

NYSBOC BOARD OF DELEGATES

DATE: March 4, 2016

LOCATION: Corning, NY

- * 1st Vice President James Gilhooly 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:

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

NYS DOS	Piester, Ron		Bradshaw, Eric	
Log Editor	Eberhardt, Jim	1		
Past Pres	Casella, Dan		Copp, Wm. Scott	1 Flanigan, John 1
Past Pres	Gregory, William		Kiebel, Ron	McCabe, Dennis
Past Pres	McDaniels, Steve	1	Jacobski, Wm	Cichon, Wayne
ICC	Drexler, Rob		Harris, Dottie	1 Piester, Ron
	Morganson, James			

Mr. Gilhooly we have a quorum.

Special Guests: Chris Jenson, Region VII

Secretary’s Report: BJ Gettel

Motion to approve December 2015 Minutes by Jim Gillhooly & Jim Eberhardt; Agreed and carried.

Presidents Report: Ed Cusato

No report

Treasurers Report: Douglas Scarson

We are 67% at this time for membership. There are 3 chapters that have not paid as of today. I have reached out to all 3 of them. Chapters need to get the rest of your monies in by April 1st. Just to mention that there are 5 different types of memberships. You really need to indicate this when sending in your membership dues.

M & T Bank came up with a deal that our 2.75% interest on our Savings Account and invested \$100,000 with an insurance company account for the first year. I can give the name of the M & T Bank representative to any chapter that wishes to do the same thing. In year 2 -7 it would be 2.25% if you leave the equity. If at any time an emergency should occur and we had to withdraw monies, we would face a \$6,000 penalty. M & T guarantees it.

Committee Reports:

Annual Business Meeting Conference: 2nd Vice President & Secretary

Dates are set: September 21-23 at the Best Western Plus, 503 Washington Ave, Kingston, NY Reservations can be made. Use the code NYSBOC. 7 hours of continuing education will be offered; 4 hours on Wednesday afternoon and 3 hours on Thursday morning. The fee for the conference was discussed. In 2014 it was \$85.00 without meals and in 2015 is was \$185.00 with meals. BJ asked what the group’s pleasure is. The consensus was to leave it up to the committee to decide. BJ explained that the reason for no classes on Friday is that we schedule them and less than 10 people show up. Instead, you could hold your committee meetings on that morning if you want.

No one from Region 1 submitted a proposal to hold the 2017 Conference. BJ reminded everyone from Region 1 again that any proposals have until June meeting to submit. Region 1 consists of the following chapters: Monroe County Fire Marshals, Niagara Frontier, Ontario, Western Southern Tier, and Yates.

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.

No report. Code Council meeting is next week on March 9, 2016 in Albany. Sprinklers on the agenda.

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 is start working on the next edition. Need things by the end of the month. Need photo's from any of the conferences that were held recently.

Bylaws: Jim Bailey, Don Bowers & BJ Gettel

Maintain and update the policy and procedures for the organization.

No report. We have not received any bylaw proposals at this time. Per the last meeting Jim B. gave a lot of thought to recognizing parliamentary procedure, if we address that then it would be best for us to have a parliamentarian. There are numerous times when someone will mention Robert Rule's in our meeting. They have their own opinion or interpretation on how the action should be handled and then someone counter their interpretation. Let's keep it simple and keep the bylaws as is.

Steve McDaniel: Without any order it turns into a free for all. What is governing this process? You need to refer to Robert's Rule of Order. There should be something that keeps it in order. At least with Robert's Rules you would have some organization to some degree.

Jim Bailey: How has this organization run so well without anything referenced in the bylaws about Robert's Rules of Order?

Steve: I only mention it.

John Orr: I think you are under something with the corporation. The people proceeding over the meetings

Steve: 1930's Articles of Association. This addresses Robert's Rules. Mark would have the documentation.

Jim G:

Steve: The ICC varies from Robert's Rules and spells it out in there bylaws.

Jim G.: That is a project.

Jim B: It should not be up to 3 individuals. We would like someone from every chapter to be on the bylaw committee.

Steve McDaniel: I will volunteer.

Codes Coalition: Gene Jaques & John Williams, Steve McDaniel

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

There is a conference call next Friday. The 2015 Codes are done as far as the Coalition is concerned. There will not be very many changes. The supplement is a nightmare. The failure rate is very high on the test that is being given and it is embarrassing. The test is one of the poorest things given. I have expressed my opinion to the State as a presenter and an adjunct instructor for the state, it is embarrassing. We are going to discuss this further. There is an ICC position open that the Coalition should make sure it remains in NY State and that will also be discussed.

There are changes with DOS on the code side that we need to be aware of and cognizant of and it will affect all of us. We will be pushing on the coalition side is for much, much more education for all of you. The State is doing a poor job of it. We have a June meeting coming up and an election for the Chairman and Vice Chairman. We will be pushing the State on the 2018 process. Mr. McDaniel and the committee have done an excellent job on this. It is an embarrassment for all of sitting in this room today to wait 3 more years for something to happen especially with cdpAccess. The State needs to start moving this forward. We have an agenda and it is very aggressive. Some people are not going to like it.

We know that Mr. Piester and Ms. Julie Nemeth-Weisser are retiring but we do not know who will be in charge. The ICC position is very critical to us and it should remain with NY State. I am a firm believer in this. Rob is not going to run again. Look for more to come.

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.

Steve: We have been extremely busy especially with the problem that the ICC had with the vote in California. March 8th is the start of the Group B code changes will be posted. I have been asked to assist the ICC Region VI with their code development efforts and also Region VII; that is a big voting bloc. Not a lot of votes from New York. The voting bloc would be from Maine to Virginia. It is your responsibility to get people to vote. That is a huge numbers. The ICC just released the on line consensus vote. I am going through it right now. We have been well received. The Region VII people have their Code Development in order. We are trying to combine all the efforts together.

Tom Kinnazo: Have you been asked to speak in front of the chapters.

Steve: I did speak to Finger Lakes. Our next actual face to face meeting is in conjunction with the Finger Lakes Conference. Scott offered the conference call for those that need it.

Jim B: Commend you and the committee for the work that you did.

Steve: We appreciate that. It is just not New York. I am getting calls from Kansas saying how the list helped them and it was great. I have been working with the NE Group and been pretty involved with that. Region VI will be driven by us. Region VII is better at bringing things to the table. Chris Jenson, who is in the room, has a code change that he submitted and we will be supporting. That is just one. We don't get a lot of input from our members.

Jim G: As the DOS is dissolved, by our government, we must take a leadership role in this process. We are the ones that should be writing the codes. I thank Steve for his dedication to this process. We have to pay attention to these code changes.

Dottie: We did have a problem with Long Beach vote. Now you can start and revalidate for your membership. Please do this. You will get emails from companies to vote on a particular item. Yes you are making a name for yourself.

Steve: The Home Builders have their list. We need to get them our list first and get people involved.

John Orr: I had the opportunity to go to Long Beach and that was my first time going through that process. We do need to get more involved. We can't let the politics or money dictate the results. Steve, what do you need from this committee to help you and your team?

Steve: Half of this room is on the committee. It is working like an well oiled machine. We can only get the information out to the members. We need more people to the hearings. Louisville, KY is only a week away and we have no one going to testify. We need to get people at each of the hearings. NYSBOC should offer to pay the day before or after.

Scott Copp: You mentioned Chris Jenson has a proposal and we should have people there to support it. We have been stopped at every point by the Governor. We need to put proposals out as well. We are good as being reactive. We need to start thinking about being proactive. We need to be in the forefront. We have a process in New York that hasn't worked well in years. We have been stopped at every point by the Governor. We need to stop thinking differently.

Steve: We need someone there to stand up on NYSBOC's behalf.

Doug: If you can get an idea on who wants to go and time frame, I can call a special meeting of Ways and Means Committee.

John Orr: I make a motion that NYSBOC assist Steve in his travels efforts for a week to go the hearings and that the ways and means committee looks at additional people.

Scott: and if we could add that we also support Chris Jenson as well.

Kevin Ezell: 2nd that. Agreed and carried.

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 G: You heard earlier that there will be 7 hours of training at the ABM. In particular, The code update classes are a huge problem. If there is anything that we could do to shake up the codes office to get this resolved it would be an vantage to us and our chapter members.

Scott: We are trying to leap 3 - 4 code cycles forward. Our membership is trying to learn what our country has been using for years. The pressure is the much higher than the Codes Division. Look at the services that we lost by actions of the Governor. They are forcing the Code Division out of business. It is time as an organization we make noise and loud noise. Ron is being dealt a bad hand. It has never been this bad.

John Flanigan: Orders come from the 2nd floor.

Scott: They tell people not to show up. They won't tell you publically. Right now I am trying to get a variance from September. The Boards don't have members. It is killing business in the State of New York. They won't reappointment members or change members because of politics. The folks that work there are just as frustrated.

Jim G: There is a way to play their game. Our bylaws permit the hiring of a lobbyist to advocate for our proposals.

Dorothy: The 2nd floor doesn't care and doesn't meet with anyone. The positive is that we are moving forward with the 2015 Codes. Made arrangements for 4500 books and there is 4200 of you. You need to be strong. It is totally up to you. There should be letters drafted and sent. You are life safety and should use one another.

John Flanigan: Too many politicians on that committee.

Further discussion was held.

Emergency Management/CEDAR Team: Dan Casella – Chairman, Eric Bradshaw – liasion from NYSBSC Division

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.

No report

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.

NY Association of Towns was too expensive to attend since they moved it. Eastern States Annual Conference is April 10 – 14 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. I don't see our people going there seeing how much education that we offer. I will be attending and I am going to Kansas City, MI.

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

Dottie: Time to revalidate your members is now open. Only the primary voter can do this.

Building Safety Month: The proclamation is out, please sign and return. I sent it to Senator Little for the resolution in the Senate and to Assemblyman Eric Martin-Dulane for the House. Looking for compliance from everyone. Very doubtful the Governor will sign it.

Terry Rech: Any possibility of getting them 3 hole drilled?

Dottie: No, it is not on the table. In regards to training, you are the only state that does this amount of training. Code Books to be delivered by the end of April hopefully. We don't deliver to PO Box's so there is a little glitch. The annual ICC dues are also included. This is another gift. Hopefully you continue this.

Journal Committee: Jim Gilhooly and one representative from each region

Jim: referenced the latest BIANCO Dinner. We sold enough journal ads funded the whole evening for 300 people. It was a lot of hard work. Tremendous asset and we are trying to develop the advertisement form, I will get it out.

Legislative/Technical Committee: Bob Cordell & Dottie Harris

Lobby Day is May 4th. The books are based on your Annual Report. Dept of State will provide ICC with names and it is based on the certifications. Timing is if the Budget passes on time. Everyone will receive one electronic version for each jurisdiction. If everything goes smoothly looking for an effective date of June 28, 2016. Legislative Guides are here. Please take one.

Steve: The bill for the felony is where?

Dottie: That has not moved and I will check on it.

Nomination Committee: Scott Copp, Chuck LaBarbera, Brent Cross, and Mike Malitino

Scott Copp: Letters will be going to the chapters. It will be spelled out in the letter. Nominating will review according to the criteria in the bylaws. Dead Line for your submission is the June 3rd meeting.

NYS Office of Planning & Development, Building Standards and Codes: Ron Piester

No one present from DOS

2016 Code Update Class comments:

Tom Kanizzo: Is the log editor able to research the data on the failure rate and let us know? I think the log is a valuable publication. Is it also distributed to other state offices that take note of what is going on?

Jim G.: This group should go to their chapters and disseminate the failure rate of this exam...

Rick Theriault: Where is the news about the failure rate coming from? I have not heard of anything and Capital just got done taking this course.

BJ: The State has approximately 900 tests to grade from the 3 conferences; Niagara, Finger Lakes, and Northern Adirondack. The letters have not gone out yet and I was informed that it might be 2 -4 weeks until they catch up. They just developed the procedures for re-testing and people with disabilities.

Rick: The only problem that I saw when taking the test, there was no index of the chapters. It did not simulate the code book and play with the words. Make the test straight forward.

BJ: The biggest problem that I saw in Northern Adirondack was additional screens. In other words, you have been trained that the screens matched the booklet. Here you had more screens than what the book demonstrated yet the test is based on the book. There was so much information in a short period of time.

John Flanigan: We have to wait for the supplement to come out.

Jim G: No doubt this is going to be a very cumbersome process. You will now have to look into 2 Code books to get your answers.

John Flanigan: There will be a lot of questions. I would make the point that there was people we had never seen before.

Tom K: Are they at a disadvantage now? Is our Log presented to our other organizations?

BJ: If they have signed up for the email subscription through the website.

Scott: The Log has not had an adhoc section in awhile, maybe we should start again. It is a decision of the body how we use the log.

Rick: My point is that we should be able to give feedback about the exam and how horrible it is with the twisting of the words and presenting information that is not in the test. Why not more straight forward so that individuals can pass the test? Why play games? They also wanted to have a little more time.

Jim E: Teach the people how to take the test. That is another issue that was at our conference. They don't know what to expect.

John: There were 4 versions of the test as well.

Steve: Last week I was at the Train the Trainer Class and I have to confer with what everyone is saying. The information, quality of the instructor was lacking. So to say that we should teach to the exam, we don't get that until we register for the course. There is no way I could teach that. I don't know how we can send anything back. It was all over the place.

Tom K: Was there not a survey sheet for this class?

Steve: No.

Tom K: Someone needs to hear about this and know.

Steve: If you miss 5, you fail. If you had 100 questions, you have a better chance of passing. You will need 45 minutes.

Scholarship Committee: Tom Corrao, Doug Scarson, & Wayne Cichon

Doug: We are going to keep the requirements the same. July 7th is the deadline for the submittals.

Urban Blight Committee: Brent Cross

To work with the University of Albany on the grant.

Kevin Ezell reported that there was a meeting and went through their presentation like they did in Sept 2015. There will be questionnaire coming out and please look for it and send it back. Megan Cook is the contact from the University.

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.

Scott Copp: We talked about supporting members to go to Hearings. That will be happening before our next meeting.

Doug: Bring it to the committee and I am sure that will not be a problem.

Don Bowers: I do believe there is enough money in the budget line items.

Website Management: Jim Bailey & BJ Gettel

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

No report

Old Business:

Steve: Results of Code Development: we were at 75% successful on our positions or 80% with pool or spas.

John Orr: We spent a lot of time beating up the State today. I would hope the Executive Board would write a letter to the State on;

- 1) Staffing and response to us
- 2) Code Class Update concerns
- 3) Representation

I think this body needs to go beyond Ron because that is preaching to the choir. We need to go above him that we are not happy.

Jim G: I will work on that and send it to the Governor.

John Flanigan: Do not send it to the Governor. The repercussion would be horrendous. Pick up the phone and talk to Ron. If you need to go hire, then do it. If you put it in writing, that is not good. That is my opinion.

John Orr: The verbal is not working anymore. We talked about a lobbyist and I am not in favor of. They are expensive. Yet are voices are not being heard. It is time to do something different.

Scott Copp: I agree with John Flanigan. It is a knife's edge. No one here has a problem with the Codes Division but they do have their hands tied. They can't even talk about it.

George: This is a non-election year for the State and no one cares.

Scott: We have to emphasize that we are not mad at Ron or his staff. It is way up the food chain. It is hurting everyone's job.

Jim Eberhardt: Difficulty for Northern Adirondack folks not being able to attend which what might be the same reason the State folks are not able to come. This might have been better if we had waited one week. It would have been after the Council meeting and we could have had more answers.

Kevin Ezell: Who is the parent organization? Is it NYSBOC, Finger Lakes, if we want the parent organization to have the kind of respect and position then it should have with each of the chapters.

John Orr: It comes with cooperation.

New Business:

Doug Scarson made a motion that the DOS Codes Division send a representative to attend our quarterly meetings seeing how everyone is retiring and that no representative showed up today. There are a few of us have questions and that there is no one here to talk too.

BJ: Ed asked that I mention that everyone should have received the Region VI By-Law changes. He would like your comments back to him by April 1st please. Steve has submitted his changes.

List of Honorary Members for Central Chapter:

1. Amy Bertini
2. Rolf Beckhusen
3. Cindy Beckhusen
4. James Conlon
5. Edward Cusato
6. Bernard English
7. George Keeler
8. James King
9. Neal Smith
10. Andrew Worden

If there are any other chapters that wish to submit members for the Honorary Membership, please submit your list to me for the June Meeting.

June 3rd Meeting: Mid Hudson declined to hold it because the ABM would be held in there region.

Doug: the President has informed me that Central Chapter would host the June Meeting in Syracuse area.

Jim G: Is it indoors or outdoors?

Doug: Indoors.

Tom K: I would prefer Slingerlands.

John F: It is open.

Doug: The reason that we would like it inside is that the weather has been bad the past couple of years. So that is why the President is suggesting the Syracuse area. We would be able to be inside and a reasonable fee.

Motion to move to Syracuse by Don Bowers, 2nd by Kevin Ezell: Hands in Favor: 16, Hands Opposed: 4. Approved.

Break for Lunch

NYSBOC PARTNERSHIP

BACKGROUND

The New York State Building Officials Conference [NYSBOC], a membership organization of some 2,000 members dating back to 1928, is dedicated to the enhancement of the profession of Building Code Enforcement, including Energy Code Compliance. In 2008, NYSBOC sought to increase awareness and advance their interests in energy conservation and sustainability by forming a Green Building Code Committee. Members of this organization constitute the primary beneficiary of NYSERDA's Energy Code Support Services for Municipalities program being implemented by T.Y. Lin International [TYLI].

GOAL

TYLI has initiated the development of a partnership with NYSBOC in order to advance the participation of their membership in NYSERDA's Energy Code Support Services for Municipalities, utilizing funding available under Task 3b, Ad-Hoc Services. TYLI would like to engage NYSERDA in this process, to maximize promotional opportunities and to heighten credibility of the partnership.

OBJECTIVE

The primary objective is to develop a continuous promotional presence between TYLI and NYSBOC, whereby NYSBOC creates a Facebook page which will publicly support enhanced Energy Code Compliance, and membership participation in the services outlined in our NYSERDA agreement in a prominent manner.

BENEFITS

- Increasing awareness of the benefits of participation throughout the code enforcement community
- Increasing awareness of the benefits of participation beyond the code enforcement community, with support from elected officials
- Potential cross promotion by press release distribution from mainstream media
- Potential cross promotion with Cleaner Greener Communities, Climate Smart Communities and Model Communities programs as a mechanism for achieving stated goals

COST

Costs anticipated for this effort include:

- Labor put forth by TYLI and partners in creating and sustaining continuous promotional input.
- Hiring of a blogger to take data developed by the TYLI team and from other sources in the form of press releases, announcements, program milestones and topical energy conservation information and upload it into the NYSBOC Facebook page on a daily basis.

An estimate of hard costs will be prepared once conceptual approval is granted by NYSERDA and NYSBOC.

Item 4. Partnering with NYSBOC

I (JRB) had a meeting yesterday with Ed Cusato, the President of NYSBOC, and pitched an idea to him. In concept, that indicated that they would pass a resolution to do the following:

- A. Enter into an agreement with TYLI to “team” with us to advance the Energy Code Support program.
- B. Issue a series of Press Releases such as:
 - *NYSBOC Goes Green*
 - *NYS Building Officials Leading the Charge in Energy Code Compliance*
 - *NYS Building Officials Increase Community-Wide Sustainability*
 - *NYS Building Officials doing their part to reduce GHG Emissions*
 - *NYS Building Officials saving fossil fuel one gallon at a time*
- C. Hire a blogger to maintain momentum with continued promotion and news snippets concerning energy conservation
- D. Post status updates on the program to announce participating communities and unique projects
- E. Post testimonials from participating code officials to “humanize” to process
- F. Highlight different communities who exemplify energy efficient building practices

These are the initial ideas that I presented. Mr. Cusato is going to meeting with the NYSBOC Executive Committee in January of 2016 to secure approval to proceed with the partnership, with the understanding that the promotional roll-out would begin on or around March 1st, 2016. We of course would want to promote NYSERDA alongside TYLI, but it may be cleaner if we do that as a side bar, so as not to slow down the process. Very interested in your feedback on this.

Discussion followed.

Jim G: Nothing is going to be decided today.

Bob Bonnie: I want to re-open the motion about the June 3rd meeting. Traditionally we have gone to Albany for years. I a lot of people in this room were under the impression that it was not available and that is not the fact. We should go back to Albany. The last 3 meetings have been in this area. Motion to reopen, 2nd by Rick T.: Agreed and Carried.

Bob Bonnie: What was the reason for going to Syracuse

John Williams: Ed offered it.

Doug: 30% -40% difference for food and lodging is higher in the Albany area. That is why we chose Syracuse.

Bob: that is not centrally located. The problem is that NYSBOC saves a couple of dollars.

Jim B: We have a motion to opening the discussion: 16 in favor, 4 opposed. Motion is carried.

Bob Bonnie: Is there a place in Albany to hold an indoor venue?

John Flangian: Yes, but it is expensive.

Kevin Ezell: So the problem is the cost.

Doug: Rental of premises and food, hotel in Albany

Kevin Ezell: The cost for Slingerlands is?

Doug: Reasonable for Slingerlands. It is the cost for the hotel the night before. The prices over the next few years are going to be expensive.

Don Bowers: No disrespect to John Flanigan, I want an indoor venue. If someone wants to come up with a venue to go to Albany, then I am in favor of it.

Kevin Ezell: Motion for Capital to come up with a place that is indoors by the end of March. No 2nd

Rick: Move it to Slingerland, 2nd by Bob Bonnie: 12 in favor, 11 against

Bob : Hold the June 3rd in the Albany area, form a committee to locate, preferably indoor facility. 2nd Kevin Ezell. Favor -17, Against-4

John Williams will be on the committee with Doug.

Meeting adjourned by 1:20 PM

Next Meeting Date & Location:

June 3, 2016: Albany, NY

September 21-23, 2016: Best Western Plus, Kingston

October 16 -18, 2016: Kansas City, Missouri

December 2, 2016: Rochester, NY