

**VPMIA**  
**4<sup>th</sup> BOD Meeting**  
**March 4, 2011**  
**Louisa, VA**

President Adkins called the meeting to order at 10:05

Attendees:

Robert Adkins, William Aldridge, Ron Bladen, Curtis Campbell, Ronald Clements, Bane Compton, Paula Eubank, Richard Grace, Joe Gregory, Skip Harper, Wayne Kushner, Dennis Martinelli, Dustin McLehaney, David Allen More, Paul Rimel III, John Seay, Geary Showman, Richard Witt, Leon Yoder.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ron Bladen distributed a copy of the minutes from the October 4, 2010, 2<sup>nd</sup> General Membership, 3<sup>rd</sup> Board of Directors Meeting held in Virginia Beach. Most noted change was the addition of a 2<sup>nd</sup> by-law (Article V, Section 4.H) that had been voted on and approved at that meeting, however had been inadvertently omitted. It was stated that these minutes should be voted on during the Spring School of Instruction (SOI) being held April 6-8, in Harrisonburg. Motion made and seconded to accept minutes as presented and agreed the minutes shall be voted on at the SOI.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Geary Showman submitted two reports; one on membership status – we currently have 298 active members, 18 of which are Lifetime; 55 Associate, 7 of which are Lifetime. Included in these numbers were the addition of 12 Active Members and 20 Associate Members. The latter members had taken advantage of a discounted membership offered during Code-update training given by VPMIA throughout the state. New Associate Members include: Fred Payne, Bryant Group; Joseph Akers, A&S Home Repair; Mark Jones, Clear Creek Water Works; Ricky May, Plumbing Specialists; Don Stakes, Discount Plumbing; John Ackerman, Ackerman Construction; Fernando Estrada, F.E.D. Plumbing; Roylee Fish, Philbrick; James Lindsey, Sr., Lindsey Bros; Jesse Lindsey, Hot Water Services; Joseph Lindsey, Joseph C. Lindsey PC; Bill Martin, Tidewater Plumbing Heating & AC; Michael Martin, Rightway Maint; Michael McGreal, Firedyne Engineering, PC; Vincent James McManus, Climatedmakers, Ltd of VA; Kenneth Philbrick, Philbrick, Inc; Bruce Rahmani, Falcon HVAC; Donald Sherman, Climatedmakers Ltd of VA; Brian Strong,

Strong's, Inc; Andrew Zoby, Jr., A.T. Zoby Mechanical. Motion made and seconded to accept the reports as submitted.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Paul Rimel submitted 2 detailed financial statements; one, a regular Treasurer's Report, and the other reflecting details of revenue gained from Code Update Training for Contractors given by VPMIA members throughout the state. The beginning balance on October 5, 2010, was \$13,020.04, total as of March 4, 2011 was \$29,994.07. It should be noted that \$10,625.50 was gained from the Training given. We are grateful to all those involved in making this happen. Motion made and seconded to accept report.

#### ICC REPORT:

Guy Tomberlin sent in a report, highlights: ICC's last years' budget came in close to projection-focus on member services; membership dues slightly increased; Council/Committee restructuring underway; the New Blueprint 2015 was adopted and approved; there are now 345 ICC Chapters; still time to submit comments on the Code Development process; Building Safety Month is May, 4 different themes, 1 per week; there are appeals related to the hearing participation in Charlotte; Training and Education has devised a new business plan; Green Code Hearings in Phoenix in October; and 2012 documents should be available in a few months. Motion made and seconded to accept report.

#### ICC REGION VII:

Rick Witt submitted report from Region VII meeting of January 20-21, 2011, held in Hagerstown, MD. See attachment. Motion made and seconded to accept report.

#### DHCD REPORT:

Paula Eubank reported that new codes will be going on-line as they get approved; a 10% discount on code books has been negotiated with ICC; code update training is progressing, approximately 1,500 persons trained thanks to VBCOA & VPMIA; Administrative training will be available on-line within the next few weeks, if you experience any trouble in this endeavor, please contact DHCD; DHCD has hired an Energy Auditor to assist in conducting energy assessments; Energy training is available on-line; Energy training is mandatory for Building Officials; manufactured housing training is on-line; a reminder to make sure you check on-line the day before the date of any class you have registered for. Energy training available, must sign on to DHCD.

#### BCACC REPORT:

Joe Gregory stated that Paula's report covered most of his report; however he wanted to relay that soft-bound Virginia Code books will be available this month.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Curt Campbell started a discussion about the handout he and Dustin McLehane had put together and distributed at our meeting at the Joint Conference in Virginia Beach. The handout proposed ideas for increasing membership; ideas for different VPMIA "gifts/gadgets"; and the idea of holding VPMIA Appreciation Days in each District. The Membership Committee has been asked to discuss the new membership ideas and more discussion will take place at the Spring SOI. Dustin will present new By-laws for the new membership ideas to be presented to the General Membership.

Motioned made and seconded that Dennis Martinelli and Ron Bladen re-stock apparel inventory.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Adkins stated he had received a letter from Sherry Rimel, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, thanking us for our generous support; however, they did not need a contribution this year. Motioned and seconded that the Ladies be given the VPMIA card so they may enjoy a special outing during this year's SOI.

Request for ICC office endorsements from Patrick Parsley and John Darnall. It was suggested that we hold off on sending letters of support until later in the process and all office seekers would have sent in their request. It was suggested that receipt letters be sent.

Bob Adkins informed those present that due to work-related responsibilities, he will be missing some of the SOI; he is hoping to arrive sometime late on the second day.

Discussion held on the topic of combining VPMIA & VBCOA memberships at a discounted price. While all agreed that it is in everyone's best interest to collaborate on projects; it was motioned and seconded that this idea is not feasible at this time.

ICC Chapter of the Year – VPMIA will work with VBCOA on submitting applications on alternate years. Members from both organizations to work on this.

Due to the crossover in topics and the timing of the discussion, Paul Rimel gave a detailed accounting of the recent Code Update training given by VPMIA members. The entire classroom curriculum was thanks to Guy Tomberlin, Jim Moore and Paul Rimel. Paul stated that Guy was the key to this training; Guy got the approval for the training and literally "carried the load." Each District Director with their "helpers" are to be commended, it was a team effort. Paul also wanted to thank John Seay and Skip Harper for

their support. All certified instructors are encouraged to participate in the Code Update training. If you are not on this approved list, contact Skip Harper for guidance.

Skip Harper shared that he has developed a strong working relationship with DPOR and DHCD personnel; a tie that will benefit our organization. He has suggested VPMIA hold two more rounds of training, one in June and one in October. Potential students would come from a DPOR list of 26,000 license holders that Skip has acquired. He has recommended we work on the best and most cost effective method of contacting these persons and inform them of our intent to give more classes.

E-Commerce proposal by Skip Harper. The registration process for training, Code Update or SOI's, can be a daunting task. Having the ability to conduct business transactions on our website would alleviate a great deal of administrative duties. Skip is looking in to PayPal and a similar program through BB&T. He will keep would suit our needs the best.

Bob Adkins shared a request/opportunity from AZBO fund raising Lottery. AZBO is hosting ICC's Annual Business Conference. Motioned and approved to purchase \$150 worth.

Skip Harper suggested next year's SOI be held in the Southwest part of the State. It will be VPMIA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## COMMITTEE REPORT

### Advertising/Yearbook

Ron Bladen reported Yearbook is underway. In an effort to save money, it was motioned and seconded that the Active Member roster be eliminated from the Yearbook.

### Auditing

Geary Showman reported that an audit had been conducted and the books are in order. However, the auditors voiced concerned that VPMIA could not, and should not, repeat the same spending that occurred in 2010. Sound advice; it was an extraordinary year for VPMIA's financial responsibilities and commitments. Today's Treasurers' report has shown a healthy recovery thanks to the funds gained through the Code Update training classes.

### Awards

The Awards are in and ready for official announcement at the SOI.

### By-Laws

### NTR

### Certification, Education & Training

Covered in earlier notes.

Finance

NTR

Legislative

Ron Clements distributed a comprehensive report of the political actions (or non-actions) taking place in Richmond. As of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the governor has not signed any of the bills that have passed the legislature. For complete access to all legislative issues, go to: <http://leg1.state.va.us/>. Ron voiced his appreciation to those members who stepped up when asked for input.

Membership & Website

Skip Harper

Nominating

Wayne Kushner reported all nominations are set, except there is an additional candidate for the position of District 4 Director. This will be voted on at the SOI.

PMG

Richard Grace informed the group that there will be on the 2012--2013 Code cycle in the coming months; he will send out notification.

SOI

Ron Bladen reported the 2011 SOI event is ready.

Time and Place

Dennis Martinelli indicated that he and Wayne Kushner will be going to Harrisonburg and confirm the final details for the SOI.

Other Business:

Paul Rimel is working on a Resolution for the Yearbook in memory of Bill Norman.

It was noted that Jack Proctor is not doing well. Our thoughts are with his family.

President Adkins adjourned the meeting at 2:30.

