

MINUTES

Virginia Plumbing & Mechanical Inspectors Association
November 15th 2013 BOD/General Membership Meeting
Louisa County Virginia

President Rimel called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

In attendance: Robert Adkins, James Anjam, David Beahm, Curt Campbell, Ron Clements, Paula Eubank, Richard Grace, Skip Harper, Jesse Hurt, Dennis Martinelli, Dustin McLehaney, Joseph Moncrief, Paul Rimel III, Emory Rodgers, Jay Otto, Jon Sargeant, John Seay, Shawn Strausbaugh, Guy Tomberlin, Rick Witt

Quorum: There were enough members present to have a quorum.

Agenda: approved by the Board. Rick Witt ask for a letter of support be added to the agenda, which was approved

Reports of Officers

Secretaries Report: The Minutes from the General Membership meeting at Graves Mountain on July 26th 2013 and the Board meeting on September 13th 2013 were posted on our website. Curt asks for a motion to have both sets of Minutes approved. A motion was made and the Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: please see attached report. VPMIA paid for Sean Reed's flight and dinner to attend the DPOR Town Hall Hearing. VBCOA will be sending VPMIA a check to cover half of this expense.

Executive Secretaries Report: please see attached report

Vice Presidents Report: Skip reported that Jon Sargeant forwarded him a copy of the ASPE news letter from Oct 2013. Skip thanked Jon for doing an article in the newsletter on VPMIA's behalf. Skip thanked Guy Tomberlin for attending and speaking at the Northern Virginia ASPE meeting. VPMIA is working on the 2012 code update training with DHCD.

President's Report: Paul submitted a comprehensive report to the Board for Contractors and copied Eric Olson "who is the Executive Director" about the possible elimination of CEU's heard on Oct 23 2013 and to have them review by the Board members. Paul thanked Dustin for speaking with most of the DPOR members about the possible elimination of CEU's. Paul recognized David Beahm for being elected VBCOA Sargeant of Arms. Paul recognized Guy Tomberlin for being elected Vice President of ICC. There will be a DPOR committee meeting on Dec 16th and a DPOR Board meeting on Dec 17th. The meeting on the 16th will be at 2:00 PM and the meeting on the 17th will be at 9:00 AM. Paul made an appeal to all VPMIA members to attend both of these meetings. There was a suggestion for VPMIA to explore creating a possible Ad Hoc DPOR committee for the purpose of attending DPOR meetings and reporting back to the Organization. VPMIA should reach out to VBCOA as a partner in this venture. Paul sent a letter of appreciation to Jerry Mallory "Building Official of Kansas" thanking Sean Reed for attending the DPOR hearings on VPMIA's behalf.

Old Business

VPMIA received an e-mail from an ICC Board Member about the Global Membership Council and the Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Council that ICC has an initiative called the wish a well to provided drinking water wells in Kenya. A motion was made and approved to send \$ 500.00 to this program. The year book committee met and suggested that we have a competition on

selling Ad's to help pay for the year book. A motion was made and approved to have this competition. The year book committee will determine the number of prizes and the amount of the prizes. Paul received a call from the CPA he has been working with on our nonprofit status for the IRS; he indicated we are close to approval. Paul will be meeting with him in a week or so. Dustin suggested to increase our membership and bring in more revenue maybe we should add to our active membership category, PMG Engineers. The by-laws committee should look into this, as well as maybe increasing the membership cost to \$ 40.00 for everyone. Dustin will be sending the Board members a request for feedback on these issues. The by-laws committee should look into having associate members as committee chairs. Rick made a motion for VPMIA to send a letter of support for Bill Shelton to be re-appointed as Director of DHCD at the appropriate time, to be sent to the transition team. This motion was approved.

ICC Report: CDP access rolled out today, however one thing that did not happen was a collaboration feature which would allow you to post your code change and send an e-mail addressed to people you would like to collaborate with on your change. This feature should be available in two weeks. At the last ICC meeting they identified some areas that need some work. One of these was the president made a comment that he would like to reduce their business meetings by one day. Guy made a suggestion to have VPMIA members joint an ICC council if you can't be on a code development or any other ICC committee. ICC is trying to revamp their entire training and educational program. VPMIA should look into becoming an ICC provider. The Organization went from a seven million dollar lost last year to meeting their projected budget this year. ICC's vision committee is looking at the next blue print for their five year cycle, which is called the 2015 blue print. BIPS exam development committee has at least one member on each exam committee from Virginia. There were 300 applicants that

applied for only 120 positions. No one can sit on more than one exam committee at a time.

ICC Region VII Report: All the candidates that VPMIA supported won their ICC positions. Region VII met on Sept 19th and 20th in Hagerstown Maryland. They reviewed and took positions on a number of code changes to be heard at the public comment hearings for group B codes in Atlantic City. ICC vice president reviewed the proposed agenda for the annual meeting. Region VII endorsed a list of ICC candidates for positions of Directors or Officers. The next meeting will be held in Hagerstown Maryland on Jan 16th and 17th

DHCD Report: please see attached report Emory said there will be some new amusement rides this year we need to look at. DHCD will not regulate mechanical bulls and water falls, but would regulate zip lines.

DPOR Report: Doug Murrow contacted the Board for Contractors staff and they will be provided with minutes from the public comment period regarding tradesmen CEU's prior to the Dec meeting. Doug expressed his expectations to the Board that VPMIA and VBCOA members be placed on the agenda and be allowed to speak at the meeting.

BCAAC Report: please see the attached report

Joint Conference Report: The joint conference committee decided there will be a flat registration fee of \$125.00 for all members attending the conference and VPMIA's banquet. Everyone is welcome to attend the banquet, for those just attending the conference there will be a flat rate of \$100.00. The conference will be held at the Airport Holiday Inn in Richmond. There will be three days of educational training. The conference will be held on April 2nd, 3rd, 4th 2014.

VBCOA Liaison Report: please see attached report

Advertising/yearbook Report: Jane had concerns about having an Ad competition that might swamp her with additional work which could interfere with her own business, at which time she would have to be compensated.

Auditing Report: Paul said the CPA he was dealing with has confirmed he would look at our accounting and do the auditing for VPMIA.

Awards Report: John has received some names for awards.

By-Laws Report: The by-laws committee met on Nov 6th 2013 and completed the final draft of the revised by-laws. All comments from the members have been addressed. The committee will present this draft to the general membership at the SOI. They will have this document compared against our Article of Incorporation so that there is no conflict between the two documents. Any changes needed would be made to the Article of Incorporation. Dustin thanked the committee members for all their hard work with this endeavor.

Certification/education/training Report: Skip said there would be a lot of code update training at the Joint Conference. The afternoon classes will be mostly specialty training. VPMIA will have three specialty classes, VBCOA will have one, IA EI will be given the opportunity to present a class and the elevator people will bring training on chair lifts. Jay Otto commended Bill, Dustin and Curt for their presentations at the ASPE meetings.

Finance Report: NONE

Legislative Report: please see attached report

Membership/Website Report: Skip contacted the host company that VPMIA uses. They suggested we update our system because we are still under the 2002 version, which micro soft does not support anymore. The software is out of date

Nominating Report: NONE

PMG Code Committee: please see attached report

Time&Place Report: Dennis said there is no report. Curt spoke to Wayne and he said he had not heard from anyone about a possible new venue for the Summer School of Instruction that was discussed at our Graves Mountain meeting.

Other Business: There was some discussion about getting a third computer for the Organization. It was decided that the Organization did not need one at this time.

Adjourn: 2:20 PM

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VPMIA11/14/2013 1:23 PM
Register: Checking

From 08/01/2013 through 11/14/2013
Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number Payment C	Payee Deposit	Balance	Account	Memo
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Bag S...		494.00	33,174.74		
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Dues		345.00	33,519.74		
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Gree...	500.00		32,469.74		
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Event...	1,000.00		31,469.74		
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08/21...		service charge		service fee	BB&T Service
Fee	2.00		31,496.57		
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Charl...	81.97		31,414.60		
08/21...	1434	ICC Region VII		ICC Conference	ICC
Conference Ad...	50.00		31,364.60		
09/13...	1435	Curtis Campbell		PMG Lunch	PMG
Committee Lunch	93.72		31,270.88		
09/13...	1436	Skip Harper		BOD Lunch	BOD Meeting
Lunch	126.11		31,144.77		
09/13...	1437	Geary Showman		state corporation	State Corp.
Comm....	7.00		31,137.77		
09/16...	Bank Card	Delta Airlines		air fare	Sean Reid
Air Fare	581.60		30,556.17		
09/23...		service charge		service fee	BB&T Service
Fee	3.00		30,553.17		
10/04...	1438	Curtis Campbell		Hospitality	Sean Reid
Dinner/...	114.36		30,438.81		
10/04...	1439	State Corporation Comm...		state corporation	State Corp.
Comm....	25.00		30,413.81		
10/04...	1440	Paul Rimel		Facilities and Eq...	Project
Blacksheep	108.95		30,304.86		
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		30,304.86			
10/06...	1442	Paul Rimel		ICC Conference	Atlantic
City Con...	1,352.69		28,952.17		
10/07...	1443	Richard Grace		ICC Conference	Atlantic
City Con...	260.60		28,691.57		

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10/09... Bank Card	Balley Hotel	ICC Conference	Atlantic
City Con... 872.29	27,819.28		
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City Con... 1,003.69	26,815.59		
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City Con... 1,500.00	25,315.59		
10/09... 1447	Curtis Campbell	ICC Conference	Atlantic
City Con... 682.85	24,632.74		
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10/21... 1447	service charge	service fee	BB&T Service
Fee 3.00	24,836.40		
11/01... 1447	PayPal	PayPal	Paypal
Transfer	57.66 24,894.06		

From: Executive Secretary's Report
Date: November 7, 2013
Reference: BOD Meeting
To: Curtis Campbell , VPMIA Secretary

The following is a report of membership and 2014 dues.

Active Membership List-----313
Life Time Members-----18
Retired Members Paid Dues----- 1
Members Not Paid 2013 Dues-----51
Members That Paid 2014 Dues-----16

Associate Membership List-----59
Life Time Members----- 8
Members Not Paid 2013 Dues-----12
Members That Paid 2014 Dues-----20

If anyone needs additional information, please contact me at 540-459-2789, c/phone 540-975-0782, or e-mail gshowman@shentel.net.

Thank You!

Geary W. Showman, CBO.
VPMIA Executive Secretary

DHCD Report

October 8, 2013

1. The new 2014 JPVBCA schedule is now available on the On-line registration system and is open for registration. Please note three semesters will run in 2014 as well as the JPVBCA will offer continuing education opportunities throughout the calendar year.
2. The VBCA is moving into code change training development with the expected rollout of the classroom version to be in conjunction with the Joint Conference in April 2014. The computer based version will rollout following the classroom.
3. It is suggested that all those with a JPVBCA Knowledge Center account log on and update profile in advance of the code change training. The Knowledge Center has seen a face lift and will require each user to update his or her password. *VBCA Knowledge Center*: <https://covkc.virginia.gov/dhcd/vbca>
4. The VBCA is pleased to announce that Rajan Engh has joined the Jack A Proctor Virginia Building Academy as the new Training and Development Specialist. He is originally from South Carolina but spent the last 4 years in Chicago, where He earned a Master's Degree in industrial/organizational psychology. For the 2 years after graduation he worked for James Hardie Building Products running training for new employees, among other responsibilities. Rajan came to DHCD on June 25, and has since been working with experts around the state to develop and deliver a variety of code-based trainings, in both live and online formats. He is available to answer any questions or hear your feedback regarding the Academy or its programs at 804-371-7185.
5. As DHCD prepares for the fall 2013 semester of training, JPVBCA would like to announce a significant change in its lodging policy. Beginning with courses starting in August 2013, all lodging requests submitted in conjunction with JPVBCA training classes will default to single room accommodations. For those students where tuition may apply, a choice of single or double room accommodations will be available.

Please keep in mind that you can revise your lodging request for any JPVBCA course up to seven days prior to the training by visiting the [Online Registration System](#).

Revisions less than seven days prior to the start of training must be submitted in writing to our office at tcu@dhcd.virginia.gov.

- Below are the instructions for making lodging revisions:
- Log in to the registration site
- On the left side of the page, locate the "History" tab
- Click "Training" (underneath the History tab)
- Locate the course you wish to "change" the lodging information
- Make the appropriate revisions

Please note that any lodging fees previously paid for the upcoming semester will be reimbursed to the student/locality. Should you have any questions, contact our office at (804)-371-7180 or tcu@dhcd.virginia.gov.

6. 2012 Regulatory Cycle for the USBC, SFPC, VADR, MHSR, IBSR and VCS is nearing completion. The Board of Housing will meet on December 16 to review/approve the final proposed regulations. The complete chronological history of changes and workgroup summaries can be found ***on the DHCD web site***; www.dhcd.virginia.gov go to “building codes” and then under the label of Building and Fire go to third bulleted item “code change” }. At this point we are anticipating an effective date of July1, 2014. That is subject to change depending on the new Administration, so please watch the website for updates!
6. DHCD is pleased to announce that every jurisdiction enforcing the USBC, will be provided with a complimentary full set of Virginia Codes. The jurisdictions were given the choice of printed books or an electronic subscription.
7. The SBCO is pleased to announce that online training for Manufactured Home Installers is now available on the Knowledge Center. Any contractor wishing to obtain a license from DPOR to install manufactured housing is required to take this course. Additionally, this course is available for free to any inspector wishing to take the course. This is a HUD approved training course and will count toward continuing education requirements for Virginia certification.
8. DHCD is pleased to announce that Skip Harper, formerly Senior Plans Reviewer for Louisa County has joined the State Building Code Office as a Senior Construction Inspector II. Skip is well known throughout the state as a result of his work with VPMIA. Skip is available to answer code questions or provide other customer services as requested. He can be reached at 804-786-1157
9. Don't forget the code connection is now on our DHCD web site under the Building Codes, Code Connection Blog.
10. ICC National Certification Exams — 2012 Version Available Soon
Exams based on the 2012 codes will be administered via computer-based testing beginning July 1. Register today and be among the first to get your 2012 International Code certification. Computer-based testing for the 2009 codes is still available and will be offered through at least December 2013. Register soon to ensure your seat in the remaining 2009 computer-based exams. View the computer-based testing exam bulletin. To see a full list of national certification exams go to the ICC web site. ICC also offers training materials that can help you prepare for your exam.
11. It has come to our attention that localities with ICC memberships paid for by the Department of Housing and Community Development may be receiving reminders notices that memberships have expired and require payment. If you received this notice, please disregard as ICC sent it in error. ICC has confirmed that our memberships are current and apologize for the confusion. Please contact Deborah Dison, ICC membership manager, directly if you would individually prefer to confirm your locality's membership is in good standing. Deborah can be reached at 888-422-7233, ext. 5263 or ddison@iccsafe.org. Contact our office at (804) 371-7180 with additional questions or concerns.

Date: October 31, 2013

Re: BCAAC Meeting Report

From: Randy Pearce, CBO/Fire Official
City of Emporia/VPMIA Representative

1. New Members welcomed to committee with introductions.
2. Discussion of Membership regarding groups that had been identified as not participating and staying involved with committee that will be removed. The Home Builders Association is being contacted by a member of the committee to see if they want to stay involved and the others will be removed as follows:
 - a. Plumbing and Mechanical Professional of Virginia
 - b. Association of Counties
 - c. Associated Builders and Contractors, A Chapter
 - d. Virginia Municipal League (VML)
3. Sandi Morris with an update of staff from JPVBCA with are new and some that are no longer with the group.
4. Sandi provided a summary of training and certification statics for the Academy.
5. Training activities fourth coming.
 - a. Energy module commercial training
 - b. Residential and Commercial Inspection Training
 - c. Code change training updates should start at Spring Conference 2014.
 - d. Provided a copy of the 2014 Academy training schedule that is available.
6. Sandi noted they are still working on efforts to provide training to the Southwest Va. Regions.
7. Discussion regarding Certification Activities such as Energy Commercial and provide a Matrix outlining the certifications and Core Requirements for certification. Sandi recommended that the committee recommend to the Board to add the Residential and Commercial core classes to the requirements for the CBO certification in additions the classes already required to be taken. After a long discussion is was voted to moved forward with a recommendation to the Board that a new CBO applicant being hired would be required to also take the Residential and Commercial Inspection Core Classes within the required time frame prior to taking the certification exam. We also discussed the future plans to involved Plan review training within some of the core classes to prep inspectors for plan review requirements.
8. In closing of our meeting Sandi noted the importance and plans to move forward with the use of more equipment and tools in our the training at the Core level to assist with learning such as Smart Boards, Interactivity with Tablets within the classroom, Portable Smart Boards, with an attempt to improve and catch up with technology in the classroom settings. She also reminded committee members to recommend the following of the Blog they have now on-line and sign-up to follow the activities and topics that are discussed, or topics we want to discuss regarding codes, classes, inspections, and other daily activities we all encounter in the work place. They are also working on more on-line training and the use of virtual video use also.

9. We did have an update and discussion from the VBCOA representative on the CEU's and DPOR that is a hot topic and he still has concerns to what direction this is headed but is in support of continuing the required CEU's requirements and we also discussed the Town Hall and the other opportunities to be heard on this topic.

We discussed training for the Spring Conference and Roger mention some areas of recent discussion and the Public Hearings to be finalized after the on December 16, 2013. Academy will be working with the trainers and other Academy's preparing for the Code Updates next year.

For any questions or concerns and topics you would like for me to carry to the Committee in the near future please let me know, and I would like to thank the VPMIA Board for supporting me in the this position and giving me an opportunity to represent a great organization in Virginia.

Submitted October 31, 2013

Randy Pearce / Building and Fire Official – City of Emporia

VPMIA Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas (PMG) Board Report

November 2013

The code development cycle continues for the 2012 VUSBC. The ICC group B code cycle (Admin, ICCPC, IEBC, IECC, IFC, IPMC, IRC, ISPSC, IWUIC, and IZC) public comment hearings are complete and the report of the hearings has been posted and is available using the following link - <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/Pages/default.aspx>. The group C code change cycle now begins which cover the International Green Construction Code (IGCC) and public comments are due for submission by January 10th, 2014. The group C committee action hearings will be held on April 27th to May 4th in Memphis TN.

The VPMIA/VBCOA PMG committee met face to face on September 6th and this meeting was to develop positions on the group B code cycle and a small amount of discussion was in regard to the 2012 VUSBC changes. The VPMIA/VBCOA PMG committee submitted a total of 19 public comments that were heard and out of the those 19 public comments 15 were found in favor of the position of the public comment, that equals an 78% approval rate (Note my previous results report did include the change CE-350 which was initially reported as being approved as submitted however this was incorrectly listed on the ICC report and this change was disapproved as such adjusted approval rate of 78%). The VPMIA/VBCOA PMG committee also developed positions on all of the overall public comments relevant to plumbing and mechanical portions of the code (including energy provisions that have mechanical and plumbing relevant information). Based upon the original positions that this committee established, 86% of the overall changes were found to be in favor of the committee positions taken. As a general note there were 90 proposed code changes for the IRC Plumbing & Mechanical again with 19 public comments submitted on behalf VPMIA/VBCOA. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped these organizations's to be so successful in the code development process.

The 2012 VUSBC code development process continues. The Board of Housing and Community Development (BHCD) committee meeting was held October 28th and the BHCD approval of the final regulations is slated for December 16th, 2013. For more information on the 2012 VUSBC code development process and the summaries of the workgroup work to date please use the following link - <http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/index.php/va-building-codes/building-and-fire-codes/code-change-process/129-2012-code-change-cycle-process.html>

VBCOA report for the VPMIA membership meeting November 15th, 2013

- The following VBCOA officers were elected at the 2013 VBCOA Conference held in Front Royal, VA the first week of November. Cathy Cook was elected President, Sean Farrell was elected First Vice-President, John Walsh was elected Second Vice –President, David Beahm was elected VBCOA Sergeant of Arms and Kris Bridges is the Immediate Past President. ICC President Stephen Jones swore in the new officers. ICC Vice President Guy Tomberlin, ICC Immediate Past President Bill Dupler, and ICC Board member Lynn Underwood was also in attendance.
- A By –Law change was approved by the VBCOA body striking the Time & Place committee and inserting the Permit Technician committee.

- Letter of support for Bill Shelton to be reappointed as the Director of DHCD under the new governorship of VA. Mr. Shelton has been a friend of VBCOA and they felt the need to show their support.
- VBCOA's new website is up and running and the old site will remain active for the time being. The new website address is [-http://www.vbcoa.org/](http://www.vbcoa.org/) A Facebook page has also been established for VBCOA.
- Discussion was held as to whether VBCOA wishes to continue to submit ICC Chapter of the Year applications or should the organization forward VA persons for award recognition such as the ICC Code Official of the year or the Bobby Fowler award. The public information committee is to further look into this and come back in January with further direction and input.
- A presentation was given by two Arlington County representative of interoperability (communications) within buildings and the difficulties that emergency services are having communicating in not only new structures but also existing structures. It seems the major question is who should have to pay for the infrastructure to facilitate the improvements. A meeting is scheduled for November 14th in Chesterfield to further discuss this issue more in depth.
- Next VBCOA conference is to be held in Blacksburg, VA at the Inn at VT on September 6th thru the 9th.

Sincerely,

Shawn Strausbaugh

Chairman VPMIA Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Committee & VPMIA-VBCOA Liaison

sstrausbaugh@arlingtonva.us

VPMIA/VBCOA Legislative report
Ron Clements November 19, 2013

Big Thank you- The Cemetery association and their lobbyist thanked us for working with them on the cemetery related code changes. They greatly appreciated our cooperation and guidance with the state code change process. The work and cooperation offered by our members was beyond their expectations.

I met with the region chairs group in the spring and provided a Legislative Committee overview document that explains the basic function and workings of the legislative committee.

Kemper Consulting requested an increase in the consulting fee. This request came after the budget process so the officers approved the fee increase. The new fee is \$ 19,800.00 per year. This fee was locked in for the next three years.

There is a renewed interest in in-building-communication that is coming out of Arlington. There is an effort to expand the in-building-communication requirements to all forms of wireless communication with fiber-optic based systems; additionally, there is an interest to create a local option requirement that includes the building owner providing the complete communication system. A meeting set up by VBCOA was held on 11-14-13 to discuss this issue with other interested parties. There does not appear to be any legislative action anticipated for the 2014 session based on the outcome of the 11-14-13 meeting. The group that met plans to have additional meetings in 2014 to determine if additional building code changes are in order and/or if legislative action is warranted.

There are a few issues being discussed by the Housing and Environmental Work Group of the Virginia Housing Commission:

The State Fire Marshal fee bills that failed to pass during the 2013 session (HB2140 and SB822) were discussed. The state fire marshal raised a concern about the BHCD not being timely and responsive to budgetary fee needs of the state FM office. DHCD provided a full list and timeline of all fee request regulatory changes. There will be no action by the Virginia Housing Commission on this issue. The legislators did not appear to be receptive to the fire lobby's arguments. Based on comments from the Fire Marshal at the Board of Housing meeting in October we expect another legislative attempt at fire marshal fees during the 2014 session.

An issue was raised by a private citizen constituency in the City of Alexandria regarding high rise buildings without standby power generators. After a severe storm last year some residents of high rise condominiums were left without a working elevator in their building while the power was out for an extended period of time. The constituents went to their delegate requesting a bill to require the retrofit of standby power generators into high rise buildings that do not have standby power (Note high rise at one time was 150 ft not the current 75 feet). The

delegate did not sponsor a bill and instead brought the issue to the VHC. The VHC requested that DHCD put the issue on the agenda to be discussed during the 2015 state code update cycle. VML did initiate a survey to get an idea on the number of buildings that would be affected.

The towns verses counties bills that failed to pass during the 2013 session (HB1574 and SB1239) were discussed. This issue came out of a disagreement between Leesburg and Loudon over enforcement of the VMC. Loudon enforces the VMC in the county but not the towns. The intent of these bills is to require counties to enforce the VMC in towns when the VMC is enforced in the county. The state law is unclear regarding how VMC enforcement is to be handled regarding enforcement in towns when towns do not elect to perform the enforcement. The commission did support a proposed bill that will clean up the law with respect to the building code and rehab code and clean up some problems that were created as the maintenance and rehab codes evolved after the statutes were written. I expect this bill to be sponsored by someone on the commission. It does not solve the specific issue that HB1574 and SB1239 attempted to address so there still may be legislation from Leesburg with regards to that issue.

If you have any questions regarding this report or legislative matters feel free to call me at (804) 751-4163.

Ron Clements
VPMIA/VBCOA Legislative Chair