

# NYSBOC BOARD OF DELEGATES

**DATE: December 2, 2016**

**LOCATION: Victor, NY**

- \* President BJ Gettel called the meeting to order at 9:40
- \* Pledge of Allegiance
- \* Moment of silence for deceased members
- \* A roll was called and see roster for those present

**Secretary's Report:** Drew Lawrence

Motion to approve minutes by D Bowers & 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Benedict – motion carried

**Presidents Report:** BJ Gettel

Rules of decorum were addressed and outlined

Attended the ICC Conference in Kansas City. Unfortunately, Steve McDaniel was not voted into the ICC Board of Directors. There was less than 20 people from NYSBOC that attended the Kansas City Convention. The big push this past year was mentoring people and the 2.0 initiative that I will ask Jim Morganson or Dottie Harris to discuss further under the ICC Committee Report.

Next year it will be in Columbus, Ohio and the dates have changed. It will be September 10 – 12, 2017. This is in direct conflict with our conference. I will discuss this further under ABM Committee Report. This year Jim Morganson will be running for reappointment of a 3-year term. He needs our support. What will it take to get you there? We need to get people there. There are flyers and material to hand out. People to talk to. Etc. Your support and help is needed'. I am working on securing a block of rooms. Details to follow.

I am also recommending that we establish a mentorship program to send a first timer to the ICC Conference and will bring this up under the scholarship committee for further discussion. I sent this out to the Scholarship Committee ahead of time for review. I am sure they will report on this later.

I know at the last meeting the delegates wanted a letter sent to the Dept of State. After talking with the DOS, it was recommended not to do that. I don't give up easily. I have received letters from Southern Tier and Finger Lakes Chapters in regards to Dept of State staffing, variances, and support to code officials. A meeting was held in Albany. Through the assistance of John Addario, myself, John Williams and John Addario met with the Deputy Secretary of State, Mr. Mark Pattison on November 14<sup>th</sup>. This was an opportunity to introduce ourselves, explain the importance of NYSBOC and our affiliations with the different organizations such as Codes Coalition, Code Council, and the ICC. We discussed the future of the DOS as well as education, code updates, mentoring, CEDAR, municipalities and the elimination of code officials, variances, and most important, how we can assist one another. The meeting was a great first step and we are looking forward to future meetings. We extended the olive branch and invited Mr. Pattison to a near future delegates meeting that he has accepted. John Addario will have further to report in his committee report.

If you haven't noticed I have changed some of the committees as well as the people serving on these committees. Please work together as the future of NYSBOC is in your hands. We are a good team but the members deserve more.

I recently had the great pleasure of attending the Capital District Conference. They had over 350 people in attendance. Great job Capital. A golden opportunity came about. On behalf of NYSBOC, Shawn Waldron was presented with a plaque from this organization for her undying dedication to this organization and its members.

Motion by J Rayburn & 2<sup>nd</sup> by R Tracy to accept President's report – motion carried

**Treasurers Report:** Douglas Scarson

- \*Treasurers presented his report to the body.
- \*Last nights event was co-sponsored by Monroe, FLOBOA & Ontario
- \*Shirts (\$60) & Blankets (\$15) for sale
- \*2017 proposed budget distributed

Motion by S Cobb & 2<sup>nd</sup> by E Cusato to accept Treasurers report – motion carried

## **Committee Reports:**

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

J Williams

Host Chapter Liaison

Dates: September 13-15 at the Chautauqua Suites Hotel and Expo Center, 215 West Lake Road, Mayville, NY. Reservations can be made. Use the code NYSBOC.

Due to the ICC Conference being changed to September 10-12. Therefore, it was recommended we move to September 27- 29, Syracuse area. Central Chapter has gratefully accepted the challenge and all I have been hearing for numerous years is **CENTRALLY LOCATED**. Here is your chance.

Maplewood Inn 26<sup>th</sup> dinner on our own. 7 hours of training,

Discussion was had over So Western Tier & potential for 2018 hosting

**Ambassadors, Events, Association & Conferences:** John Flanigan and James Morganson  
*Pres. Note: 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. 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.*

J Flanigan

Eastern States Conference is in Rhode Island in April.

**Building Log:** Tom Maher, Jim Eberhardt, Chris Jensen

*Pres. Note: 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.*

C Jensen

Information to be sent out to chapters

**Bylaws:** Al Benedict, Don Bowers, Bob Bonnie & Ed Randig

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

**Certification Committee:** Don Mekulik & Chuck LaBarbera

Not present

**Codes Coalition:** Gene Jaques & BJ Gettel

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

The push is on for the modification to Articles 11 & 18 and the NY Finance Law. This will enable the 2018 Code Books and the funding to secure them. We also discussed the unsuccessful attempt to elect Steve McDaniel to fill the vacancy in the At-Large Board position previously held by Rob Drexler. They are working on a strategy for moving forward and are waiting for Jim Morganson to make an announcement if he is going to run for re-election.

As far as the Code Council the fire service slot is going to be held by Jerry Deluca that Joe Sauerwein retired from. The next meeting in not until December 9<sup>th</sup>. Will keep everyone posted.

The Code Coalition is encouraging each organization to send a letter to US Representative Virginia Foxx, Chairwoman of the subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, to support HR4405 – Kerry Rose Fire Sprinkler Notification Act. The bill would amend Title IV (Student Assistance) to modify fire safety reporting requirements for an institution of higher education (IHE) that participates in federal student aid programs. It would require that an IHE maintain on-campus student housing facilities to notify students whether a housing facility is equipped with a fire safety system, including an automatic fire sprinkler system in each bedroom. Only minor administrative costs in reporting changes are required. How does this delegation about us sending a letter of support?

**Code Development:** Steve McDaniel, Michael Malitino & Kevin Ezell

*Pres. Note: 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.*

K Ezell

Successful program that Steve put together. Nice to vote on the code change proposals.

**Education Committee:** Mark Schwarz, Terry Rech, Sal Pennelle, & Mark Lafaver

*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.*

M Schwarz

Recertification of classes are required due to the adoption of the 2015 codes.

It was suggested the membership can speak stronger as one versus individual chapter.

Association of Towns presentation to be given in February

**Emergency Management/CEDAR Team:** Dan Casella and Eric Bradshaw – liaison 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.*

E Bradshaw

Over 200 people that submitted applications. Training is needed especially in ICS100 & ICS 700.

Issues: Difficulty getting staff into EOC. Met with Deputy Sect of State to address this problem.

Trained Office of Family Services over the summer. It has been incorporated into the basic classes and the IAI. Every time we have a debriefing the complaint is standardizing the equipment.

Communications have been a program. Bought 2 radios that are programmable.

There will be a 1 hour CEDAR Update available for 2017. It is a general discussion. I will meet with team members to discuss further and update them. Testing IAMRESPONDING after the first of the year.

**ICC:** Dottie Harris & James Morganson

D Harris

Safety 2.0 Initiative was launched at this conference and the mentorship program. Trying to get younger leaders involved. Call for committee will be coming out.

cdpAccess – best use ever. Almost couldn't handle it. It will keep getting better. The votes will be public on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Legislative/Technical Committee:** Scott Copp, Rick Theriault, Bob Cordell & Dottie Harris

D Harris

Mandatory Code Update within 12 months, did the same for the energy code and amend the 54G money.

Lobby Day is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Governor has vetoed Assembly Bill Number 9614-A; An act to amend the executive law, in relation to standards for inspections of parking structures. Because we did not go through Code Council he vetoed.

**Membership Committee:** Brent Cross & Drew Lawrence

No report

**NYS Office of Planning & Development, Building Standards, and Codes:** John Addario & Brian Tollisen

Nick Andrews

2015 Supplement has some inconsistencies flagged for correction

Code Development. New Draft Supplement to be presented to Code Council on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Potential adoption mid 2017

Cross (Ezell)

Technical Bulletin of 9/28/16 regarding “Due Process” should be referred to the local attorneys for amendment of local laws

**Region 6:** Ed Cusato

Ed Cusato was sworn in as Treasurer. Steve McDaniel has been doing a standup job to show them how Code Development works. There is a conference call next week. Will be asking for money to startup seed funding up to \$1000. Realistically more like \$500

**Scholarship Committee:** Tom Corrao, Doug Scarson, John Orr, & Wayne Cichon

John Orr has presented a Mentorship Scholarship Program to the committee. It would give a first timer an opportunity to attend the ICC Conference. The scholarship committee has been asked to look this over and give some recommendations to the Board. At this past ICC Conference this was the push and a great opportunity for an individual to learn and be mentored.

**Urban Blight Committee:** (Remove this committee) Brent Cross

*To work with the University of Albany on the grant.*

It is the opinion of this Board that even though the thought was there, this is an individual jurisdictional problem.

**Ways & Means:** Doug Scarson, Rich Bleichfeld & Don Mekulik

*Any and all expenditures brought up on the floor to the Board of Delegates not covered within the guidelines of the budget.*

No Report.

**Website Management:** BJ Gettel

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

I recently received an interesting email wanting to know why this person doesn't receive the email notifications. My first question was, “Did you signed up for them?” Answer – no. So, I proceeded to walk the person through the process. Remind your members that it is there responsibility to sign up, if they have and are still not receiving notifications, then by all means, send me an email to inquire.

What was even more interesting, you are the delegates that have been asked to represent your chapters and some of you are not even signed up for the Newsletters. That is sad.

**Old Business:**

Scott Copp made a motion to let Central host this year and Region 1 would host 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Haramis. Agreed and Carried.

**New Business:**

Ed Cusato made a motion to not to exceed \$1000 for committee start up Region VI - 2017 fiscal year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Bailey. Money to be used as startup money. As little as \$500 and not to exceed \$1000. Amended that it is to be equal to other states.

Communication of more emails.

**Next Meeting Date & Location:**

March 15, 2017: Westchester Chapter  
Westchester County Center  
198 Central Ave  
White Plains, NY  
9:30 am – 3:00pm

June 2017: Slingerlands

September ABM: Syracuse

	Name	prsnt	Name	prsnt	Name	prsnt
President	Gettel, BJ	1				
1st Vice President	Williams, John	1				
2nd Vice President	Falmigetti, Eric	1				
Secretary	Lawrence, Drew	1				
Treasurer	Scarson, Doug	1				
Historian	Schwartz, Mark	1				
Immed. Past President	Ed Cusato	1				
Capital	Cordell, Robert	1	Ricotta, Sam	1	Theriault, Rick	
	Griffith, Roger (A)	1				
Central	Cusato, Ed	1	Williams, John	1		
Columbia	Couse, Jerry		Simonsmeier, Walter		Vieni, Charles (A)	
	Koloski, Stan (A)					
Finger Lakes	Rech, Terry	1	Morris, Pat	1	Cichetti, Wayne	
Mid Hudson	Corrao, Tom	1	Taft, Paul			
Mohawk Valley			Kernan, Ruth (A)		Kernan, Jim (A)	
Monroe	Bowers, Don	1	Drexler, Rob		Scarson, Doug	1
Nassau (BIANCO)	Bonnie, Robert	1	Haramis, Stephen	1	Malitino, Michael	1
	Gilhooly, James (A)					
Niagara	Bleichfeld, Rich		Jensen, Chris	1		
	Metzger, Dave (A)	1				
Northern Adirondack	Morganson, James		Randig, Ed			
Ontario	Benedict, Al	1				
Rockland	Berrios, Ruben		Buckley, Thomas	1	Johnson, Robert (A)	1
Southern Tier	Cross, Brent		Ezell, Kevin	1	Knickerbocker, Wm	
	Platt, Richard (A)		Arnie Woolsey	1		
St. Lawrence	Tuttle, Timothy					
Suffolk	Donnelly, Joseph		Frabrizio, Edward		Maher, Tom	
Tri County	Mekulik, Don		Jaques, Eugene	1	Hunter, Steve	1
	Orr, John (A)		Smith, Joe (A)	1		
Westchester	Blasi, Frank		Tarchine, Ralph		Testa, Michael	
WSTB	LaBarbera, Chuck		Monaco, John			
Yates	Lyon, Bruce	1				
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	Total Delegates	24				
Past Pres	Casella, Dan		Copp, Wm. Scott	1	Chicon, Wayne	
Past Pres	Flanigan, John	1	Gregory, William		Jacobski, Wm	
Past Pres	Kiebel, Ron		McCabe, Dennis		McDaniels, Steve	
Past Pres	Morganson, James					
NYS DOS	Addario, John	1	Tollison, Brian	1	Bradshaw, Eric	1
					McAndrew, Nick	1
ICC	Morganson, James		Harris, Dottie	1		
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	Total Distinguished	7				
	Total	31				
	Total Present	38				