

# MINUTES

## **Virginia Plumbing & Mechanical Inspectors Association**

February 7, 2014 BOD Meeting

Staunton Virginia

**President Rimel called the meeting to order at 10:00am**

**In attendance:** Robert Adkins, William Aldridge, James Anjam, Curtis Campbell, Darin Clements, Skip Harper, Casey Littlefield, Dustin Mclehaney, Jay Otto, Randy Pearce, Michael Redifer, Paul Rimel III, John Seay and Richard Witt

**Quorum:** There were enough voting members present to have a quorum

**Agenda:** There was a motion made and approved to modify the agenda

**Secretary's report:** The minutes from the BOD/General membership meeting held on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 will be looked at for approval at the Joint Conference in April 2014

**Treasurer's report:** See attached report

**Executive secretary's report:** See attached report

**Vice President's report:** No report

**President's report:** Bill Shelton has been re-appointed as Director of DHCD. ICC will have the "When Disaster Strike" program in Fairfax on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**Old Business:** DPOR Board for Contractors voted on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2013 not to eliminate mandatory CE's for Virginia Tradesman. There will be an Ad Hoc committee formed per VPMIA'S BOD recommendation. There will be the first committee meeting at 2:30pm February 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 following the BOD meeting. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Paul said the CPA that is working on our Tax Exempt Status indicated VPMIA would have to amend its Articles of Incorporation to include "A Purpose Clause", "A Dissolution Clause" and he also recommended VPMIA adopt a "Conflict of Interest Resolution". VPMIA needs to draft a narrative describing the association's activities. The application cannot be submitted until these items have been completed. VPMIA should amend the description of the districts as they are different in the Articles than in the Bylaws. Rick made a motion and it was approved to table the Conflict of

Interest Resolution until we can look at the Code of Ethics to see if this is already covered.

**Advertising/Yearbook report:** See attached report. All table top income shall go to the Joint Conference Account. The question was asked should the Yearbook be eliminated. Would this be a board decision or should it be voted on by the general membership? This issue will be tabled until the general membership meeting in April 2014. The question was asked if VPMIA should increase active and associate membership dues to \$40. A motion was made and approved to raise those membership dues. This will be effective as of approval of the revised By-laws. Another question was asked about associate members being allowed to chair standing committees. This issue was tabled until a future date. A motion was made and approved to table the proposed reduction in districts from four to three. A motion to rescind previously approved \$1000 donation to 2013 Oklahoma Tornado Victims Relief Effort was approved.

**New Business:** A motion was made for VPMIA to pick up Guy Tomberlin and Lynn Underwood's registration and lodging at the Joint Conference if the Joint Conference committee fails to cover these costs. Motion was approved. New Virginia Department of Health Advisory committee to be appointed. The purpose for this committee is to review and make recommendations regarding the VDH current requirements for private sewage disposal systems. If VPMIA gets invited do we want to be involved? Rick Witt recommended that VPMIA consider participating in this process. The subject came up about VPMIA responding to the negative letter sent out by Julius Ballanco with JB Engineering about VPMIA's participation at the code hearings in New Jersey. A motion was made and approved not to send a response letter. Skip Harper expressed concerns that the sprint hot spot he purchased after leaving Louisa county was not working well because of the coverage area where he lives and that Louisa county had provided him at no cost for 9 years a Verizon hot spot that worked well. Skip asked that VPMIA buy out his hot spot contract (\$200.00) and provide him with a Verizon hot spot if VPMIA wanted to keep the website as current as possible without waiting thru bad coverage days (weather) because he does not have the time to wait for a computer to be connected thru wifi. Bill Aldridge made a motion which was seconded and approved which was : To provide Skip with whatever is needed to keep the website current.

**ICC report:** See attached ICC written report from Lynn Underwood. Rick Witt stated that there was a call for ICC committee members which are online. That will be closed out on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. CDP access is on the website. If you have not been on the website please do so and sign in. There will be a new ICC certification program effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. CEU's will have to come from an ICC provider.

**ICC Region VII:** See attached report

**DHCD report:** See attached report

**DPOR report:** See attached report

**BCAAC report:** No report no meeting since October 2013

**Building Safety Month:** May is building safety month. Paul Rimel will be stepping down as committee chair. Bill Aldridge will now chair the Building Safety committee.

**Joint Conference report:** Next meeting set for February 21<sup>st</sup> 2014. Committee will be discussing who will be working the registration desk. Sandi with DHCD will help set up assignments. VPMIA has submitted to DPOR for our afternoon training sessions the agenda and is currently waiting for approval to offer this to our members. Ron Bladen and Skip Harper will be receiving registration on a weekly basis.

**VBCOA liaison:** See attached report

**Auditing report:** CPA, David Trainum has copies of VPMIA's 2013-2014 financial records and is working on the audit as well as the tax exempt application.

**Awards:** Nominations are coming in slowly. The deadline for nominations is February 17<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**By-laws:** No report

**Certification/Education/Training:** No report

**Finance:** No report

**Legislative:** Legislative committee had a conference call on January 21<sup>st</sup> 2014 to discuss the bills and to confirm their positions. Participants were Art Barkley, Richard Bartell, David Beahm, Ron Clements, Kenny Payne, Julie Walton and Lewis Watts.

**Membership/Website:** No report

**Nominating:** Nominations are being accepted.

**PMG Code Committee:** See attached report

**School of Instruction:** No report:

**Time and Place:** The third general membership meeting will be held at the Richmond International Airport Holiday Inn on April 4<sup>th</sup> 2014. The first general membership meeting will be held at Graves Mountain Lodge on July 25<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**Adjourn:** 2:15pm

## VPMIA

2/6/2014 7:19 PM

Register: Checking

From 11/01/2013 through 02/01/2014

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment C	Deposit	Balance
11/01/2013		PayPal	PayPal	Paypal Transfer		57.66	24,894.06
11/15/2013	1448	John Seargent	BOD Meeting Lunch	BOD Lunch	79.21		24,814.85
11/15/2013	1449	Skip Harper	BOD DRINKS & SNA...	BOD Refreshm...	31.80		24,783.05
11/15/2013	1450	Paul Rimel	Operations:Postage, M...	Board of Contr...	122.85		24,660.20
11/15/2013	1451	Paul Rimel	Operations:Books. Sub...	Robert's Rule o...	19.96		24,640.24
11/21/2013		service charge	service fee	BB&T Service ...	3.00		24,637.24
12/09/2013		VPMIA	Membership	Membership an...		680.00	25,317.24
12/20/2013	1452	Geary Showman	membership renewal	Membership R...	239.88		25,077.36
12/20/2013	1453	Jay Riat	ICC Conference	Atlantic City C...	1,155.88		23,921.48
12/23/2013		service charge	service fee	BB&T Service ...	3.00		23,918.48
12/30/2013		PayPal	PayPal	Paypal Transfer		893.73	24,812.21
01/04/2014		Membership Dues	Membership	Membership D...		4,455.00	29,267.21
01/21/2014		service charge	service fee	BB&T Service ...	3.00		29,264.21

From: Executive Secretary's Report  
Date: January 30, 2014  
Reference: BOD Meeting  
To: Curtis Campbell , VPMIA Secretary

The following is a report of membership and 2014 dues.

**Active Membership List**-----331  
Life Time Members-----17  
Retired Members Paid Dues----- 1  
Members Not Paid 2013 Dues-----96  
Members That Paid 2014 Dues----217 x \$30= \$6,510

**Associate Membership List**-----60  
Life Time Members----- 8  
Members Not Paid 2013 Dues-----18  
Members That Paid 2014 Dues-----35 x \$35= \$1,225

**New Active Members:**

David Thompson, Building Official in Nelson County  
John Hudgins, Building Inspector II in Chesterfield County  
Scott R. Snider, Code Enforcement Officer in the City of Waynesboro  
W. Keith Inge, Building Inspector in Dinwiddie County  
Randy Olson, Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector in James City County  
Ronnie Guthrie, Assistant Building Official in Carroll County  
Rusty Sprouse, Combination Inspector in Augusta County  
Jorge Flor, Code Enforcement Inspector in Arlington County  
Gerald P. McGrail, Elevator Inspector in Arlington County  
Matthew R. Marrion, Structural Engineer in Arlington County  
Pete Kapitan, Construction Code Inspector in Arlington County  
Damian Jorge, Construction Inspector in Arlington County  
Keir Dickerson, Construction Inspector in Arlington County  
Glenn D. Desselle, Fire and Plumbing Inspector in Arlington County  
Robert M. Bates, Construction Code Inspector in Arlington County  
Melvin Alder, construction Inspector in Arlington County  
Joe Goorskey, Building Inspector in Giles County  
Anthony McMahan, Combination Inspector in Gloucester County  
Kevin Wilson, Combination Building Inspector in Newport News

**New Associate Member:**

Cydney Johnston with The Joyce Agency Inc.



### ***Group C Code Committee Action Hearings***

- The Group C Code Committee Action Hearings will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> through May 4<sup>th</sup> in Memphis, Tennessee.
- Hearing participants are not required to be ICC Members to attend the hearings or participate in the code development process.
- The hearings are free to attend.
- ICC Primary Representatives are encouraged to review and verify the credentials of their Voting Members before the Memphis hearings.
- Governmental Members need to be in the system 30 days prior to a code action hearing to vote on assembly motions.
- Validation of voter credentials and voter designation changes for eligible Members to vote at the Public Comment Hearings and the online assembly motions following the hearings must be completed no later than March 28<sup>th</sup>; you can do that online at [www.iccsafe.org/evds](http://www.iccsafe.org/evds)
- If you have questions, email [Members@iccsafe.org](mailto:Members@iccsafe.org).

### ***cdpACCESS***

- The code change proposal submission deadline was January 10. Almost 300 users submitted code change proposals using cdpACCESS. One in five used the online collaboration feature.
- Additional features will be rolled out in stages based on the steps in the code development process. These features will include:
  - View, download and print the Code Change Agenda
  - Online submittal of floor modifications at the Committee Action Hearing
  - Online vote on assembly floor motions following the Committee Action Hearing
  - View, download and print the Report of the Committee Action Hearing
  - Online creation and submittal of public comments to the Committee Action Hearing results
  - View, download and print the Public Comment Agenda
  - Online vote on proposed code changes/public comments following the Public Comment Hearing

- If you have, questions, comments or suggestions, or want to report a system error please email [cdpACCESS@iccsafe.org](mailto:cdpACCESS@iccsafe.org).
- ICC is planning a cdpACCESS Steering Committee webinar. The plan is to schedule the call as soon as the Monograph is finished, so we have final data.

## ***TRAINING & EDUCATION***

- I thank you for the great feedback you have given us on training and education which we are using to focus on core training topics and provide you with best training possible.
- ICC offers three ways for you to learn.
  - “Hire ICC to Teach” courses are taught at a training sponsor’s location of choice.
  - Open enrollment courses are held around the country; I urge you register ASAP as space is limited and courses fill quickly.
  - ICC’s Campus Online is a flexible and convenient way to receive training 24/7.
    - ICC Campus Online is new and improved with more than 80 courses, including “Certification Examination Study,” “Premier Code Training,” “Feature Topic Webinars” and “To the Point Webinars,”.
      - “To the Point Webinars” are topics of interest to the building community presented in just 30 minutes.
      - These “To the Point” webinars are free.
- Training & Education is offering new “Training Academies.”
  - These are several day training events where attendees select and combine various workshops to meet their specific training needs.
  - They include Transitions—an update of two code cycles; Significant Changes; and a Fire Academy.
  - There will be an update made to the current Preferred Provider Program for CEUs. This will be a partnership with entities like VPMIA and VBCOA to provide the required CEUs for ICC certification. It is our intent to ensure that VPMIA and VBCOA will be accepted as a preferred provider when this program is up and running.



- The BOD met in December at Colorado Springs during the Colorado Chapter Annual meeting
  - Discussed a wide variety of issues over a two day period including our financial condition and annual budget, 2015-2017 committee appointment process, committee appointments for action committees, certification of continuing education programs, committee , Council Policies review, new facilities in Whittier, attendance at hearings in Atlantic City, ICC development activities for high wind resistant construction, homebuilding forecast and several other items.
- All of the 2015 I codes (except the green code) will be available June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.
- Wish-a-Well was an outstanding success. \$500 in the bank for the next project! Thank you all for your participation!
- High School Student engagement and training initiative by ICC; Jim Ellwood from Maryland is leading the effort to offer students in Vocational Training programs with code books and training materials to get them certified. This is great initiative that Virginia could support.
- I am appointed to be the liaison with the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB). I just returned from a trip to Las Vegas and 4 separate formal meetings with 4 separate committees over two days. I was introduced and got to meet lots of members and staff. I had over a dozen informal meetings with staff and members where lots of ideas were discussed.
- If anyone has any questions or suggestions, please let me know. My role is to represent your interests, resolve issues you may be having, keep you informed on the activities at the BOD level and answer questions you have. Please let me know how I can help you.

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**To:** VPMIA Board of Directors  
**From:** Richard C. Witt, VPMIA ICC Region VII Representative  
**Date:** January 30, 2014  
**Subject:** Report of ICC Region VII Activities

The following are the highlights of the recent ICC Region VII meeting held January 16-17, 2014 in Hagerstown, Maryland. A big thank you goes to Shawn Strasbaugh for capturing excellent notes.

- On Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup> the ICC Region VII code change committee met and discussed the ICC group C code change cycle and the upcoming code change process for the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) which has begun and will be using the CDP Access process. The code change submittal deadline was on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and the proposed changes were required to be submitted online using the CDP access system. There are reported to be over 750 changes to the IgCC that were submitted. The proposed changes will be posted on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and the committee action hearing will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> thru May 4<sup>th</sup> in Memphis, TN. The rest of the schedule for the ICC group C code change cycle can be found on the ICC website using this link - <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/Pages/cycle.aspx>  
Discussion ensued in regard to what states or jurisdictions have adopted and were using the IgCC. Several states have adopted the IgCC statewide however most of these adoptions are not mandatory compliance adoptions – including MD, FL, OR, NC, RI, and the District of Columbia. Several other local jurisdictions located in the following states have adopted the IgCC including Washington, Arizona, and New Hampshire. See the ICC website for the complete code adoption information - <http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/Pages/adoptions.aspx>
- On Friday January 17, 2014 the ICC Region VII executive council meeting was held. The Chairman Mr. Richard Soltis, representing the State of New Jersey, called the meeting to order and did present a plaque to Mr. Roland Hall, ICC governmental representative, who will be retiring in the near future and thanked Mr. Hall for his numerous years of service to not only the ICC but also BOCA and ICC Region VII. Mr. Soltis then handed the gavel to Mr. Brian Gallagher from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as he took the reins of ICC Region VII representing PA for the 2014 term. Mr. Gallagher was sworn in by current ICC President Mr. Stephen Jones.
- Shawn Strausbaugh, code change committee chair, gave a brief synopsis of the previous days ICC Region VII code change meeting as described above. He did

also report approval percentages for the code change positions that ICC Region VII took positions on for the group b code cycle. Overall the approval rating was 53% but it was noted that the residential energy proposals that ICC Region VII took positions on were 1 for 14 a 7% approval rate which brought the average down greatly. Not considering the residential energy our approval rate was 68% for all other positions taken.

- Future planning of our upcoming meetings and training were discussed and preliminarily training and an ICC candidate's forum were scheduled with for the following dates -May 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> for cdp access and August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> for the candidate's forum. The cdp Access training would involve actual hands-on use of the code change software with trained individuals in the room to provide assistance. These dates are to be confirmed in the near future.
- The IC C report was given by President Stephen Jones, and Vice President Guy Tomberlin. Mr. Jones reported that the ICC budget is in the black. ICC Directors present were – Bill Bryant and Richard Truitt.
- The next ICC Region VII meeting is preliminarily slated for May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014 to be held at the Ramada Plaza Hagerstown 1718 Underpass Way Hagerstown MD 21740. See the ICC Region VII website for further information - <http://www.iccregionvii.org/>

If you have any questions or comments I can be reached at (804) 751-4161 or [wittr@chesterfield.gov](mailto:wittr@chesterfield.gov)

# DHCD Meeting Report

February 5, 2014

1. The new 2014 VBCA 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 VBCA 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. . JPVBCA will announce process for organizations and regions requesting to provide/teach CCT for DHCD in early April.
3. It is suggested that all those with a VBCA 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. Reminder that all inspectors and code officials can take a free online course for manufactured home installation certification. This will apply towards continuing education and can be accessed through the knowledge center.
5. Recently public service announcements have been distributed to radio stations and new consumer brochures will soon be distributed, both addressing consumer issues related to manufactured housing. So there's a possibility that jurisdictions will see an increase in phone calls/complaints related to manufactured housing.
6. Code Update:
  - a. Final approval by the BHCD December 16
  - b. Sent to the Governor's office and received approval from Governor's office on January 7.
  - c. One technical change will be made at the March BHCD meeting (striking one sentence in the practical wall bracing section that required townhomes to be treated as separate buildings).
  - d. Final regulations will be published April 7 followed by a 30-day comment period.
  - e. Anticipated effective date is July 14, 2014
  - f. Final regulations are being sent to ICC now. We hope to have publications available at least 10 weeks prior to the effective date.
  - g. The "pamphlet" style books will be available shortly after they are published in April.
  - h. Non exempt regulations (Manufactured Housing, certification & academies) have been approved by DPB and are now at the office of SOCT. It appears that they will be in line to have an effective date that will match the USBC and other exempt regulations.
7. DHCD staff attended 26 Regional VBCOA meetings in 2013. This includes all eight regions. We will continue attendance at the regional meetings as time and staffing permit throughout 2014.
- ~~8. 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.~~

Updated 2-6-2014 VN

Updated 2-5-14 SM

The complete chronological history of changes and workgroup summaries can be found *on the DHCD web site: [www.dhcd.virginia.gov](http://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 July 14, 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. Don't forget the code connection is now on our DHCD web site under the Building Codes, Code Connection Blog.
9. JPVBCA held its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Instructor training and luncheon event in January. 70+ instructors received a full day of professional development continuing education as well as appreciation luncheon. JPVBCA honored Chesapeake as Locality of the Year for its effort in running a complete and smooth certification program; Vernell Woods as Instructor of year for his dedication to the academy through platform time, mentoring, and curriculum development; and VPMIA's own John Hudgins as Rookie of the Year for John's effort as a new instructor and his platform presence, availability to students, and willingness to take on more.
10. JPVBCA is progressing with introduction of the Commercial Building Inspection and Residential Building Inspection certifications and the associated technical training courses. Look for more information late March.
11. At the Executive Board meeting held in Chesterfield, a question was posed related to the requirements for Installers of Manufactured Homes. *Are there limits to the work that a "Certified Installer" can perform on a manufactured home and are there any additional licensing requirements from DPOR that are required for utility connections?* Must a trade contractor have both to perform the work?

Contractors installing manufactured homes are required to hold a specialty license from DPOR (MHC). In order to obtain this specialty license, the contractor is required to have taken the HUD approved installers program offered on the DHCD Knowledge Center.

Below is the definition from the DPOR website for "Manufactured Home Contracting" (MHC) which includes the scope of work permitted under this Specialty license:

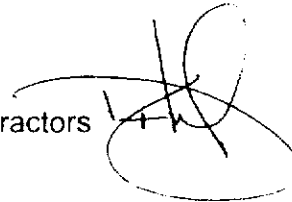
*"Manufactured home contracting" (Abbr: MHC) means the service that provides for the installation or removal of a manufactured home as defined in the Virginia Manufactured Home Safety Regulations (13VAC5-95). This classification does not cover foundation work, however, it does allow installation of piers covered under HUD regulations. It*

*does allow a licensee to do internal tie-ins of plumbing, gas, electrical, or HVAC equipment. It does not allow for installing additional plumbing, gas, electrical, or HVAC work such as installing the service meter or installing the outside compressor for the HVAC system. No other specialty provides for this function.*

DPOR has interpreted their regulations to require a trade license for anyone doing plumbing, mechanical, electrical or HVAC beyond internal connections. DPOR considers internal connections to be those that do not go beyond tying multiple units together. Therefore, any utility connections for the manufactured home must be performed by a licensed trade contractor.

# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 7, 2014  
**TO:** VPMIA - BOARD  
**FROM:** Douglas H. Murrow, DPOR – Board for Contractors  
**SUBJECT:** Report of The Board for Contractors



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At the December 2013 Board for Contractors meeting the board voted to move forward with the amended tradesman final regulations. These amended regulations will extend the reinstatement period from one to two years from the expiration date of the license. All proposed changes to eliminate Continuing Education and to eliminate the inactive license status have been removed. The amended final regulations were submitted for executive branch review on 12/30/13. They have been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office and is now with the Secretary's Office. Once approved, it will move on to the Governor's Office.

The Board voted to establish a Continuing Education Work Group. This included having staff gather information about the proposed work group including who should be in the work group and items that the work group should analyze. Staff will present this information to the board at the next meeting on March 4, 2014.

**Additional Regulatory Updates:**

- Tradesman and Contractor regulations were updated effective 1/1/14, to include the new Certified Accessibility Mechanic license (Light Elevator). Temporary licenses changed from being emergency regulations to permanent regulations.
- Residential Building Energy Analyst Firm and associated Individual licenses are in the Proposed Stage in the Governor's Office waiting for approval. Emergency regulations are already in place for these and were effective 7/1/13.
- Contractor regulations to extend the license reinstatement period from one year to two years are with the Secretary's Office waiting for approval.
- Contractor regulations to split commercial and residential building license are in the Proposed Stage and are with the Department of Planning and Budget for review.
- Contractor regulations to add the requirement for language in all contracts to include information about the recovery fund have just finished the Proposed Stage. The board will vote on this at the next board meeting to approve as final regulations.

Board for Contractors Staff will begin teaching remedial education classes. The first class is scheduled for 1/31/14.

The next Board for Contractors Committee meeting for tradesman will be March 3, 2014. The next Board meeting will be March 4, 2014.

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

February, 2014

- The code development cycle is complete for the 2012 VUSBC and awaits the final regulatory VA Commonwealth approvals.
- The ICC Group C cycle, IgCC, has now begun. No VPMIA PMG committee activity will be taking place until closer to the 2015 Group A code cycle. A call for committees will be posted by the ICC in the next few weeks so stay tuned.

## VBCOA report for the VPMIA BOD meeting February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Staunton, VA

- The last VBCOA BOD meeting was held on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> in Chesterfield, VA.
- This year marks the 85 Anniversary of VBCOA.
- The region chairs are now overseeing the educational committee duties. The orientation program is complete and ready for use.
- The ad hoc high school technical training program is meeting with Jim Elwood of the ICC on Friday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.
- The VBCOA code development review committee reported on commissioning and a proposed new commissioning standard that is being developed and also IAS is looking to develop accreditation criteria for commissioning agents.
- Chuck Banjai reported that there is a meeting on decks to be held in Washington, DC. Date and time to be forwarded.
- In the legislative report there is one item that we may wish to keep an eye on. HB 409 is to form a committee to examine the role the Dept of Health has in the design of on-lot sewage treatment systems. This report is to be completed by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.
- DHCD reports that the manufactured housing installation program is available online for code officials. Discussion ensued in regard to tradesmen who connect to manufactured housing are required to hold specific licensing for manufactured units. This is to be clarified by DHCD staff.
- The 2012 VUSBC code books will be available 10 weeks prior to the July adoption date. The 2012 VUSBC code update training will be available at the April Joint conference.
- May is Building Safety month – John Catlett reported that on May 2<sup>nd</sup> Alexandria will be hosting an event and all are invited.
- The next VBCOA meeting is a BOD meeting to be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the joint conference.

Sincerely,

Shawn Strausbaugh

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

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# VPMIA Advertising/Yearbook Committee report

The Committee is hard at work with their advertising campaign to sell as many Ads and Tabletops as possible to hopefully pay for the yearbook fully, or at least be close to cost. So far, Ad and Tabletop sales are looking good! Our past and future VPMIA Yearbooks are a record of our past accomplishments and changes thru the years and indeed should be continued for the Associations future references. Also with VPMIA advertisement sales, we form relationships with tradesmen, industry, and state DHCD that may not have been formed without such. Our VPMIA Yearbook is one of our primary sources of communication with the people in the Commonwealth of Virginia and hopefully will remain as such. This is my report.

John B. Seay Jr. – Advertising/Yearbook Committee Chairman