.

2. The Board of Delegates shall select a host Chapter at the preceding Annual Meeting from among those submitted. Consideration shall be given to any acceptable submittal, from a chapter not previously selected.
3. In the event that no Chapter from a specific region elects to host the annual meeting, the Board of Delegates shall be empowered to select a site from within the region, and act as host with the executive board.
4. The duties and the responsibilities of the host chapters shall be established by the ~~Board of Delegates~~ Conference Committee and shall be made available to any Chapter, by the Secretary, upon request of the Chapter.

- (c) Written notice of the annual meeting shall be given to each member in good standing by the Secretary not less than ninety (90) days prior to the date of such meeting.

President Morganson asked if anyone wished to discuss this today. Bob Bonnie requested it be tabled to the next meeting as we did not have enough time to discuss today.

Bob Cordell: The only reason that we have regions in this State is for the Annual Meeting. Other than that I don't know if we have regions. So the bylaw to move the Annual Meeting doesn't make sense. Have it say a centralized location within the state. Never mind the region. Regions should go away if you are not going to use it. I believe this map takes out the Catskills where we used to meet historically.

Dan Casella: I was the proponent of this. Let me just say that when I joined NYSBOC years ago, we used to go to a centralized location in the Catskills because it was a convenient for everyone, which is huge. Making that district map north, south, east and west, that is not the intent. Look everyone knows that flying, driving to anywhere is a pain. By the way, thank you for coming here today. We are going to do it all the time and we will continue to do it because that is what we do. But it is not easy. If we were to have a centralized area for everyone to meet, where it is convenient for everybody, I am not saying so you don't have to go over a bridge or something, I am just saying somewhere in the central part of New York state that is a 2 -3 hour drive. At least we are not going to the 4 corners of the earth. It is getting more expensive for us. That was my intent.

Bob Bonnie: Come to a consensus that we centralize it every other year of an election cycle. I think we can and then spread the 4 corners. At least centralize the elections. I like going to the 4 corners but just not every year.

Don Mekulik: That is why I am requesting these all go back to the Bylaws Committee for their review. Believe it or not there have been a lot of comments that have been submitted from the membership and they are all over the place. The committee should sit down and take all of the comments into affect. You now have the current verbiage and I think the committee should do their job and make the appropriate recommendations to the Board.

President Morganson asked Dan Casella to explain how he came up with this proposal just so that we all understand.

Dan explained that he has felt this way for a long time and it was just not Chapter specific. I just felt it was unfair for someone to go from one extreme to the other no matter who it is. With the price of gas, airfare, and budgets being stretched and doing more with less. The intent of the proposal and I didn't pick Region 2, Mr. Bailey did, I just said a centralized region at the approval of this body. Way back when it was the Concord, the Nevele, it was easy off the Thruway for everyone to get to. You didn't have to deal with Amtrak, subways, airlines, etc.

**Certification and Education:** Sam Ricotta & Mark Schwarz

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*Coordinating educational opportunities, with architects, engineers and industry.*

No Report

**Codes Coalition:** Gene Jaques & John Williams

Don Mekulik said that Rob Drexler has stepped down and that John Williams has accepted the position.

John Williams mentioned there is a meeting in April but it may get moved to May. We are working with Dottie on this matter. I agree that we need to make this an issue with the Governor. We are disappointed as well. He is not playing fairly with any of us right now. We agree we should be looking at the 2015 Code and that is where we should go. It is not fair to anyone. There is some dissension in the ranks that Gene and I are working on. We are trying to make it more cohesive. We will move it along.

President Morganson thanked John for stepping forward and taking on this task.

**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

**Code 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 mentioned that at his conference that a point was made in relationship to the 2015 Code. We, in my own Chapter, symbolically adopted the 2015 Code. It has meaning to it but just to say that we as a little chapter....I don't know how we can send that message back to the State.

Dottie stated that the 2015 ICC Code will be on the website in June for purchase and pre-orders are being taken in May. Sal Pennelle said this means we are 9 years behind in the codes.



Bob Cordell: There is no subcommittee. Without a subcommittee, we do not have a process. Even if we do the 2012 Code, it would be the 2012 ICC Code with a New York enhance booklet. We are not going to get our own code no matter we do. We might as well say it will be the same thing with the 2015 Code. We are going to get the generic with the New York enhancements same as the 2012, it makes no difference. The point is without the subcommittees you might as well say yes and do the 2015. It makes no sense to do the 2012.

Bob Bonnie: The only thing with doing something symbolically is that it creates confusion in the organization. You are enforcing one code and symbolically accepting another. I take a stance with the State and go directly to the Governor's Office and adopt the 2015 ICC Code immediately and the New York enhancements can follow in the future. Everything is electronic. Any enhancements we want or want to take away, we can do in the future. Right now we are in the middle of nowhere.

Bob Cordell: That is what I meant to say. Basically adopting the 2012 is like adopting the 2015. We looked at the 2012 in the ICode. We looked at the 2009 Fuel Gas Code. Not in favor of doing it symbolically but in favor of going to the 2015 Codes not the 2012. I question the fact of doing it symbolically because it would create some confusion. Be careful.

President Morganson: Maybe a message should be sent from this body to adopt this 2015 Code. I see a show of hands that a letter be sent onward. Ron needs some form of help.

Bob Bonnie: I think a letter from each Chapter President should be sent as well. Send it to the Governor and Legislature. Everyone is looking at something different.

Dottie Harris: We have a push.

Sal Pennelle: I disagree. I think that one letter with each Chapter signing on and endorsing it would be more effective. We would all be saying the same thing.

Wayne Cichon: John, what do you see from the Codes Council side of things and what would be the best tool that we could get? Would it be this letter or other actions?

John Flanigan: I think that one letter with everyone signing off on it would be more effective. I will tell you right now that you are going to embarrass some Chapters into signing it. There are too many politics on the Board.

President Morganson: Let's put a positive spin on this and I am going to have Dottie speak on what is going on.

Dottie: Ron & I went to testify at a hearing in the fall on Super Storm Sandy. I testified about how the only way to protect against storms like this is keeping the codes current. New York is extremely outdated in this. I mentioned how the system is broken and not working. We do not have the support from the governor as well. No one person cares about moving forward. We made recommendations on 2 things.

Your 54G money was taken away from you. That has been going on since 1991. The money is going into the General Fund in excess of \$20 million. The other thing is that the system is broken. You have this process to adopt the codes and it is not happening. You have a statue on paper that is supposed to

work but in reality it is not. We decided to push, seeing how we have support from NYSBOC and Codes Coalition and of course Senator Little (who has always supported you). The fact that we get you funding for the Code Books and getting the codes adopted within 18 months. The reason why we did that was there was legislation that did not pass on the Energy Code. Other support we do have is the funding for all your books and memberships. The justification for this is if you participate in cdpAccess, you don't have to physically be at the hearings, as long as you are members. If the subcommittees don't exist but you participate on the national level, so when the codes do come to New York, you provide certifications. It can be through your participation already.

At the helm is Senator Skellas and last night \$2.14 million was put into the budget this year but it still has to go to the Conference Committee. It is not a done deal yet. We now need to show our support that we need this budget item passed. The Assembly needs to buy in. We don't want to forget about the legislation that would tie to the update. What we have done so far, I have sent in 22 pages of signed petitions onto Senator Little to go directly to the committees. I also have form letters for everyone to get sent in. This is a much more in-depth letter. We need to build support now. I am reaching out to the various agencies and industries for support.

President Morganson stated that if you haven't signed the petition to see Dottie.

Bob Cordell: There are some things that I can do and some things that I cannot. I can't do any of this without the help of Dottie. It just goes to show you what happens when you turn her loose on something. Great Job!

Dottie Harris: Everything I am doing, I am doing for you. It's all you. This is a life safety issue. On record there are 4300 code officials in New York State. That accounts for fire marshals, code officials, and code compliance.

**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.*

No Report

**DCEA:** Ron Piester

I have a couple of things from the State and a couple from the ICC.

Dept of State: We continue to find ourselves challenged with our staffing issues. We have taken 3 or 4 on. We added 2 to the regional staff and 2 to the technical staff. It has helped us. We found out that Tim is retiring. This created a hole that is of bigger proportion and he was integral for the program. There are decisions being made and you will learn about them soon.

Training: I don't need to discuss that. You all know where we are with that. The great part is seeing how well your conferences are doing. You are providing good quality education. We just don't have the staff. I extend my thanks to your conference committees.

Training Regulations: There have been some changes based on the comments that you submitted. The changes have been under review by the Office of Council. When we can get the regulations

back out then we can send them out to rule making. As I have said before, I will get you a copy in advance as a professional courtesy to the training work group. Then when we publish it in the State Register there is a formal public comment period. You will be able to submit comments again.

**Rule Making:** Appendix A is a proposal that had a significant number of comments. There were some comments that were calling for the Dept of State to withdraw the proposal. It seemed to create a lot of controversy out there. I am trying to understand some of the comments. I think there is misunderstanding because it seems like I need to sit down with Jim and a small committee to go through them. I am curious about some of the comments. It would be helpful to me to get a better understanding. One thing that will happen, if we can ever move forward with the Code Update, this Appendix A proposal, if a rule is proposed, it will go on as a separate rule.

**Code Update:** We had a meeting last week and we intended to get the Code Council endorsement so that we can move to rule making and to the governor's office. That did not happen. It was postponed from a recommendation from me upon the behalf of the Department of State staff.

**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 reported that he spoke to Eric Bradshaw and followed up to get something to the Long Island/NYC Management Conference. The intent was to get the officials under one roof to talk about CEDAR. Eric is waiting for approval out of Albany. Eric has the 2 hour pilot program out there. The 8 hour program is coming.

The Governor's initiative about alerting the public on how to help your neighbor and that sort of thing is kind of the same but it does not include us. It is bitter sweet. President Morganson explained that the Governor has \$5 million to educate Planning Board members.

**Events, Association & Conferences:**

*Combined 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.*

Read Ambassador's Report

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

Ron reported that the annual conference in Ft. Lauderdale will have some changes. When Steve Jones took the reins, he directed the staff to reduce the conference by one day. It was a goal to help streamline and help the conference get an infusion of life right now. We are working on a schedule that everyone has known for 10 years. It needs a fresh start.

People are really challenged to get to the conferences. It is a tough decision to choose between attending the conferences and attending the hearings. This would give our members and participants to spend more time at the hearings. That is the real goal here. We will be making announcements soon about the schedule. It will be compressed. Some of things will not be happening such as the

Chapter's President Breakfast. There will be changes to the election process as well. There will not be that day of politics from the time the committee makes the recommendations to the voting. It will happen on the same day. The Conference Website will go live in May. Look for it. If you have any questions please let Dottie or myself know.

The spring hearings will be happening in Memphis in April. If you are planning on attending, that information is on the ICC Website.

cdpAccess: You need to sign up for cdpAccess if you haven't done it already. NYSBOC has a grand opportunity for influence in our codes. Everyone should be signed up by the time we get to Memphis. This is just the committee hearings, no voting. Just watch a couple of code changes. We can walk you through this. This is your ticket to having future leaders of the ICC. After the hearings we can talk about cdpAccess.

Dottie stated that the ICC has developed a short power point presentation on how to use cdpAccess. She is willing to teach it. It is real user friendly. NYSBOC was a big part of the creating this system from your requests.

Ron Piester is offering to work out a way to give you education credits if you can confirm that you are registered to cdpAccess. We will talk about this in the further. Ron claims there is nothing more beneficial than hearing about the creation of codes.

President Morganson stated that the one thing that is not broken is Ron's devotion to our needs. This is the paperwork that went into the work on the temporary use of buildings. A shout out to Steve McDaniels and Ed Cusato and everyone else who made this possible.

If you are interested in being on a committee for the ICC, the deadline to submit for Call to Committee is June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Don't forget that this is all the committees for the 2018 Codes.

Building Safety Month is May. If anyone would like Dottie to assist with a draft proclamation, please contact her. She has a personal challenge to get as many as she can from her region to participate.

**Legislative/Technical Committee: Bob Cordell**

Read any of the reports above

**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.*

No report

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

Applications are now being accepted.

**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.*

There has been a lot of time and effort put into the website. There should be no reason why a code official cannot get there 24 hours of continuing education. It was very disheartening last year when the December conferences came around that there were people still needing hours. We are not talking just a couple of hours. We are talking about more than the 6 hours. If you had looked at the website recently you would have seen where there are numerous conferences. The next big months are March, April, October and December. If you have day training classes, conferences, or other forms of education, please send me the information so that this can be posted to the website. I know that when December rolls around, the calls will start. I am receiving more and more calls each year.

We are working to enhance the website that we hope to bring to you in the future. President Morganson is looking for the website to broadcast the meetings in the future and to use the website as a tool for everybody. He thanked BJ & Jim for their hard work.

**Old Business:**

A presentation was given to Jim Gilhooly that was too big to carry around. He was presented with Raising the Profile Award. Dan Casella presented the Chapter with a proclamation from Senator Skellas for NYSBOC Chapter Merit Award. President Morganson accepted a proclamation from Mayor Murray of Rockville Centre.

The new President of BIANCO is Tom Gannon and he was introduced.

**New Business:**

Bob Cordell passed out the Legislative guides for 2014.

Election Committee Chairman: President Morganson appointed Wayne Cichon.

Dan Casella inquired who picks the other committee members. Per President Morganson, Wayne Cichon does.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:56 AM

Respectfully submitted,

BJ Gettel  
Secretary

**Next Meeting Date & Location:**

June 6, 2014: Slingerland Fire House

September 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Chatauqua Suites Hotel & Expo Center, Mayville, NY

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Tri County Chapter, location to be determined.

March 6, 2015: (open for discussion)