

NYSBOC BOARD OF DELEGATES

DATE: June 5, 2015

LOCATION: Slingerlands, NY

* 1st Vice President Jim Gilhooly called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM

* Pledge of Allegiance

* Moment of silence for deceased members

* A roll was called and the following were present:

President	Cusato, Edward	Ex			
1st Vice President	Gilhooly, James	X			
2nd Vice President	Bailey, Jim	X			
Secretary	Gettel, BJ	X			
Treasurer	Scarson, Doug	X			
Historian	Schwartz, Mark	Ex			
Past President	Morganson, James	X			
Capital	Cordell, Robert	X	Ricotta, Sam	X	Theriault, Rick X
	Griffith, Roger (A)	X	Kinizzo, Tom (A)		
Central	Cusato, Ed		Keeler, George		Williams, John
Columbia	Couse, Jerry		Simonsmeier, Walter	X	Vieni, Charles (A)
Finger Lakes	Bailey, Jim	X	Rech, Terry	X	Morris, Pat X
			Cichetti, Wayne (A)		
Mid Hudson	Thompson, Bruce	X	Corrao, Tom	X	
Mohawk Valley	Stine, Rich		Kernan, Ruth (A)	X	Kernan, Jim (a) X
Monroe	Bowers, Don	X	Drexler, Rob	X	Scarson, Doug
Nassau (BIANCO)	Bonnie, Robert	X	Haramis, Stephen	X	Malitino, Michael X
	Falmigetti, Eric (A)	X	Gilhooly, James (A)	X	
Niagara	Bleichfeld, Rich		Eberhardt, Jim	X	Rank, Kevin
	Metzger, Dave (A)	X			
Northern					
Adirondack	Randig, Ed		Angela Sirianni-Luey (A)		
Ontario	Benedict, Al	X	Johnston, Robert (a)		
Rockland	Berrios, Ruben	X	Buckley, Thomas		
Southern Tier	Cross, Brent		Ezell, Kevin		Platt, Richard
			Knickerbocker, Wm (A)		
St. Lawrence	Tuttle, Timothy	X			
Suffolk	Donnelly, Joseph	X	Frabrizio, Edward	X	Maher, Tom
Tri County	Mekulik, Don		Jaques, Eugene	X	Hunter, Steve X
	Smith, Joe (A)	X	Orr, John (A)	X	
Westchester	Blasi, Frank	X	Tarchine, Ralph		Testa, Michael
WSTB	LaBarbera, Chuck (A)		Monaco, John		Pacanowski, James
Yates	Lyon, Bruce	X			
Past Pres	Casella, Dan	X	Copp, Wm. Scott	X	Flanigan, John X
Past Pres	Gregory, William		Kiebel, Ron		McCabe, Dennis
Past Pres	McDaniel, Steve		Jacobski, Wm		Chicon, Wayne X
NYS DOS	Addario, John	X	Nemeth-Weisser, Julie	X	Nichols, Dan

NYS DOS	Piester, Ron	X	Bradshaw, Eric		
ICC	Drexler, Rob	X	Harris, Dottie	X	Piester, Ron
	Morganson, James	X			
	Total Delegates	37			
	Total Attendees	41			

We have a quorum.

Secretary's Report: BJ Gettel

Motion to accept the minutes from the March 2015 meeting by Joe Smith and 2nd by Doug Bowers. Agreed and carried.

Presidents Report: Jim Gilhooly

Read a letter from President Cusato:

Good morning delegate members and Guests in attendance this morning.

First let me apologize for not being in attendance, I am going thru a minor health issue right now and my treatment requires me to stay home. My thanks for everyone's concerns.

Most of what I will talk about will be elaborated by others during committee reports. Very little correspondence with the exception of a few potential ICC candidates, I'm sure Mr. Jaques will be elaborating more.

A request has been made by the Hosting Chapter in California to contribute funds in 2 directions. A sponsorship ranging from \$100.00 - 10.000. The 2nd is for the Meet and Greet. We do contribute every year, at least \$ 5000.00. How much more we have contributed in the past, I'm not sure and we do have money and it will be up to the delegates to decide on what we do. With the loss off dues from 200 members, do we have to tighten our belts?

Meetings with Eastern States and NERC have brought many new possibilities. At our meeting in Portsmouth the region group made it clear that they are looking for New York to be the leader. Thanks to Dotty and Rob for their effort, they will be elaborating more during their reports. And our congratulations to Mr. Cichon in his new executive position as well.

In closing we had several of our members and coalition members that traveled to the latest code development hearings in Memphis. These gentlemen were able to lay the ground work for NYSBOC and the New York Code Coalition that now is recognized on all fronts. A very special thanks go out to Steven McDaniel for spearheading all of the efforts to allow NYSBOC and the NY Code Coalition in achieving the recognition we have received. Great job to all.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Cusato
President

Treasurers Report: Douglas Scarson

There is nothing out of the ordinary for the last 3 months. The report is up front here to review. If there are no questions, can I get a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report? Motion by BJ and 2nd by Don B., agreed and carried.

Committee Reports:

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

Jim Bailey reported that the conference is set for Vernon Downs from September 9th to September 11th. We have sent them the deposit and the signed contract. The cost for the rooms that includes your meals is \$150 - \$160 per night per person. That has to be solidified yet. If you are bringing a spouse or companion we are working on solidifying that with the hotel. I will keep you posted. The conference will offer 7 – 9 hours of educational training. That fee will be \$85. Mark Schwarz is trying to confer the training with the ICC and NYS Div of Building Standards and Codes.

Gilhooly added that the conference will include the Chapter Benefit from the ICC at least on one of the days. That will be worked out with the ICC.

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 was at Eastern States is moving forward. We are still there and we have a meeting in Stourbridge in a couple of weeks. I will also be attending

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.

I am working on the next one coming up. I am looking for a blurb from the ones that just got done having school. Looking for photos as well. I am happy with the last one.

I have not gotten any further with help for the advertising for the log. I am looking for someone to assist.

Bylaws: Jim Bailey & BJ Gettel

Maintain and update the policy and procedures for the organization.

Bailey: I sent out the Proposed Amendment 2015 #2 to everyone by way of email and copies are here at the table.

Proposed Amendment 2015 #2, as highlighted in RED; 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, and specifically within a geographical centralized region within the Catskill region within the Counties of (Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster), 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, Rennselaer, 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.

Bailey: I am asking for a motion to approve or disapprove.

Eberhardt: I make a motion to disapprove the by-law change 2nd by Dan Casella.

Discussion on the motion:

Eberhardt: As I have stated many times before. We move the delegates meeting around to suit ourselves. We move the annual meeting around for our members. I look at the list of eligible counties that we can have the meeting in and coming from Buffalo it is a 4 ½ hour ride. Knowing the way this group has been going the past year it has grown to 6 – 6 ½ hours. I see that coming. I would like to see it out at our end. One of things that people were complaining about is that if you move it to one particular area, that area would have a better opportunity to put their people into office. Well the meeting that we just had that wasn't true at all. So that really hasn't had any weight. This is why we move the meeting around. We are trying to fix something that is not broken. I don't understand why somebody is trying to do this.

Casella: Let me explain my personal point of view. Remember that I am trying to make this fair for everyone to come to a centralized place wherever that maybe. The logic is simple very simple. We used to all meet in the Catskills but look at Long Island. We travel the most distance and should get the most Travel Distance Award. We go wherever the meetings are held and we are still going to go. I am just saying to everybody. Let's think of a centralized location that we can

all go that is fair to everybody. That is my reason, it is not selfish. Let's try to centralize this. Think about.

Bonnie: For all intensive purposes right now it is not fair. We go from Lake Placid to the Finger Lakes to Buffalo. I thought we came to the conclusion that we would not do this on every annual meeting. We were talking about just the election cycle which would be fair to everyone. Continue to rotate on the opposite year so that we can see the entire state. I like to see the state. If you are in Lake Placid or Buffalo you would have to travel except to a centralized location for elections. Then continue the rotation. Let's keep the elections fair and then keep moving the meeting around this way everyone gets a shot at the annual conference.

Gilhooly: Point of reference - that is not what the bylaw change is at this time.

Casella: I yield to Mr. Bonnie for the change.

Jaques: I didn't think I would agree with Dan but I see that FASNY just went to having their conference in Albany every year because of what is happening here. If people have to travel 8 hours to a meeting they are not going to show up. I don't think that is fair. I am lucky and I come the middle of the state but it doesn't make a difference. But when you are coming from Buffalo or the Island, it does. I would agree with Dan to centralize.

Cordell: We did talk about what Bob said. A centralized location is the best solution.

Casella: If that is the consensus, I will amend my motion.

Smith: I agree with what everyone is saying and moving things around the state. So everyone can see what is going on. What I take exception too is that if people do not want to host a meeting, there is nothing you can do about that. But if somebody stands up and says they will host the meeting because no one else wants to, that is where the committee goes to.

Ricotta: I understand where everyone is coming from with alternating the non-election year. Where ever that central location is deemed in the state for the purposes of the election, I think that the other 2 regions are the where we should bounce it back and forth. In other words the election meeting in Albany, than the following year it would be out towards the Region 1 area and then election year back to Albany and then it would be in Region 2 the year after that back to Albany. I'm not sure if I a explaining it properly. I think we should keep the 3 regions as they exist. Central location as the election year and the other 2 regions would alternate the off year.

Gilhooly: I think that was discussed. Only the centralized location for the election year would be used for election purposes and the other would be rotated. It is not what is not being proposed.

Bonnie: The centralized location would take into something from all 3 districts and all would 3 regions rotate on the off year.

Ricotta: It doesn't have to be. If you are in Region 2 that doesn't mean you would have to be in the same location. You could move it around.

Bonnie: That is from east to west. Region 2 would not be anything but the Catskills. All I am saying is that you pick a centralized location for the elections and rotate everything else. Then you

get to see the entire state. I like to travel. I would love to bring it to Long Island as well but not for an election year. The Board would organize it.

Gilhooly: We have a motion on the floor to deny as submitted. There has been a lot of discussion about making amendments to this....

Smith: I think we ought to send it back to the committee for review and bring it back to the ABM. Then get it resolved.

Bailey: Bylaw changes cannot just happen at the ABM. The proposed amendments have to be approved at any meeting prior to the ABM so that they can be voted on at the ABM.

Casella: I will amend the motion to reflect Mr. Bonnie's amendment and if I could ask to be drafted, submitted, and in principal be approved. The actual voting takes place at the September Meeting. I will work with Mr. Bailey on this.

Gilhooly: First we have a motion on the floor to deny the amendment as submitted. We have had discussion on modifying it, is there a

Casella: On the original motion can we have vote.

Gilhooly: On the motion to deny, all in favor, none opposed, Agreed and Carried to deny the Amendment 2015 #2.

Bonnie: I make a motion that we amend the proposal for the election cycle only and that we otherwise continue the normal rotation.

Gilhooly: That has to be re-drafted and referred to the future.

Casella: I will hand write it now and bring it up under new business.

Codes Coalition: Gene Jaques & John Williams

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

Jaques: The NYS Comptroller's Office came out with a report about how we are failing to do fire inspections in the State of New York. Most towns and villages are not doing it. I think the President ought to go to the comptroller's office and say thank you and can we have our 54G money that you took away from us that would pay for someone to do this.

Harris: I think we ought to draft a letter and I would be willing to help to that effect.

Jaques: He is saying that we are not doing it. That is my report and I think NYSBOC should send a letter.

Gilhooly: At least a sternly written letter is appropriate and I would be willing to work on that as well.

Code Development: Steve McDaniel & Kevin Ezell

20X5 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.

Copp: Steve was not able to be here today. For those that have been following NYSBOC and all the proposals that went before the ICC and forming an opinion them, hopefully you voted on them through the cdpAccess on the ICC website. It was a great opportunity for everyone. The voting is closed at this point until we come to the final action hearings. You have the ability to go on and be a part of this process. I encourage everyone to do this. A lot of us do take the time. I have seen a lot of names. It makes you dig into the codes. I think the cdpAccess is going great. I am hoping the ICC can tell us how much more involvement there is in the process.

Bailey: I hope that a lot of you took advantage of the cdpAccess. I want to give accolades to Steve McDaniel for in particular for the work that he did in this whole process; Setting up the meetings, breaking down the proposals, having discussions, and giving us that information. Most importantly giving us the final draft on where New York stood on every proposal. I literally voted on every proposal within 1 hour. I had a voice within an hour. I would hope that every one of you get involved like that.

Gilhooly: We as code officials live in a world of political universe and as you know if you don't vote you get what you get and shut up. We do have a voice and an opportunity to vote from your desks. You should be involved and take control of the Code Development process. It is so critical.

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.

Gilhooly: As everyone knows Mark had some surgery and is laid up. The doctors have advised him not to travel at this time. As you know education is our greatest advantage and resource for NYSBOC and our local chapters. In BIANCO we have taken education to a whole different level. With the new requirements for the categories of the continuing education, it is critical that your chapters stay on top of this and turn it into your advantage. We have drawn in so many new members in related industries that we swelled our membership and education benefits. It is critical that we stay on top on the course structure and variety of classes.

Emergency Management/CEDAR Team: Dan Casella - Chairman, Eric Bradshaw – Vice Chairman & Liaison

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.

Casella: First I want to say thank you to Ron, Julie, and John because CEDAR is rocking and rolling. Eric Bradshaw is doing a great job. He is sending out the emails and we are sending out the emails. The President has asked me to relay that we need people to sign up. They have until the end of the month to do so. BJ is going to be sending out another email soon. We asked for it, we got it, and we have all the tools. It is here. I understand that we are not very busy but when it hits the fan, we participate. It will do it again.

Julie: First I want to acknowledge President Cusato's gracious email thanking us for the program. It was a long time coming and it took a long time for our administration to buy into this. Even after Irene and Sandy but without you, your members, and your chapters participating it would not have been possible. Eric has been receiving the applications but unfortunately a lot of them are incomplete. So if you wondering why we have not scheduled training yet, that is why. We do not want to offer training in geographical regions until we have significant numbers to make it worth it. We don't want to offer training this month for 20 people and then receive training for another 20 people for that same area. We are going to wait until we have a significant number to make it worth everyone's while to offer the training. Eric wants you to understand that if your chapter would like a 1 – 2 hour introduction, if you give him enough warning, he would gladly come and speak. Let your members know what we do and what is involved.

The IAMRESPONDING is that portion of the program that will contact participants once they become registered. So if you are not registered than you do not have to worry about that part at this time.

Casella: Nassau is scheduling it at the County Training Facility and opening it up to the various agencies. Regardless whether they get credit or not just so that they become accustomed to it. That is what we are doing.

Gilhooly: The message is that disaster is going to happen. We don't know when or where but we need to be prepared. Sign up for the availability.

Events, Association & Conferences: John Flanigan & Wayne Cichon

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.

Congratulated Wayne Cichon as 1st VP on Eastern States.

Jaques: I have a problem. I think there was a motion and a vote last month to drop out of Eastern States. Also I am very, very upset to hearing that we are back at Region 6 after myself and Dan Nichols were told to go down and talk to the folks at Region 7, meet with them and do stuff. Now I hear that we were kicked out and told to go meet up with our buddies at Region 6. Thank you to Mr. President. Why did you embarrass me and Dan to go down and talk to Region 7 when everyone was back stabbing us and going up to Region 6. Thank you.

Gilhooly: Well on behalf of the President you are welcome but I appreciate your input.

Jaques: How are you voting on stuff at a meeting and then next month coming back and doing the opposite of what we voted on?

Gilhooly: I don't think we voted on any amendment. The amendment was modified rather than exclude Eastern States to participate in any organization that we wish to rather than specify one. Thank you very much.

Hunter: BJ isn't there a record on what we voted on? Can you read that back?

Eberhardt: Wait I have it here. The last couple of sentences:

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

Ed: signifying by saying Aye – favorable, nay – no one. Agreed and carried

That was at the end of the Special Meeting. Nothing changed and Eastern States is still around.

Gilhooly: That is what I recall happened and the bylaw change was denied. All the list organizations remained in the bylaws.

Jaques: So let me ask the question, if I want to start the “X” organization and put Sam Ricotta as president, I don’t have to come in front of NYSBOC, I can just do that?

Gilhooly: I don’t understand.

Jaques: You have just announced that Wayne Cichon is Vice President in an organization. Doesn’t that need to come in front of the body to say just, like I said I will form “x” company and Sam is going to be the President. I don’t have to come to this Board or this membership? I am just going to start.

Gilhooly: That is the case and has always been the case.

Jaques: I am missing something. I thought this organization was the body but I guess not. I can use NYSBOC’s name.

Gilhooly: I don’t know about using NYSBOC’s name but you can form any organization you want and elect whomever you want. This organization can choose to affiliate with that organization or not.

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

Drexler: We were talking about the Code Development Hearings in Memphis. I want to talk about some numbers that took place. I think the reason you all know why we have cdpAccess. We used to have 5 people in a room. That was not good for our code or our nation. The Board of Directors said we had to fix that problem and here is how we did it.

Track 1: Building related items: 9 days from 8AM – 7:30 PM each day with recess for dinner, we had 5,014 participants on the web cast with 14 different countries. That is awesome; 718 code changes.

Track 2: PMG Related Items: 641 code changes, it took 6 days to get through those code changes, we had 2077 participants and 4 different countries.

It is working. We have to continue this involvement. Through the leadership of this NYSBOC, through the leadership of the coalition, we had speakers at the microphone. Scott spoke very highly of Steve McDaniel. Steve was terrific through this entire process and simplified it for all of us. I hope a lot of you voted through the process. There were 79 code changes that you had to vote on. Between Steve and Jeff Wilkinson from the State Fire Marshalls and Don Bowers participated on this and supported by NYSBOC here. Keep up the good work. We need to be prepared for going into California.

I voted on all items and took a little over an hour. The work that Steve put into this...I want to make a motion and we should show a little bit of gratitude and get a \$100 gift card to Steve and enjoy dinner, 2nd by Bob Bonnie. Agreed and carried. Thank you. Steve and the coalition should be commended but we need to continue as we move to California. New York has to be at the microphone from now on.

Rob continued to inform the Board that he is the liaison to Region 6. I spent a full week and hit every state and had excellent meetings with everyone. Things are going very, very well with collaboration of Region 6. Bill Nash who is the ICC representative as well as Dottie but primarily Bill is doing terrific things in pulling all the states together for the common cause.

One bit that is going on up in Maine if you have been paying attention is going through legislation right now. They have a bill to remove the building code to remove from the municipality that has under 10,000 population. That will affect 70% of the State of Maine. That will leave 18 communities to enforce the code.

Dottie: This comes up every year. The concern this year is the senate introduced the bill and we are stepping up.

Drexler: Will keep you posted. The biggest thing now is to look at California.

Copp: If you cannot make California, you can still be a part of this and still vote.

Drexler: Absolutely. The format that Steve presented to the group was real simple.

Dottie: Long Beach – One of the chapters said there are no government rates available and I panicked of course. Jackie wrote me back and said the Westin and the Renaissance still have plenty of rooms available so get your room book. BUT you must go through the ICC website to do it. Do not call the hotel directly.

Please talk about cdpAccess and you must revalidate. That is the only security that we have that the final vote is secured for you guys. Please do it. If you are having a problem, let me know so that I can assist you.

The Code of Honor Scholarship is open now. The NYS Chief's Conference is in 2 weeks at Turning Stone. ICC is sponsoring the code training.

Morganson: Dan Nichols was also in Memphis. Ron Piester was an influence over all. New York had a great representation there. Keep it up.

Piester: I still have a slight role there. The Past Presiding Officers have created a new scholarship program this year. They created the 1st Annual Ron Burton Golf Outing. I have been asked to make sure you and your chapters know that you can sponsor a hole and I have the forms here.

Gilhooly: What is the scholarship for?

Piester: I believe it is going towards the Code of Honor Scholarship Fund.

Eberhardt: Should we sponsor a hole?

Theriault: I will make a motion to sponsor a hole, 2nd by Casella, Agreed and Carried.

Scarson: What is the cost?

Cordell: \$250.00

Jaques: ICC Elections – I will have BJ post as soon as I get the list. Right now we only have 2 letters of interest.

Legislative/Technical Committee: Bob Cordell & Dottie Harris

Had lobby day a couple of weeks ago. We were not asking for money this time and just wanted to say thank you for getting the bills passed and introduced. We combined with the fire service and had a good time. They had a whole bunch of people there and it was a very productive day. We did not have a big agenda but just wanted to get our name out there.

Dottie: We got our resolution passed for Building Safety Month through Senator Little.

Casella: Does the committee usually send thank you letters?

Dottie: Yes we do.

Membership & Recruitment Committee: BJ Gettel

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

Piester: A number of things have already been covered. The comptroller report, I just want to make sure that you understand that was not issued by our office or the Dept of State. We are in the process of looking at this to see what the findings of those 10 communities were and if there is a role that the DOS can play following the audit. We have not come to a conclusion yet. If you have any questions about that, please feel free to contact our office.

Just a few pieces on the Code Update that has been going far too long. We had a meeting in May and we are moving forward. We had a series of technical topics that the Code Council discussed that we needed to get direction on and with the exception of 2 issues we got the direction we needed.

Residential Sprinkles and Gas Stations meeting will take place this summer and get some clarity on those topics. We have been working on this all along in getting support from vendors like NYSERDA and TY-Lin. We are moving towards the 2015 I-ECC Code. The uniform code update: my crystal ball is to have everything done by January 2016. I don't think we are going to make that. It will be first quarter of 2016. As soon as we have information on the next Code Council meeting we will be sure to let everyone know.

Update on staffing issue: we hired 4 new people. We have a new staff member in the Peekskill office. Have 3 in Albany. One is code development unit, one in service unit, and one in the technical service unit. We continue to be plagued by retirements as well. There are more to retire. We are constantly advocating for more staff. Our assistant director for regional services Brian Tollisen is out on medical leave.

Nail Salons: There is a lot on interest in them lately. There was an article in the NY Times a few weeks as well as the press again including the ventilation for the salons. We are making changes to the ventilation requirements. None of those changes are being incorporated in the Uniform Code. That is making it a little bit tough. In other words, that is nothing that you would be enforcing as code officials. We are advocating that they must meet the current requirements of the Code which have significant ventilation requirements. Any questions can be directed to John Addario.

Dottie: Wish we could get the Governor to care about the code adoption update as much as he does the salons. We know where his importance lies.

Piester: We are trying to figure that out now and will keep you posted.

We have been working on the truss regulation, carbon monoxide regulation, and sparkling device regulation. Bulletin issued a few days ago. I believe the sparkling device permanent rule went into effect on June 3rd. The truss regulation is going to permanent on June 10th. The carbon monoxide regulation final rule was just submitted to the Governor's office yesterday and we will let you know when it is official. Just a reminder that on June 27th the law becomes effect. This is going to be a real challenge.

Frank Blasi: On the truss, has the law been examined closely?

Piester: The regulation that was created and adopted by the Code Council took into account all the detailed requirements. We tried to provide as much flexibility in regulation as we could. This is what happens when the legislature wants to get back into the code business. We have had an unprecedented number of statutory mandates that have been handed down to us by the legislature.

Blasi: We are looking for compliance.

Dottie: Unfortunately it was legislatures from Nassau County that had tremendous pressure from there delegates. We sent letters of opposition, the chief's sent and it still passed.

Drexler: With regards to retirement in the Buffalo area, that will leave a huge hole in that area. If there is anything that you can do it would be greatly appreciated.

Piester: We canvassed Rochester at the time when we new we had 4 positions and we did not have a qualified candidate for that area. We are going to try again and get you some relief but it remains a challenge. I apologize for this but it unfortunate it is not working out.

With respect to cdpAccess: We are continuing to work on getting continuing education for the cdpAccess. We are working on this. John and Laurie Rich (ICC) are working on this. It will require your training ID number and a computer. We hope it will be ready for Long Beach. That is one of the things that we did hear from ICC. We are going to be the test case and recognize the value. Hopefully this will start a trend and it is a value for the code development process.

In reference the recent voting, I too long into and used NYSBOC's list. It was very helpful to me and I want to congratulate NYSBOC for doing this. You have been talking about this for many years and here you are.

Webinar: I officially apologize that what we thought was going to be a good day was a disaster. This is what we get for trusting our own State system. John is trying to figure what went wrong and why, and what our capacity is. It is very clear we are going to have limitations. When we re-announce it will have to have limited access. We will learn from this experience. Please be patient.

Gilhooly: What category of training would cdpAccess fall under?

Piester: The uniform code or the energy code.

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

Tom: As of today I have received one application and the website is not updated for the 2015?

Doug: Would the chapters feel a need a letter to go out? There is a lot people out there that need money I am sure.

Casella: Do a blast email.

BJ: Will do a blast email.

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.

Scarson: Don & myself have been discussing anything that had been brought up at this meeting. We have accounts that the monies would come out of. There is nothing that would require a vote at this meeting.

Bowers: All the bills have been looked at and are in order.

Website Management: Jim Bailey & BJ Gettel

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

Bailey: Thanks for the input that there is possibly a need to update the scholarship page. We will take care of the scholarship.

Gilhooly: I personally want to thank BJ & Jim for the work that they do.

Old Business:

Long Beach, ICC

Eberhardt: We are not involved in the Meet & Greet?

Gilhooly: Ed had discussed this with me yesterday and we would dedicate some finance for the meet and greet as well as a contribution to the Long Beach Chapter. We will have pins made and given to the

participants out there and the attendees. The Hotel is the Westin because of the proximity of the hotel. The rate is reasonable.

Bailey: The rate is \$144 per night going thru the ICC Website. We had an email blast that went out and will resend it out.

Gilhooly: Please let BJ know if you are going. The President wants to coordinates our efforts. Time to make your reservations is now. Look for the update.

New Business:

Casella: The draft was written.

Bailey read:

Proposed Amendment 2015 #3, as highlighted in RED; 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.

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, Rennselaer, 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 **for non-election years:**

1. In accordance with Article VI-Meetings, Section1, (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) During Election years it is to be held specifically within a geographical centralized region within the Counties of (Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster), State of New York.

(d) 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.

Motion by Bob Bonnie and 2nd by Eric Famigetti.

Eberhardt: Say a centralized region without being specific. Why be specific to Catskill.

Casella: I don't want to change my motion and I suggest we go for a vote.

Bonnie: It is the most centralized area to hold a conference.

Ricotta: Then there is Albany.

Theriault: Albany is central.

Eberhardt: How long does it take to get here.

Bonnie: 3 ½ hours

Eberhardt: 4 ½ hours for Buffalo

Cordell: It would not destroy our conference. It is just that Capital cannot put on 2 conferences in that short period of time.

Casella: The host chapter and the committee have to work together to make a conference work.

Ricotta: We have a hard time getting a host chapter to participate once every 3 years.

Bonnie: There would never be a host for an election year.

Casella: I am proposing to change the geographical region.

Gilhooly: There are 2 things being discussed. One being that the election year is conducted in specific counties. Am I correct? And the other is making it non-specific counties. That is what Mr. Ricotta is suggesting.

Cordell: Let me add Albany County to the list.

Bonnie: I will amend my motion and add Albany County.

Casella: We are trying to make this fair and it is becoming so not fair.

Ricotta: How is it fair when you have a 6 ½ hour ride for a large segment of the members of the organization.

Casella: It is not going to be perfect.

Gilhooly: There is a motion on the floor to modify the resolution to add Albany County, and remove Catskill.

Bailey: It would be Albany, Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster counties.

Ricotta: There is one way in and out of Delaware County. I am looking at the practicality. What is in Delaware County? There is nowhere else.

Scarson: Oneonta and Delhi.

Gilhooly: We have motion to accept. All in favor with a show of hands.
Show of hands. In favor: 20 Opposed: 10 Motion Passes

Flanigan: Point of order here. You have to vote on the change and then the motion.

Gilhooly: Let's play this back.

1st vote: To amend the bylaw change - to add Albany county and remove Catskill region.
Show of hands: In favor: 20, opposed: 10 Motion passes

2nd vote: To advance the bylaw change to the ABM.
In favor: 22, opposed: 8 Motion passes.

The committee is to follow the procedures for sending out the proposed bylaw change.

Honorary Membership submission for the ABM:
Suffolk County for Honorary Membership Joseph Donnelly, Richard Lyman, Edward Frabizio, Fred Lang, and Richard Palazzoto by Joseph Donnelly.

The December meeting is scheduled for the Hampton Inn & Suites in Victor, NY. The room rate is \$83.00 per person. Applebee's is next door for your dining pleasure. We will send out announcements when the time comes.

Motion to adjourn by Pat Morris and 2nd by John Orr at 11:30 AM. Agreed and Carried.

Next Meeting Date & Location:

September 9 – 11, 2015: Vernon Downs

December 4, 2015: Hampton Inn and Suites, Victor (near Rochester), NY