

NYSBOC BOARD OF DELEGATES

DATE: March 13, 2015

LOCATION: Kingston, NY

- * President Ed Cusato 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: *(A quorum for the Board of Delegates meeting shall be not less than one third of the members of the Board of Delegates.)*

	Name		Name		Name	
President	Cusato, Edward	1				
1st Vice Pres	Gilhooly, James	1				
2nd Vice Pres	Bailey, Jim	1				
Secretary	Gettel, BJ	1				
Treasurer	Scarson, Doug	1				
Historian	Schwartz, Mark					
Past President	Morganson, James	1				
Capital	Cordell, Robert	1	Ricotta, Sam		Theriault, Rick	1
	Griffith, Roger (A)		Cannizzo, Tom (A)		Platel, Mark	1
Central	Cusato, Ed	1	Keeler, George	1	Williams, John	
Columbia	Couse, Jerry	1	Walter Simmonsmer (A)		Vieni, Charles (A)	
Finger Lakes	Rech, Terry		Morris, Pat		Cichetti, Wayne (A)	
Mid Hudson	Thompson, Bruce	1	Corrao, Tom			
Mohawk Valley	Stine, Rich		Kernan, Ruth (A)		Kernan, Jim (A)	
Monroe	Bowers, Don	1	Drexler, Rob	1	Scarson, Doug (A)	
Nassau (BIANCO)	Bonnie, Robert	1	Haramis, Stephen		Malitino, Michael	1
	Falmigetti, Eric (A)		Gilhooly, James (A)			
Niagara	Bleichfeld, Rich		Eberhardt, Jim	1	Metzger, Dave (A)	1
Northern Adirondack	Randig, Ed		Angela Sirianni-Luey (A)			
Ontario	Benedict, Al	1	Storke, Scott (A)			
Rockland	Berrios, Ruben	1	Buckley, Thomas	1	Additonal Members	
Southern Tier	Cross, Brent	1	Ezell, Kevin	1	Platt, Richard	
	Knickerbocker, Wm (A)	1				
St. Lawrence	Tuttle, Timothy		opted out			
Suffolk	Donnelly, Joseph	1	Frabrizio, Edward	1	Maher, Tom	
Tri County	Mekulik, Don		Jaques, Eugene	1	Hunter, Steve	1
	Smith, Joe (A)	1	Orr, John (A)	1	Maldonado, Ben (A)	
Westchester	Blasi, Frank					
WSTB	LaBarbera, Chuck (A)	1	Monaco, John		Pacanowski, James	
Yates	Lyon, Bruce	1				
	Total Delegates	34				
	Total Attendees	43				
NYS DOS	Addario, John		Nemeth-Weisser, Julie		Nichols, Dan	1
NYS DOS	Piester, Ron		Bradshaw, Eric			

Past Pres	Casella, Dan	1	Copp, Wm. Scott		Flanigan, John	1
Past Pres	Gregory, William		Kiebel, Ron		McCabe, Dennis	
Past Pres	McDaniel, Steve		Jacobski, Wm		Chicon, Wayne	1
ICC	Drexler, Rob	1	Harris, Dottie	1	Piester, Ron	
	Morganson, James	1				
Fire Marshals & Inspectors	Wilkinson, Jeff	1				
Rockland	Florentino, Vincent	1				

James Morganson made an announcement that Steve McDaniel is not here today. He stayed home to evaluate the new information on the proposed code changes from the ICC. This information comes out today and he will disseminate it to his committee members in the interest of Code Development.

Vinnie Florentino reported that Rockland lost one of their members, Joel Joseph Epstein. Ed had the privilege of going down and paying respects on behalf of the organization. Even though Ed did not know the man personally, the response that was seen by the Rockland Chapter was overwhelming. There was several times when NYSBOC was mentioned in his eulogy and just in the passion that he had for his job and this organization, my compliments and my condolences to your chapter on behalf of the organization.

Motion to go into the Special Meeting was called by Ed Cusato and 2nd by Jim Bailey.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 9:40 AM

A handout of the announcement had been provided to all in attendance prior to the meeting being called. Jim B summarized the announcement. A motion to accept the bylaw change by Jim Gilhooly, 2nd by George Keeler.

Discussion:

Dan Casella – If we are doing bylaws maybe the committee wants to look at expenditures; specifically presidential expenditures that I don’t have a problem with. Could that be expanded upon for the officers that travel a lot to the various meetings?

Jim B: We can look into that after this meeting.

Dan: Well Appendix A is on this document for this meeting.

Jim B: It is just striking the Eastern States in subsection F. Changes to the bylaws can be done at either the ABM or a call of a special meeting. Letters were sent to all chapter sectaries and put on the website that we were having a special meeting today.

Kevin Ezell: I would like to speak against the motion. I don’t think we need to make that determination to go against Eastern States. If we start making all these kinds of changes, taking all the pieces off. In my mind there is no reason to take these off. We cannot be part of it. We should work with anyone that is in favor of code development. In keeping with that, that is where we should be. We should be a part of that wherever we can be a part of, whether that is part of Region 6 or 7 and working through the difficulties there or whomever. I don’t see this as a necessary change. I am personally voting against it.

Ed Cusato: Last delegates meeting we made a motion to drop out, disassociate ourselves with Eastern States and that was approved. The problem that we ran into is that Eastern States is associated in our bylaws and that should be stricken before that effective change takes place. I am not for it or against it. That is the emphasis on why we are doing this. I appreciate your comments.

Kevin: The point that I am missing is we don't have to change the bylaws to be part of or not be part of. It doesn't matter to me. If we are not doing something to progress our desired goals, then we shouldn't be a part of it.

Dan Casella: I don't know who the Counsel of American Building Officials and the NYS Assessors' Association are. I don't ever remember talking about those 2 groups. Maybe it is better to keep it but just a vote of the Board to ponder any future activities or expenses.

Bob Cordell: Wants to clarify some things. There is 3 parts of this: Section 1, Section 2 and Appendix A. They serve multiple purposes. The bylaws currently state in Section 1 to cooperate and assist these organizations. In Section 2: It says we need to enroll with them. In Appendix A: it's about reimbursement. 3 totally and separate parts of this. What we voted on the last time on Section 2 not to enroll with the organization. We did not vote on stop cooperating and assist them. We should not alter Section 1 or Appendix A. But merely Section 2 of the bylaws.

John Orr: Can these be voted on separately?

Jim Bailey: We can if someone wants to amend the motion. You need to rescind the current motion.

Don Bowers: You can rescind the motion by asking the second and the gentleman that made the motion.

Jim Gilhooly: I will rescinded motion.

George Keeler: I will rescind the 2nd of the motion.

Don Bowers: Now someone can make a motion on the 3 separate changes.

Jerry Couse: Are we just dropping the discussion now by starting another motion and discuss that or are we continuing the dialog that has been going on for the original.

Ed: The motion and the discussion were rescinded.

Jim Eberhardt: The enrollment should be eliminated.

Ed Cusato: Jim wants to remove just Section 2 and that should do it. The key to this whole thing was what does it take to officially stay or drop out of Eastern States which was the motion at the December meeting.

Gene Jaques: Is that a motion?

Jim Eberhardt: I will make the motion to eliminate Article II, Section 2 in its entirety and 2nd by Gene Jaques.

Bob Bonnie: Point of Order - You will need to table it and resend this out.

Ed: I would agree.

Dan Casella: If you were to read Appendix A, paragraph f, the way that I read it, if it is not stricken then the president and only the president can go to Eastern States affairs only in New York State. That needs some work. Read it. What are the functions? It needs to be cleared up. If you have other members of the executive board that want to travel to other functions it is not authorized. It would have to go through the Ways and Means Committee. We are violating our own bylaws. So let's get it cleared up.

Kevin E.: Appendix A has to do with presidential expenditures. It does not have to do with delegates.

Dan: I am talking about 1 VP, 2 VP, Historian, etc. It is not written in the bylaws that they are eligible to go financially without authorized approval from the Ways and Means.

Bob Cordell: My point, we should be able to support any organization. What we voted on the last time was to remove our organization as a member of Eastern States. It did not mean we would never support them again. It means to remove ourselves as a member to remove some of the financial responsibilities down the road about having a conference and everything else. We can do that by simply voting yes on Section 2. We do not need to strike Eastern States from Section 1. We can vote no on that and it would remain as is. When you vote on Appendix A, vote no on the change and if the president needs to go, they can get reimbursed. If the president is not able to go and sends someone else, they can get reimbursed. Not a big issue.

Joe Smith: If you wish to change Appendix A, bring it up on a motion on the floor, present it at another meeting and let's get moving on.

Jerry Couse: The bottom line is any change from original calling of the Special Meeting that was called for this is mute. You either vote on this as a whole or move it to the next meeting.

Ed Cusato: Just a couple of more comments. We had a motion and a second that has been rescinded, are we in agreement or not that there needs to be another bylaw change that has to be posted and either at another special meeting or the ABM be voted on. I am looking for guidance.

Don Bowers: Was it voted on at the last meeting to not be just a member or what? We don't need to be a changing all 3 locations, just the second one.

John Orr: You are looking at 3 individual bylaw changes here. I don't think you can vote on this as one whole. I think that this was proposed to the membership as 3 individual changes and 3 individual votes.

Ed Cusato: In the discussions that we have had at the December meeting in regards to this it was everybody's opinion that wherever Eastern States was in the bylaws was mentioned that they would be removed to disassociate ourselves with Eastern States.

Bob Cordell: We voted on ceasing to be a member of Eastern States. In my memory we did not vote on going through the bylaws and striking every word that said Eastern States. I do not remember that.

Kevin E: That would have meant voting on a bylaw change in December but that is what we are doing here today.

Jim Eberhardt: Motion to strike Section 2, Methods of Attainment, H – strike in whole the enrollment portion. 2nd by Gene.

Bob Cordell: That would require another meeting. None of us prior to this motion that would preclude us from becoming a member of the fire marshals, FASNY, Conference of Mayors, Association of Towns or any organization. If you strike that section, than we can't be members.

Gene: Withdraw my second.

Jim Eberhardt: On page 17 of the December minutes.

Jim B: At the December meeting Sam made a motion that NYSBOC withdraw from Eastern States Federation and 2nd by Gene Jaques.

Bob: None of this extra stuff was at that meeting.

Jim E.: Continued to read Page 17 & 18 from the December minutes.

Dan Casella: Sam is not here, Gene you second it.

Jim E: It was all brought up at the December meeting.

Jerry Couse: What is the negative side of putting this off until next meeting and have it looked at with 3 separate proposals?

Ed: We are in limbo with Eastern States. We are continuing with business as usual with them. Nothing is official until we get this resolved. The discussion at the December meeting when the motion was made was to drop out of Eastern States as a member and it was passed. Then we ran into the technical problem because it was in the bylaws and that was questioned. Whether or not we can still do that but do we have to remove the Eastern States name out of our bylaws to actually officially do that. That opinion was that yes before the original motion to drop out was to actually take place this had to be removed. It should have been as simple as just eliminating just the name, Eastern States from the bylaws and nothing else. Nothing else changed. I need your help here folks.

Bob Cordell: I am going to help you. Section 1 – that means you to cooperate and assist all these agencies. Do you want do cross out Eastern States? That means you can't cooperate with them and that is not your purpose anymore. That one was essentially a typo error. That was not the intent of the vote at the last meeting. The intent of the vote at the last meeting was to stop being a member. Not to stop cooperating. We can still vote to affirm what we did at the last meeting by saying it was not the intent to remove Section 1, (a). I don't see an issue here. Section 2 is the only thing that we need to change. We can cooperate with them in Section 1 and in Appendix A. We can pay the president or whomever he chooses to send. We can vote on all 3 individually in my opinion. They

are each changes to the bylaws. We vote no to #1, yes to #2 and No to Appendix A and we are done with this.

John Flanigan: That is not what was sent out.

Ed: We have to vote on the motion they way it was sent out to the members. It is all or nothing.

Jim B: It has to be voted on as all or nothing. Just the way it was sent out.

Wayne Cichon: I am one of the people that helped bring the information to you at the last time. I was given some bad information before that meeting. Things have changed dramatically. At the Board of Directors meeting of Eastern States, they have changed their bylaws. They have realigned themselves and are a lot closer to what we do and what our purposes are. There is a revival there and it is very big and it is working. There are a lot of other things going on in the background there. They want to do something with the region again. As everyone knows I was heavy handed in getting that done back in the day but we are there now. They have made tremendous strides. I am going to come with a motion to stop all of our actions with withdrawing for one year. It will give our friends in that business the opportunity to see that we are still leaders.

Ed: I will have you continue during the regular meeting.

Wayne: I need to continue because it may change people's opinions. The reality is that they are really doing things. If you went to the conference coming in April, you will see that they are trying to change. I have seen it from sitting in on their conference calls, the flurry of activity and the help from New York. With that being said, I am going to ask for that motion when the time is appropriate. Based on this new information you may not want to take action on this particular bylaw change.

George Keeler: Is Jim E's motion still good?

Ed: At this point, all of the motions that have been made have been rescinded. It is our opinion that we cannot move forward on anything without having new bylaws and new notices.

George: My motion would be that everything gets tabled.

Ed: We don't need a motion on that. We are just going to do that. If there is a bylaw change, it will go through the same protocol as the bylaws ask.

Dan Casella: We need to act on this? You should get some form of a motion.

John Flanigan: You have no idea what is going on at Eastern States. For the last 3 weeks we have seen numerous emails on the changing of the bylaws for Eastern States. The conference is in New Hampshire this year. We just lost a director from New York. There are only 2 directors for the vote. We are not going to see New Yorkers going. Next Friday morning there is another conference call.

Ed: How do we end this?

Jim B: We need a motion to accept this, deny this or table it.

George Keeler: Motion to table this?

Wayne: That means you table it to the end of the meeting. If you want to stop this then you need to have a motion that does this. Meaning, you vote down the motion and send it back to committee to rework it and make the right presentation moving forward.

George Keeler: My motion is to deny the bylaw change as presented, 2nd by Dan Casella.

Ed: signifying by saying Aye – favorable, nay – noone. Agreed and carried.

Don Bowers motion to close special meeting at 10:45 AM, Jim E. 2nd motion. Agreed and carried.

Secretary's Report: BJ Gettel

Motion to accept the minutes by Jim E, 2nd by John Flanigan, Agreed and carried.

Presidents Report: Ed Cusato

Thanked Tri County Chapter for hosting this event. We have some correspondence between this Board and President Don Mekulik. There was a question about how we do things and the set up of the delegates meeting. Ed wrote a response and apparently your members took offense to this. We need to have a better communications between the host chapter and the executive board to get the best deal. Please accept my apologies. We would certainly hope in the future that we continue the good relationship that has occurred over the years.

Ed proceeded to read a letter addressed to the Executive Members from Northern Adirondack that should have been read in December:

*Ed Cusato & Board Members
NYSBOC
201 School Road
Liverpool, NY 13088*

Re: Northern Adirondack Chapter

Be advised:

Northern Adirondack is filing for a form of "Chapter 11" with the State NYSBOC Chapter.

This is being done because we now feel the current leadership has "bankrupt" the very principals of the organization.

We know that current Board members were able to distort and outright lie about multiple facts during the election.

If it was so easy for them to lie once how will we ever know they are not lying to us now or in the future? Further, we see no representation for our Northern members right now or in that questionable foreseeable future.

Those who manipulated this election solidified the split between the members of different regions. The vote was a majority of those present, but it was not a true reflection of the majority of the statewide membership.

We know of no one on that board who has ever given Northern Adirondack any consideration except for our own President Jim Morganson. The election, disrespect, lies and hostilities shown toward him were unacceptable after all his years of work and all that Northern Adirondack contributed supporting that work.

Since 1989 this organization has collected the NYSBOC membership fees and sent them directly to the State organization. At an average of 100 members that represents a very large sum of money. We no longer have confidence that our money will be used for the benefit of the average member.

Therefore, we will reduce our NYSBOC membership listing to 11 members. We will keep one delegate position. We will continue to support Jim Morganson as both NYSBOC Immediate Past President and our delegate representative.

We had hoped that 2015 would be the year Code Enforcement would finally be recognized, now we in Northern Adirondack do not even recognize the organization that is supposed to represent us.

*Sincerely,
Ed Randig
1st Vice President*

Motion to receive and file Joe Smith, and 2nd by Bob Cordell, and opposed James Morganson.
Agreed and carried.

Ed responded to the letter and to be sent back to Mr. Randig and cc: James Morganson.

To the entire membership of the Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Conference.

As President of NYSBOC, I am responding to the letter that was delivered to the State Chapter Secretary during our December Delegates meeting.

Your letter was extremely disturbing to read and disappointing that anyone would take such action in a manner such as your organization has. As the saying goes "the buck stops here" if any member has a concern with me as president, then deal with me, not my executive board and certainly not punish the entire organization by withholding the dues that would ordinarily be contributed the NYSBOC.

I would question where your information was obtained and why you would feel that the entire executive board "distorted and outright lied about multiple facts"?

Sir, no one at any time manipulated any part of the election, those that were elected did in fact have members that endorsed each person and were able to travel to reach that goal because they believed in us. If this election took place in your part of the region wouldn't your chapter have sent a large numbers of members to vote for a particular person? Every part of the election was conducted in an honorable way. If part of your accusations have to do with Mr. Morganson accusing myself and our Treasurer of not following our bylaws in getting our resolutions in, that is absurd and you Sir would be questioning the integrity of the election committee which were some of the most honest and dedicated members we have in our organization including a past president. It is one thing to accuse me of doing something wrong but to question anyone else is a shame and distasteful in my eyes.

What considerations are you speaking about when it comes to Northern Adirondack and Mr. Morganson? My problems with Mr. Morganson in part was poor communications between President and 1st Vice President and I take equal blame for not correcting that, I also cannot ever recall any persons having anything disrectfull to

say when it comes to your chapter, you folks have continued to host one of the finest conferences in the state and have no idea where your chapter would feel not considered.

Never in any of my letters sent out during the election process did anyone at any time ever see or hear me directly criticize Mr. Morganson? It was my opinion and many others of the organization that felt "the ends don't always justify the means". I have and will continue to praise Jim for the tremendous job he has done in bringing NYSBOC to level of importance it is, but we as members should have awareness and a voice as to how it is done. This is and always will be a team effort and there are a lot of our members that have made our organization what it is today.

I have promised to make certain changes, to be more transparent to our members. This executive board and especially myself, answer to those members with regards to all activities and expenses occurred. A fiscal budget was produced, discussed and then passed this year in accordance with the way our bylaws require. Even though we have a budget I feel it does not give anyone including the President the right to use our money in whatever fashion he or she feels they need to. Expenditures for most everything will be brought in front of the delegates for their opinion.

In conclusion I would certainly hope you and the entire Northern Adirondack Chapter would reconsider how you view the State Chapter and continue to support us in the future. Your dues paid to the State Chapter are much needed to accomplish what all of the Presidents and Executive Board members and especially the Board of Delegate members have worked on for many year. Please do not punish this organization any further as it will certainly create a financial burden in our future endeavors.

I will also make myself available to you or your entire Chapter at any time to reiterate what I have written in this letter. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward P. Cusato

Edward P. Cusato
NYSBOC, President

.....
John Flanigan: What was the date of the letter sent?

Ed: December 5, 2014

John: Is that the date you responded to them?

Ed: No, officially today.

John: When are you responding, why so long?

Ed: It took me that long to write the response and respectfully I have that prerogative.

Brent: I appreciated everything that you put into that letter. I am displeased about on my behalf. On a personal level, it was pretty low act on their part and do not deserve a response.

Bob Bonnie: I respectfully disagree. I think everything and anything that you can do to bring this organization back to the center to get everybody on the same path is most important. What is gone by be gone and let's see if we can start fresh.

Ed: If there is any continuance, please bring it to me. I am trying to do the best job I can. I am trying to stay with what my beliefs put me here and I am held accountable. If something happens, I am held accountable. I will make mistakes along the way but I am trying to do the best job that we can.

Activities since December:

Code Council Meetings: I have attended them and we have made our presences at them and at the public hearing as well. Dan Nichols will discuss this in his report.

Funerals: We paid our respects at the Rockland County Services. Joel was a pin collector. I was able to give his wife a NYSBOC pin and it absolutely thrilled her to death. It made me feel good.

Tom Irwin, City of Syracuse passed away from Central Chapter. I was able to attend the funeral services and pay our respects on behalf of the organization. In both cases we send flowers, letters, and cards, etc. I presented a pin to his wife and she went over and put the pin on his uniform. It made me feel good.

Dan Casella: Propose the deceased members becoming honorary members. Maybe those host chapters would like to do that.

Bob Cordell: It would be done at the annual meeting and done by their chapters.

Ed: Vinny, we would encourage you to do that at the next meeting.

NERC: Met last month in Stourbridge. They were receptive to us being in there. It was a pleasure for us to be there. Nice gentleman. He gave me a letter to read but that was in relationship to the bylaw change that I will get out in the future. I have kept in touch with the new President. Wayne or Jim will discuss this later.

ICC Region7: Went to Maryland as an exploratory to look at how Region 7 does things as far as Code Hearings. We will talk about that later as well.

Association of Towns: I will talk about that later as well.

Treasurers Report: Douglas Scarson

You can look at the report. The Ways & Means Committee have taken on a bigger role by looking at the expenditures for the last 3 months. The committee met this AM and discussed the expenditures. Everything appeared to be in order.

Dan Casella: What expenses were reviewed? I am looking at major expenses.

George: Most were the standard expenses. Per Doug, travel for the president to go to different meetings.

Dan Casella: Anything over \$3,000 that we need to be concerned with?

George: No. We did ask that the credit card be broken out more. Doug is working on a spreadsheet to show that.

Jim E: Chapter membership – has everyone paid something now?

Doug: The list that you are looking at that was generated by the Secretary is current with the exception of 2 additions; Western Southern Tier paid today for 31 members and Capital District paid for an additional 210 members. Please disregard the typo “opted Out” next to St Lawrence. BJ said it was a typo.

Jim E: So Rockland, Westchester and St. Lawrence?

Doug: have not paid their minimum 10 members as per the bylaws.

Wayne: I need to point out that those chapters that have the allotted delegates for their paid membership would have that vote according to the bylaws; 1, 2, or 3. Is that being recorded that way?

BJ: Yes it is.

Motion by Kevin Ezell, and 2nd by Bob Bonnie – Agreed and Carried.

Committee Reports

Annual Business Meeting Conference: 2nd Vice President, Secretary, & John Williams - President, Central Chapter

Jim: It will be held on September 9th – 11th at Vernon Downs. I have contracts here for the securing of the meeting room itself and the cost is \$500.00. Blocks of rooms are set aside for \$79.00 per night. We are still tweaking menus. The special events for spouses/guests is being finalized. There is going to be a change. The racing will take place on Wednesday night not Thursday night.

Dan Casella: If I can suggest reducing the conference rate? That boosted the attendance down, if we can afford it.

Jim B: We have to look at that a little bit further. We have the numbers. I am basing everything on 100. Depends what the final tally is going to be.

Dan: It was as low as \$10.00. The rooms are real cheap and at one point the various chapters kicked into it to offset the cost. If we can keep things low, we might get a few more people.

Jim Morganson: For the 85th Anniversary it was \$85.00 and last year we went to \$86.00.

Dan: We have different ranges.

Ed: Any suggestions please get them into Jim B. As long as it hasn't cost us a lot of money, we should be reasonable.

Bob Bonnie: I have watched this over the years and it didn't matter what you charge, that is not where the expense came in. We should keep it responsible. There are a lot of costs involved with these conferences each year.

Jim B: I will be asking the chapters from that region for input and assistance. I would like to get them involved.

Ed: The education part will be figured out by the Education Committee.

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.

I went to the Association of Towns Conference in NYC. It was a great conference and the weather was horrible. The State ran some meetings while we were there. There were over 100 in attendance each time. We never did see the Governor there.

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 E: I want to get one out by the end of the month. Need something from Tri County and Southern Tier conferences. I need articles and photos. I appreciate the help. I am getting the emails and I do copy and insert them.

George: I understand we are looking for more advertising.

Jim E.: I do not actively pursue that.

George: Do you have a list?

Jim E. One of the easiest ways to do this is at the Chapter conferences. It is easy for us to do.

George: That is why I want the list for our conference at the end of the month.

Bylaws: Jim Bailey & BJ Gettel

Maintain and update the policy and procedures for the organization.

No Report

Codes Coalition: Gene Jaques & John Williams

Comprised of NYS Fire Districts, NYS Fire Marshalls, NYSBOC, FASNY, & NYS Association of Fire Chiefs

Gene: We went to Maryland for the meeting and Dan has all the particulars. Have any of you seen the 2015 codes. There is so much stuff in there that we are not enforcing. We need to get this code adopted.

Dan: We went to Hagerstown, MD for a Region 7 meeting. Their primary function is code development. 4 people from each state are the delegates. Those delegates review any code change that comes in front of them. If all states agree to the code change, then it gets a Region 7 stamp of approval. That whole corridor has a high participation rate in the ICC when it comes to code development. Impressions - they are a lot like us and big state organizations. They run their own education programs and training. They are committed to the fire service. All the states have at least one fire representative on the board. We are a welcome guest to any of their meetings. They have an open door policy. For example, I proposed 5 of my code changes and they are endorsing 4 of them. They rotate the leadership around. My recommendation today is that we need more boots on the ground and take our Code Development Committee participants and this would be a good avenue for us to get more involved. See if there is some advocacy there. We know these people.

Dan Casella: You might want the bylaw committee to look at that because it is not in our bylaws. .

Ed Cusato: That travel was just exploratory under code development.

Gene Jaques: Region 7 is strictly Code Development and one of the things that they said is that they would have to change their bylaws just for us to participate.

Dan N: They did ask us to speak and I did most of the speaking and followed it up really nicely. We are here to see how regions can work together. Communicating and understand the process.

Ed: I am not a Code geek but when you sit in that room, this size but with more people than what we have here, I was really impressed. The dialog and discussions on the code changes, for and against, tremendous. We walked away, regardless of what we do in the future, and if we need help in our organization or our own region, they are a phone call away.

Code Development: Steve McDaniel & Kevin Ezell

2015 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 BSC & ICC Code Development discussions.

Keep an eye out for an email in the future.

Education Committee: Mark Schwarz, Jim Gilhooly & Sam Ricotta

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.

Jim Gilhooly: Mark has been trying to obtain a preferred provider status from the ICC organization and having that training. It is an important step to make us more valuable and more desirable.

Ed: Maybe we can take advantage of the Chapter Education voucher for the annual business conference.

Jim. This is a one day voucher. We can use an ICC Program at the conference.

Dottie: It is going out to each chapter. We advertise nationally on the website. Hopefully it means monies for Chapters. When you become a preferred provider, we have a 10 day turnaround time to be approved when submitting for the class approval.

Jim Gilhooly: It is a win, win situation for everyone. It attracts certain design professionals, special inspectors; it is another source of revenue. It relates immediately to our coffers.

Emergency Management/CEDAR Team: Dan Casella - Chairman, Eric Falmigetti, Mark Schwarz

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: Had a meeting with Eric Bradshaw and the Nassau Emergency Management. Nassau County Emergency Management is going to give him radio equipment to be utilized during emergencies so that he can communicate with the boots on the ground in our area and he wants to expand to other counties and jurisdictions.

Cedar Training – Eric is looking for each county have a designated person and filter down, etc. The State website is confusing. We are working on it to make it simplified. Dan thanked the NYSBOC website committee for their efforts in getting the information out to everyone.

Ed: We are being recognized and the training has been approved. We need to get people signed up.

Dan: The sooner you get registered and once you show the demand, we will get the training.

Ed: Along the lines of CEDAR, the Association of Towns and Eric Bradshaw have worked very hard for many years and we can now be happy done with having classes in putting on classes for Town Officials. Eric did a CEDAR Class and it was geared around CEDAR and why it is important that municipalities across the state and get involved with it and it coincided with NYSBOC. They have asked us to do 2 classes next year. They will slot us in classroom time.

The other class we did was an intro to code enforcement officials. To enlighten everyone with what you do. Some of them have no clue what you really do. There are a lot of them out there that really have no clue. They also have no clue about the importance of NYSBOC and getting your training.

Vinny: Can we have a copy of that outline? That is the big fight. I would love to present that to our politicians.

Ed: I will supply that to anybody. They were receptive. I have about 12 municipalities that requested that we come to their town and do the presentation to the town boards. We will continue that. NYCOM wants the presentation at their conference. At the Annual Business Meeting of the Association of Towns the 54G money was on the agenda as a resolution. I spoke to them about what it means and what it is specifically supposed to be used for. I do believe that resolution comes up every year.

John: It comes up every year. It is a big point to remember.

Dottie You got \$12.9 million last year.

Ed: We had a lot of people that came out and expressed their appreciation for both classes.

Dan: It is important.

John Orr: Is there a one page on CEDAR that can be given to every elected official and something to give to our home papers. Not everyone does these conferences.

Ed: Not everybody goes to this. We should do this at the regional meetings. We would be more successful on the regional levels. We have been going done there for a while. It is big and massive in NYC.

Dan: Can we have videos put on our website?

Ed: Will look into it.

Events, Association & Conferences: John Flanigan

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.

See Ambassador Report and Eastern States

ICC: Dottie Harris, Ron Piester, Rob Drexler, & James Morganson

Rob Drexler – cdpAccess. In order to participate this year, this date is extremely important. March 20th. If you have not renewed your online voting application by March 20th you will not be able to participate in this year's vote. That requires you folks to go back and pull up the website for your government. Have your primary governmental representative has to complete the application and validate the voters for your municipality. It is a simple form to fill out on the website. It takes 2 minutes. We all need to participate in this year's process.

So you understand the process, the process for the submission of code changes for Group A had to be submitted by January 12th. The proposed changes are being posted today. Committee action hearings will take place in Memphis in April 19th – 30th. So the committees will hear all of these proposals and vote yeah or nay. It takes a couple of weekends to correlate all of those proposals and posted by May 8th. That opens up the collaboration on May 11th - May 22nd for Group A for all of us to participate.

Group A International Codes consist of:

- International Building Code® (IBC®) — Egress, Fire Safety and General
- International Existing Building Code® (IEBC®)
- International Fuel Gas Code® (IFGC®)
- International Mechanical Code® (IMC®)
- International Plumbing Code® (IPC®)
- International Property Maintenance Code® (IPMC®)
- International Private Sewage Disposal Code® (IPSDC®)
- International Residential Code® (IRC®) — Mechanical and Plumbing
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code® (ISPSC®)
- International Zoning Code® (IZC®)

We will have opportunity to collaborate until about May27th or so. The Public Comment for online submittal access deadline is July 17th. Then the public comment hearing is Long Beach, CA for

September 30th – Oct 7th. That is the schedule for this year for the development process. It starts today. We need to participate this year. Get to your primary representative and get all of your people current so that we can participate this year. Any questions?

George: Changes or no changes you need to validate each year?

Rob: Yes, regardless of changes or no changes. It must be done annually. The Board meeting in Memphis is April 19th.

We have Building Safety Month coming up. There is a whole bunch of stuff available on the website. Dottie will discuss further.

I will be out in California next month for the Fire Protection Institute Conference all next week. Then I am off to Eastern States in April for Region 6. I am the Northeast Region Representative for Region 6 liaison. I can talk about some of the goings on later on.

Ed: Again please go on and sign up for cdpAccess. Get involved please.

Jim E: When Steve is evaluating stuff, will he be sending out the recommendations?

Jim Morganson: Yes, there is a setup committee. I will talk further under Code Development.

Dottie: Building Safety Month is May. I sent all chapters there proclamation. If you wish to have your municipalities done, let me know. Promote this. Get it in front of your mayor, supervisor, or whomever. I can help you if you are having a problem. There is a lot of information on the ICC Website.

Voter validation is very, very important. The primary voter has to do it. I can't stress that enough. It only takes 30 seconds.

If you remember I was at a Rockland Conference where I went crazy because our competitor highlighted a solar standard. There will be a lot of solar standards that NY will adopt with the new code. The ICC put together a document on the solar standards which will go along with this the adoption of the codes.

James Morganson: cdpAccess flyers have been sent out. It is time to do it. NY has made an impression on the ICC and Rob is the now the senior voice from New York. He is involved in a lot of committee work. You can feel his presence. The new website is about to be launched with the help from BJ & Jim B. I am looking forward to that. So New York has some great involvement at the ICC level. Bruce Johnson just moved on from the ICC. I am on a committee to see what the Chapters would like. I would encourage private conversations. The big message is follow through on the cdpAccess.

Ed thanked Jim M. for the blasts about cdpAccess.

Legislative/Technical Committee: Bob Cordell & Dottie Harris

Bob: getting ready for Building Safety Month and Lobby Day. The legislative guides are in the box on the table. Please take your share.

Dottie: The plan is to get the code books for the code officials and will have an update soon. Stay tuned for emails.

Ed: Do we have a projected lobby day.

Dottie: No, we do not. The goal is May. We are trying to get the groups together.

Ed: What can we do?

Dottie: I will keep you posted, nothing as of yet. Appointments to the committees were made today. Now the work begins.

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.

NYS Office of Planning & Development, Building Standards and Codes: Ron Piester
Dan Nichols reported for Ron.

The Code Council meeting was postponed due to lack of a quorum. Out of 17 people you need 9 people for a quorum and with 12 or 13 appointed it is kind of hard to get people to attend. Stay tuned for some announcements. That doesn't mean that the legislature hasn't been busy and sending us the Code Council things to work on when we return to business.

Department of State – Division of Building Standards and Codes 2015 Regulatory Progress Guide				
Description of Rule	Effective Date	Regulation (19 NYCRR)	DOS Link	Notes
Training of Code Enforcement Personnel	1/1/2015	Part 1208	http://www.dos.ny.gov/dcea/noticadopt.html	CEO and BSI certification In-service requirements Professional electives
Commercial Energy Code Update – 2012 IECC / ASHRAE 90.1-2010	1/1/2015	Part 1240	http://www.dos.ny.gov/DCEA/energycode_code.html	2 compliance paths – as modified by 2014 Supplement
Residential Structures w/ Truss Type Construction	1/1/2015 Emergency rule	Part 1265	http://www.dos.ny.gov/dcea/noticadopt.html	Executive Law Article 18 § 382-b
Orders to Remedy	1/12/2015 Emergency rule	Part 1203.5	http://www.dos.ny.gov/dcea/noticadopt.html	Executive Law Article 18 § 382(2) Technical bulletin
Sparkling Devices	1/20/2015 Emergency rule	Part 1228.3	http://www.dos.ny.gov/dcea/noticadopt.html	Chapter 477 of the Laws of 2014 City or County Local Law

CO Detectors in Restaurants	6/27/2015 (anticipated)	TBD	TBD	Steven Nelson's Law Executive Law - Article 18 §378(5-b)
Uniform Code Update 2015 International Codes	1/1/2016 (anticipated)	Part 1219 – 1228	http://www.dos.ny.gov/DCEA/CodeUpdate.html	Minimal NYS amendments Statutory standards/administrative
Energy Code Update 2015 IECC/ASHRAE 90.1 - 2013	1/1/2016 (anticipated)	Part 1240	http://www.dos.ny.gov/DCEA/CodeUpdate.html	Minimal NYS amendments Statutory requirements Administrative

Jim E: The 12 elective courses, do they have to be pre-approved?

Dan: They do not have to be preapproved, they have to be evaluated and the form needs to be filled out. You can do it the old way with 24 hours of in-service credit DOS hours training or up to 12 hours and you fill out the forms. The onus is on you. The down fall so far is that SLMS will not record the courses that are not NYS In-service training.

Dan reviewed the laws that went into effect since January. Refer to the chart above.

Brent Cross: On the topic of the emergency rule making that came as a legislative action and thrown at the Building Standards and Codes without a lot of consideration. I appeared before the Codes Council at the January meeting in an attempt to represent the Southern Tier and realized the staff didn't create this with an unrealistic time frame for interpretation. There was a request from us to do some kind of a push back. I know that we can't tell the governor to not enact a law but we got the notification from your department on December 30th or so and pushed on us. We need to relay back to the legislature and the governor that we did not appreciate that. I understand it is a touchy thing. My point is if something else comes up on short notice, would the code council push back and say that this is unreasonable?

Dan: My answer would be no. I don't think anyone in this room or in our office can speak for the tenured members of the Council.

Order of Remedy: Due to a legal case in Westchester County, the Secretary of State has revised Part 1203 which requires every jurisdiction to update their local law to be sure to include a defined date for any Order To Remedy for any violation. The max is 30 days, it can be shorter but there needs to a date and how long do you have to fix it. You have to be sure to let the membership know.

John Orr: Is there a sample out there?

Dan: Yes, I will get it to BJ to send back out. It has UL links.

Vinny: Is there legislation proposed to change it again?

Dan: Have not seen that.

Sparkling devices are not the little things on sticks. The big fountains and roman candles that are permitted indoors on certain cases. The rule is on the website. It still has to go to the Code Council. Everything that I discussed is now in effect. The local municipality should have passed a local law.

James Morganson: We can't do anything about it. The State did it to us.

Jeff Wilkinson: It is not the actual usage but the bulk storage and that is also a problem.

Dan: **Carbon Monoxide** – It is for all commercial buildings not just restaurants, new or existing that has a carbon monoxide source must have a detector by June 27, 2015. We are working on regulations as we speak. I need on the ground feedback. Most detectors are not listed for commercial use.

The 2 biggies are the Uniform Code Updates for the 2015 International Codes which until we get direction, I don't have any direction. Stay tuned for more information. We are still honoring the last direction from the Code Council which is the 2015 codes is what is needed and we need to have them now.

I need to reiterate the comments on the cdpACCESS. We are actively working with ICC now to get code enforcement credits for training in cdpAccess and participation. This is one of Ron's most important things that Ron wanted me to say.

Other items outside of ICC: If anyone is interested, our website has a direct link to the NFPA.org/code standards for the read only pamphlets or materials. UL – I serve on the UL Fire Council. There are some new standards coming out. If you have any interest in the standards, see me afterwards.

Jerry Couse: Any plans for them to provide in-service training?

Dan: I will check with John directly. The Energy Code Update is being provided. I can give you some options like the 12 hour option courses. You can take ICS Classes, Green, or NYSERDA. We have a waiting list for the basic training classes right now. We filled a class in Orange County with people that are actively working.

Region VI

Ed went to a meeting on behalf of this organization and was well received. They are struggling. They are having problems with their mission statement, funding to get the job done, and bylaws. They were real enthusiastic. There has been general correspondence since then.

James M: They are reorganizing on code development and looking for input. That is to be followed up.

Bob Bonnie: What states are involved?

Rob Drexler: Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New York.

Dan Casella: NYSBOC use to have a representative for that. Do we still have? It used to be Wayne Cichon.

James Morganson: The ICC does. In the past I have asked Wayne to get re-involved. He has been doing that. The next meeting we will know more.

Rob: Eastern States is going to be hosting a conference during their conference. There are a lot of good things coming from this. They are all talking again. They have good people that can develop codes just like Region 7. The whole intention is to pull Region 6 together again and reignite them. NERC is looking to pull out of Eastern States because of the educational benefits that they no longer want to participate in. Things are moving along. There are new people on Board. And as the liaison for ICC to Region 6, I am doing everything possible to assist them. It will take a little time. We can do this through cdpAccess and if we collaborate with Region 7 we would be force to reckon with. Now we have the whole northeast coast. Things are looking up.

Dan Casella: Is it proper to have a representative for NERC?

Ed: We will be expanding that representation on the code development side of everything whether it is Region 6 or 7.

Dan : Do we still have that now?

Ed: That would be me as President.

Wayne: You would have to go back to the memorandum. Under the bylaws, there are 3 representatives from NY; One from NYSBOC, one joint fire service and NYSBOC and then one from the fire service. Those were the 3 representatives from the State of New York on NERC. It was a separate entity from the code coalition. It was some of the same people that were doing the jobs but it is its own corporation and regulations. I have been in contact with the president and a couple of other people and the information that we have. I have been asked if I had any records. I have buckets and pails of things. Did I have something- yes. It will bring some measure to them of where they started, do they need to change things and where they might be going.

Ed: Unofficially we do not a representative but we will outside of Wayne's continued involvement.

Rob Drexler: I can report back after we have a meeting.

Wayne: Yes we are supposed to have 3 individuals.

Dan: Are there deadlines?

Wayne: No restrictions in our MOU.

Dan: NYSBOC is welcomed in these discussions.

Rob & Wayne: Absolutely, yes.

Kevin E: What is the purpose of Region 6? I think that Region 7 is working real well because they are focused on Code Development. If Region 6 is to help further code development that would be great. But if it is something different, is it still something that we want to be part of?

James Morganson: Primary function is code development but networking and communication is something they want as well. Code development is something we want to get involved in with all these organizations.

Kevin: Just wanted to make sure that it was clear.

Ed: Code development is the biggest and main goals for this year and in the future. No matter where we are at. We send a lot for people to the ICC annual conference and hardly anyone to the code hearings. That is a big, big move that we need to make. We will work diligently towards that starting with Memphis. Steve McDaniel is not here today but that is 7 hours that he can be preparing for the code hearings. We are going to take advantage of the people like that, that are going to be at the code hearings already and we are going to keep them there longer. That is our main goal.

Wayne: Being one of the authors of the bylaws, one of their main things is code development. It is stated in their bylaws. It is not a lot different than what we do now.

Scholarship Committee: Tom Corrao – Chairman, Doug Scarson – Vice Chairman, & Wayne Cichon

Wayne: We are at that point that you should be filing. Take it back to your chapters. Applications are being accepted.

Ways & Means: Doug Scarson – Chairman, George Keeler, & Don Bowers
Any and all expenditures brought up on the floor to the Board of Delegates not covered within the guidelines of the budget.

See Treasurer's Report

Website Management: Jim Bailey & BJ Gettel
Promoting, informing, and updating code enforcement officials through a means of the internet.

Jim: Reviewing the sponsors. We continue to work on this.

BJ: I recently sent out an email that some people took offense to and some said am I signed up? Jim and I am getting tired of hearing...I don't get your emails. So, now I need your opinion. I have received a couple of the membership lists. I took and compared the list of members to the newsletter subscribers and found that 20 – 70 % are not signed up to receive the newsletter. Now that presents a few situations.

- 1) Are the members thinking that this is something that we should be signing them up automatically seeing how they pay dues? Or
- 2) Am I to forget adding them because these are grown individuals that can sign up themselves?
Or
- 3) Is there another problem/solution that we are not aware of.

Bob Cordell: You should sign them up with a place to click to un-scribe. I think there are people that used to get the Building Log automatically and think we went away. If it is not a problem, sign them up.

BJ: I will send out a request to all the chapters with a format that is acceptable to everyone.

Ed: I certainly want to take a load off Jim & BJ.

Bob Bonnie: Let the Chapters forward the information.

BJ: If you have a problem, please contact us so that we can help you.

Jim: All we need is Last Name, First Name, Email, Municipality or employer.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Long Beach, CA:

Ed: It is important what we do, how we do it, and how we spend our money. It is my opinion that we encourage everybody to stay at the same facility. Do we want shirts? Let us know. We are not doing this on our own. Do you want pins to pass out? Do you want to change to challenge coins? Hotels? There is one hotel that New Jersey went out and got prices and secured a block of rooms on the Queen Mary. It was nice of them to offer us to be a part of that. We need to have other options than that. The ICC has just settled the contracts. They have not made an official announcement that these are the official hotels and everything else.

The things seen in the past, and it has been seen by a lot of people, do we want a hospitality room just for New York? A lot of people feel that we need that. That is going to be up to you guys. We have started to get good prices. We don't need anything fancy. Last year we had a problem with the shuttle service. The Queen Mary, which we already have prices, thanks to New Jersey, is a problem. When you talk to people that live there and work there every day, it is a pain to get from there to the convention center, almost 20 minutes. The Best Western is about 4 blocks away. Range anywhere from \$140 to \$180 a night with breakfast included. That is a big plus. They have a pool and a decent facility and reasonable walking distance from the convention center. Residence Inn is another one. That is going to be one that maybe on the shuttle service from the ICC. This will be up to you guys. Not that anyone did anything wrong.

Jim E: Did we send anyone out there yet?

Ed: No we have not. We are ear marking a couple of places. I don't think there is a need to do that. We need to find out a little more information on that. I don't think we are having a meet and greet this year. We did get a flyer from the host chapter and they are looking for sponsorship. We have to start looking into our funds. On our end, the Executive Board is going out on Saturday and coming back on Wednesday. There is no need for the Executive Board to register for the conference which is \$650. We are going to be on a per diem rate for our expenses. We should be on a tight budget as well. The conference is only Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. They took Wednesday off.

John Flanigan: How many here are going?

Ed: I am using the numbers that we had in Portland. This is the way that we are going to operate. Do we get some sort of a hospitality room? Flights right now are about \$450 round trip. To be fair to everybody this is how we are going to operate. I want to know what you want when you get out there.

George Keeler: At the June Meeting, everyone should go back to their chapters and get those items addressed and have it on the agenda.

Joe Smith: You need to come back to the delegates with prices and we need to know numbers. Come back with the numbers so that we can make an intelligent decision.

Ed: Right now we are waiting on the information from the ICC.

Michael M: The Executive Board should pay for all the functions and be there. I appreciate that you want to save money.

Ed: I just can't see it. \$650 and I am not taking any classes. For us to justify that money, I have a problem with it. It is up to you guys. I have discussed it with them. I think we are just like anyone else.

Mike: We pay because we are a part of the ICC. You need to mingle with the ICC.

Ed: We can do that without. . . .

George: Ed mentioned before the flights are \$420. Just a week ago they were \$390. If you think that you are going make those reservations now.

Ed: Bring it back to the members and let us know.

Memphis - We have a number of members that are going. There is a good number that are going out on the ICC committees. We need to take advantage of this and we need to be visible. Let's take some money and keep them there 2 -3 more nights.

Jim E.: Dollar figure in mind?

Ed: \$6,000 is budgeted. Exposure in Memphis is crucial to who we play with in Long Beach, CA.

Kevin Ezell: I won't be going to Memphis.

Dottie: Also, during those meetings, there are always the membership councils. Rob is the Board Member assigned to the Membership Council and that is huge. They are doing stuff.

Ed: More information as soon as we can and in June we will give you a huge update.

Rob Drexler: The ICC will be out in Long Beach next week to meet with all the hotels. I will have a good chance to talk to them. I will get back to you. I would not wait till June to make your reservations.

Ed: We will get that out as soon as we can.

Tom Buckley: We talk about code development and shouldn't we try to get everyone there?

John Flanigan: The problem is don't just go, you need to speak.

Tom: We are here and it is time to do this.

John: The Code Council is now getting things against the sprinkler.

Vinny: I know that the Real Estate people took out a full page ad against sprinklers. We should spend some of the fund balance to take out an ad.

Jeff: Just so that you are aware, the Build Safe Alliance has the ads ready to go but timing is everything. They don't want to get it out to early.

Dottie: There is federal money. The NFPA received an incredible amount of money from the Federal Government.

Ed: If you want this in a form of a motion and figure out the logistics. Who do we send it out to, how much, etc?

Vinny: I think we should do it.

Don Bowers: What kind of cost?

Dottie: The home builders were very coordinated.

Jeff: We are just waiting.

Vinny: It would have to be the capital district papers. Make a motion to contribute to the Build Safe Alliance Ad campaign not to exceed \$2500 in co-sponsoring, 2nd by Joe Smith.

Agreed and carried with 2 nays.

Vinny: I just want to make a statement, Rockland has not paid our dues yet and was disenfranchised with this organization especially with the things that were going on and we sat through this meeting. If the organization keeps going in this direction, then we will pay our dues.

Chuck: Then Rockland cannot make the resolution. They have not paid their dues. I brought my check today so that I could vote today.

Ed: Chuck, thank you for bringing that up and you are right. So that motion and vote is null and void.

Don Bowers: I will make the motion.

Joe Smith: 2nd the motion.

Kevin & Brent: Opposed.

Agreed and Carried.

Dottie: There was a draft letter sent around to everyone about the support for the 2015 code. If everyone would send that into Marc, I would appreciate it. There are 4200 code officials. The other groups are making an impact.

Ed: BJ & Jim have been diligent about getting that information out there.

Jim Gilhooly: We have had a lot discussion today about membership and participation, numbers of members to this organization. I know in my own chapter there are a lot of feelings about discontent of the dues in how they are paid; who is a member and who is not a member. I want to propose something that maybe a solution. we consider changing our membership dues to a flat fee from each chapter and it can be done numerically or mathematically. NYSBOC will not end up with a less amount of money or your chapter will not have to pay more money. For instance, if we had a group of memberships from 1 – 100, they would pay a flat fee. You would not have to monkey with the number of 10 people or no 10 people. You just pay that amount. I want you to just consider that. It would put an end to all this who is a member or who is not a member or how

many members are reported. It is a problem for this organization and all of the chapters. So let's consider it and think about it. I will try to put numbers together for the future.

Dan: The Board of Directors set those fees and would not be a bylaw change.

Jim G.: That is correct.

Ed: Give it some thought.

Bob Cordell: It is going to affect the local chapters. Some are going to pay more and some less. Individuals are members of NYSBOC. Not building departments or organizations. You still have to count each individual assure them that they are members of the local chapter and this organization.

John Flanigan: You are coming to Slingerland in June; do you want subs or chicken?

Ed: Whatever is fine for you? The consensus was chicken.

Motion to adjourned at 2:30 PM by Joe Smith and 2nd by Bob Bonnie.

Next Meeting Date & Location:

June 5, 2015: Slingerland Fire House

September 9 – 11, 2015: Vernon Downs

December 4, 2015: Rochester area - TBD