

# VPMIA General Membership Meeting Agenda

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance

Determination of Quorum

Approval of Agenda

Officers Reports:

Secretary (Fred Crowell): Forthcoming

Treasurer (Pete Kapitan): Attached

Executive Secretary (Chris Martin): Attached

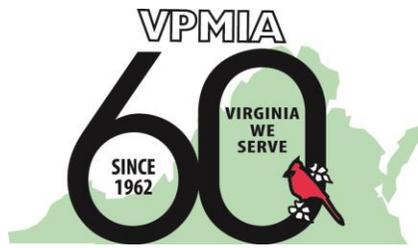
Ex-Officio Committee Reports

ICC: (Cindy Davis/Kris Bridges)

ICC Region VII: (Jane Kim)

DHCD: (DHCD Staff)

DPOR: (In Transition)



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## Standing Committees

Advertising/Yearbook (Ron Bladen): Attached

Auditing (Dennis Hart):

Awards (Tom Clark):

Bylaws (Dustin McLehaney): No Report

Certification/Education (Anthony McMahan):

Finance: (Peter Kapitan):

Information Technology (Jane Kim):

Nominating (Ellis McKinney): Attached

Legislative (Ron Clements): Attached

Plumbing/Mechanical/Fuel Gas (Dennis Hart): Attached

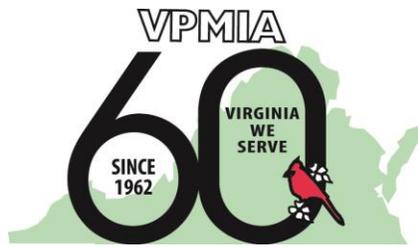
## Ad Hoc Committees

BCAAC (Randy Pearce):

Building Safety Month (Tom Clark):

VCEC (Anthony McMahan/Tom Clark):

VBCOA Liaison (David Beahm): Attached



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### Old Business:

1. Tabled discussion about monthly training, rotating through all 4 districts.
- 2.
- 3.

### New Business:

1. Should we raise membership dues?
2. Yearbook. Is it still financially feasible. Digital version only?
3. Summer SOI rates
4. Next Spring SOI Location and rates

### Other Business:

Adjourn

# Secretary's Report 2023

## VPMIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINTUES

04.05.23 (Recorded and Total Time 1:45:57, for clarity please see recording)

Pledged of Allegiance

Determination of a Quorum was acknowledged by Fred Crowell Secretary  
Agenda Approved by General membership with first and second motions and votes were  
unanimous.

**Treasurer Report:** See attached approved agenda

**Executive Secretary:** See attached approved agenda

### **Committee Reports**

ICC:

Cindy (record duration 06:35 start time) – Tampa Fla. Code Event coming up and looking for participation. The month of May is Building Safety Month seeking localities to promote and participate. ICC links for resources will be sent to the President Anthony McMahan and Secretary Fred Crowell for distribution. Code Hearings are scheduled and will be in-person but TBD. Grant funding coming from Dept. of Energy for allocation. Climate Change program seeking participation. Pro Codes Act facing copyright infractions challenges by private entities and seeking support.

ICC Region VII:

Comments from General Membership (record duration start time 33:55)

DHCD:

Stephen Reynolds and Staff (record duration start time 34:58) – Digital Code scripition discounts available and continuing to enhance the program/platform. Code Change Training 2021 starting process of training in-person and virtual options. Code Academy Course please see website for current courses. C.O.R.E Class two class prerequisites will be required before registration. The push for in-person classes but one virtual class will be offered per year per course with a exception of a few. The Learning System Access currently restricted to the public, for access please place an email. Train the Trainer Courses looking for prospects and accepting applications. Last names that start with N thru Z, due date 05.01.23 16 hours required for continuing education certifications. Spanish version of codes, licensing and exams etc. are available.

DPOR:

In Transition (contact Jerry Heinelien) but no report.

**Standing Committee:** See Approved Agenda

**AD HOC Committees:**

See Approved Agenda

Building Safety Month

Tom Clark (record duration start time 1:05:47) Building Safety Month each locality participant and promote.

VCEC

Tom Clark gathering information to host event for training (Williamsburg/Virginia Beach area several classes available as well.

**Old Business:**

General Membership-(record duration start time 1:11:38) Location for training on a regular basis (monthly) and revenue generated. JOYCE AGENCY in Chantilly, Va. using their facility for training. Pushed to upcoming Executive Board of Directors.

**New Business:**

(Should we raise membership Dues/Fees?)

General Membership-(record duration start time 1:15:40) Raising membership fees by \$5 for the next two years effective 01/31/24. Approved by General membership with first and second motions and votes were unanimous. Add note by General Membership to create notice asap to notify all localities for budgeting purposes.

(Yearbook. Is it still financially feasible. Digital Version only?)

Yearbook will be in digital format approved by General membership with first and second motions and votes were unanimous.

(Spring and Summer SOI rates)

General Membership-(record duration start time 1:34:40) Summer and Spring SOI rates-General Membership approved with first and second motions and votes were unanimous to authorize the executive board of directors to research and raise fees/cost to prevent a lost/money at SOI's, Tabletops and Registration.

General Membership-(record duration start time 1:41:40) approved by General membership with first and second motions and votes were unanimous that Spring SOI 2024 will be held in Virginia Beach, Va.

(Next Spring SOI Location)

General Membership-(record duration start time 1:42:06) approved by General membership with first and second motions and votes were unanimous that Summer SOI 2023 will be held at Graves Mountain.

General Membership Meeting-(record duration start time 1:45:37) ADJOURN BY PRESIDENT ANTHONY MCMAHAN

From: Executives Secretary's Report

Date: 4/5/23

Reference: SOI /General Membership Meeting

To: Crowell Fred, VPMIA Secretary

The Following is a report of Membership and 2023 Dues.

**Active Membership List-----339**

Lifetime Members-----27

Honorary Members-----5

Retired Members-----4

Retired Members Paid Dues-----2

Members Not Paid 2023 Dues-----174

Active Members Paid 2023 Dues-----165

**Associate Membership List-----45**

Lifetime Members-----12

Members Not Paid 2023 Dues-----40

Associate Members Paid 2023 Dues-----5

**New Active Members:**

1. Ethan Scholl - Mechanical Plan reviewer with George Mason University
2. Jarrod Overstreet -with the City of Alexandria
3. Tod Sutphin – Assistant Director with the City of Salem
4. Monique Coleman – City of Richmond
5. David Spindle -Master Combination Inspector with Spotsylvania County

**New Associate Members:**

**If anyone has any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at work # 703-228-3854, cell # 571-220-9856, or email [cmmartin@arlingtonva.us](mailto:cmmartin@arlingtonva.us)**

Thank You,

Christopher M. Martin

VPMIA Executive Secretary

# Treasurer's Report

03/30/2023



**Checking Account – \$43757.95**

**Credit Card Balances - \$12.60**

- The PayPal account currently has a balance of **\$13,633.91**
- Payment made to Chris Martins CC **\$280.00** (ICC Subscription)
- A new recurring fee of **\$19.00** is being withdrawn from the credit card monthly for a Microsoft 365/Microsoft Teams account.
- Bank service charge of **\$72.00** was auto deducted on 3/21
- Outstanding check for Fitzgerald Art (yearbook design charges) in the amount of **\$3200.00**
- Doyle Printing bill has been received in the amount of **\$4,468.60**. We will remit payment upon delivery of the yearbooks
- A wire transfer was made to YETI for **\$5,251.84**. (Cups for SOI)
- **\$1500.00** Check to Pat Carter for SOI deposit

**Peter Kapitan**  
**VPMIA Treasurer**

# ICC Government Relations' Monthly Update



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## April 2023

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[Click here](#) to visit the ICC Government Relations team website.

### Registration is open for training at ICC's Spring Interchange in Tampa, Florida, April 29-May 3

The 2023 Chapter Leadership Academy, meetings of ICC Membership Councils, a classy kickoff for 2023 Building Safety Month and opportunities to earn CEUs are what's on the agenda for [ICC's Spring Interchange](#) in Tampa, Florida, on April 29-May 3. Registration is still open for five tracks of training with a special joint training session on "Developing Codes, Standards, and Guides: What's Changing in 2024 and How You Can Get Involved." View the [training page](#) for all sessions, descriptions, and expert instructor bios. [Read more here](#).

### BUILDING SAFETY MONTH 2023: IT STARTS WITH YOU!

[Register here](#). Download the [2023 Building Safety Month proclamation draft](#) to spotlight the annual event in May. **It Starts with You!** is this year's theme. The weekly themes for this year's campaign are:

- Week One (May 1–7): "Building Safety Starts at Home"
- Week Two (May 8–14): "Building Safety Professionals and You"
- Week Three (May 15–21): "Prepare Your Community"
- Week Four (May 22–28): "Advocate for Your Community"
- Week Five (May 29–31): "Solving Challenges Together"

More details about Building Safety Month are available on the [Building Safety Month webpage](#).

### Building Safety Month sponsorships create opportunities to demonstrate loyalty to building safety

Sponsoring the 43rd annual Building Safety Month provides an unmatched, high-profile opportunity to demonstrate your organization's commitment to building safety. Sponsorship showcases each stakeholder's message and commitment to individuals and organizations in building code development, catastrophe management, emergency management, fire safety, green and energy construction, home improvement, home inspection, insurance, manufacturing, real estate, recreational safety, standards and testing, and more. Take a minute and check out available sponsorship packages. [Read more here](#).

### CALL FOR COMMITTEE: Application deadline is June 1 for Code Council's 2024-2026 Cycle Committees

The Call for Committee was recently issued seeking volunteers for 2024-2026 Cycle Committees to help support the development of the 2027 International Codes (I-Codes). The application deadline is June 1 for the Code Development Committee (CDCs), Code Interpretation Committee (CICs) and the Code Correlation Committee (CCC). The 2024-2026 Code Development Schedule is available [here](#). Building codes and standards are developed to address building industry challenges as they relate to compliance with the I-Codes. Participating in these committees will help shape the development of these codes to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide. [Read more here](#).

### New code development changes go into effect for the development of the 2027 International Codes

The International Codes (I-Codes) are a family of 15 coordinated, modern building safety codes used throughout the world. The code development process was recently revised, and the changes will take effect in 2024-2026 for the development of the 2027 I-Codes. It will move the process to an integrated and continuous three-year cycle. The 2024/2025/2026 Code Council code development schedule is [now available](#). Year one will include two Committee Action Hearings for Group A Codes; year two will include two Committee Action Hearings for Group B Codes; and year three will be the joint Public Comment Hearings and Online Governmental Consensus Vote for both Group A and B Codes. [Read more here](#).

**One-on-one grant application development help from ICC is available as application deadlines near** Code Council members and their jurisdictions throughout the United States have been working on grant applications that are available through federal agencies. Here's an update on key application deadlines:

- **April 28 – [Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund](#) – FEMA** - These low-interest loans will allow jurisdictions to reduce vulnerability to natural disasters, foster greater community resilience and reduce disaster suffering. Funds are for adoption and implementation of codes implementation. Issues \$500 million over five years. This will last through Fiscal Year 2026. For the first year, FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is making \$50 million available to eligible entities to establish revolving loan funds.
- **April 28 – [Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant \(EECBG\)](#)** – Pre-Application Information Checklist Due - The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program is designed to assist states, local governments and Tribes in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, reduce fossil fuel emissions and improve energy efficiency. EECBG can fund both adoption and implementation of energy codes. Issues \$430 million in clean energy and energy efficiency funding for eligible entities.

For applications and to read more, [click here](#). The Strategic Energy Code Implementation Team is available for grant application development assistance. To book a [one-on-one virtual meeting](#) with Stella Carr, ICC's Energy and Resilience Project Manager, [click here](#).

### **Hydrogen as a carbon-free fuel sought for heating, vehicles, electricity and other industry operations**

More countries around the world are replacing natural gas used for heating, fueling vehicles, generating electricity and other industry operations with hydrogen. However, the range of hydrogen use will depend on various barriers to market adoption, including challenges in building storage and infrastructure. Hydrogen use today and speculation for its future are examined in this Building Safety Journal feature by Mark Fasel, Director, ICC PMG technical resources. [Read more here](#).

### **Participate in a brief survey of stakeholders to evaluate policies for climate change adaption**

The Adaptation Working Group of the [Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction](#) (GlobalABC) is developing a report on the "Evaluation of Contribution to Climate Change Adaptation" of all stakeholders involved in the buildings and construction sector. The group is conducting a short survey of stakeholders. It will address the framework for conducting adaptation in policies, the systemic integration of adaptation in policies concerning the buildings and construction value chain, and what levers are specific to national and subnational governments when it comes to climate change adaptation. The results will help officials understand how national and local governments integrate adaptation to climate change into their own policies and project. The survey takes 15 to 20 minutes and consists of four questions. **The deadline to take the survey is April 14.** Respondents will be kept confidential. A feedback summary of results will be communicated to respondents in April and its findings will serve as the basis for the report to be published in November. [Read more here](#).

### **Pro Codes Act would protect copyright of codes and standards governments adopt to protect public**

The *Protecting and Enhancing Public Access to Codes Act*, or *Pro Codes Act* ([S.835](#)), was recently introduced in the U.S. Senate to recognize the vital role consensus-based codes and standards play in public safety. The act underscores the importance of ensuring standards development organizations (SDOs) like the International Code Council, who make their codes viewable for free online, retain the copyright for their respective codes that governments seek to utilize by incorporating them by reference into law. [Read more here](#).

### **Webinar series of 'Listening Sessions' set to start April 13 to promote community roles in resilience**

A webinar series is available to community officials and the interested public, produced by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), to create guidance and resources for the whole community and help them understand their critical roles related to increasing national resilience. These resources will promote a common understanding of resilience, incorporate the relationship between stressors and shocks, address the critical roles of all stakeholders, and inspire fresh, forward-looking,

and people-centered planning approaches to move the needle on increasing community and national resilience. The first Listening Session is set for April 13. [Read more and register here.](#)

### **Updated Hazard Mitigation Guide reinforces agency's recognition of I-Codes® resilience benefits**

On March 23, the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) released its [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#), an updated comprehensive policy handbook to help govern mitigation grant programs. The guide includes an extensive list of eligible code activities that support the building safety community at large. The guide details resilient construction requirements and recommendations for mitigation projects connected to the International Codes® (I-Codes), including the International Building Code®, International Residential Code®, International Existing Building Code® and International Wildland-Urban Interface Code®. The new guide covers FEMA's [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#) (HMGP), [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Post Fire](#) (HMGP Post Fire), [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities](#) (BRIC), and [Flood Mitigation Assistance](#) (FMA) programs. Communities benefit significantly from these programs given their focus on the eligibility of code activities and the significant increases in their funding in recent years — BRIC from \$150 million per year to over \$2 billion per year since 2019 and HMGP from an average of \$390 million per year on average annually in the 1990s to roughly \$1.4 billion per year on average over the last ten years. [Read more here.](#)

### **Report released by International Code Council's Ad Hoc Committee on Building Safety and Security**

The International Code Council recently announced the publication of its Building Safety and Security Report. The report is intended to guide architects, first responders, and local and state authorities in evaluating facilities, including schools, against potential targeted acts of violence. "We are impacted every day by building safety, so it is imperative we help guide our local and state authorities in taking the appropriate actions to keep our communities safe," said Code Council Senior Vice President of Technical Services, Mike Pfeiffer. "This report will help to develop the necessary balance between facility security and safety considerations." [Read more here.](#)

### **International Code Council hires two new experts to support its codes and standards efforts**

The Code Council recently welcomed two new experts whose experience and insight will support the Code Council's efforts to expand the use of the International Codes to help fortify the built environment. **Ramiro Mata** will serve as the head facilitator of the Code Council's development process for [plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas \(PMG\) standards](#). **Rick Bluntzer** will serve as regional manager in the southwestern states, helping the [ICC Government Relations team](#) on the adoption and use of codes, standards and services. [Read more here.](#)

### **STORM SHELTERS KEEP THE PUBLIC SAFE: Here's a review on storm shelters in codes and standards**

With 2023 already producing severe weather across the United States, here's a review on storm shelters and new information on tornado load requirements coming to the 2024 editions of the I-Codes to help keep communities and people safe.

- The National Storm Shelter Association (NSSA) and the Code Council developed the ICC 500 Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters. The International Building Code (IBC) requires schools and facilities that house critical emergency operations (911 call stations, emergency operation centers, and fire, rescue, ambulance and police stations) in the 250-mph zone to include storm shelters when they are constructed. With 2023 already producing severe weather and deadly tornadoes, you might find this [information on storm shelters](#) helpful.
- **Keep an eye out for the 2024 edition of the International Building Code (IBC)** which will feature a new section on structural design loads for tornadoes. This new section of the 2024 IBC is based on a newly developed chapter in the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 7-22 Standard: *Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures*.
- Ahead of the 2024 IBC, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) have jointly developed a [design guide](#) for the new tornado load requirements in ASCE 7-22 that you and your community might find useful as well.



## ICC Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas updates

### **New CodeNotes addresses code requirements of Section 717 of the IPC and Section P3011 of the IRC**

From the latest edition of CodeNotes — “Relining Building Sewers and Building Drains in the I-Codes” — is based on Section 717 of the 2021 International Plumbing Code and Section P3011 of the 2021 International Residential Code. These lining methods require little or no digging and use significantly less time to complete than conventional pipe installation methods. They are suitable for repairing both short and long runs of pipes that do not need to be increased in size. This CodeNote, by Jim Cika, director of PMG Technical Resources for the International Code Council, covers the process referred to as the “fold and form pipe (FFP)” method of pipe restoration for relining of building sewers and building drains found in the I-Codes. [Read more here.](#)

### **International Code Council highlights the work of Mechanical Skills Plumbing Apprenticeship School**

As part of the recent World Plumbing Day, the International Code Council highlighted the work [Mechanical Skills Plumbing Apprenticeship School](#) (Mechanical Skills, Inc.), based in Indianapolis. The school is an important resource for the plumbing industry and is one of the many great apprenticeship training schools across the country. Mark Fasel, Director of PMG Technical Resources for the Code Council and ICC Certified Residential and Commercial Plumbing Inspector, teaches fourth-year apprentice students at Mechanical Skills, Inc. about the [International Plumbing Code® \(IPC\)](#) and Indiana Plumbing Law as they prepare for their Journeyman and Contractor exams. [Read more here.](#)

### **AC377 to provide clarity for code officials and streamlined compliance for manufacturers and industry**

At the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee public hearing, a revision to ICC-ES acceptance criteria (AC377) for spray-applied foam plastic insulation was unanimously approved. The revision to AC377 provides a clear, concise and transparent path for spray-applied foam plastic insulation for use in unvented attics without a code-prescribed ignition barrier. The revision was developed with product manufacturers and industry partners and will provide code officials clarity in the alternative test method specifically for use in unvented attics. ICC-ES and [ICC NTA](#) conducted testing to determine the performance characteristics of code-compliant unvented attic insulation materials, and with which performance characteristics were used as the basis for the conditions of the approved revision to AC377. [Read more here.](#)



**In-person training and meeting event**

April 29 - May 3 | Tampa, FL

**REGISTER TODAY!**

## *Advertising & Yearbook*

### *Committee*

*4/1/2023*

*Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Advertising & Yearbook Committee. Having experience with this task for many years, I can frankly state that due to several, unforeseen factors, this year has been the most challenging for all involved.*

*In this regard, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for the exceptional work by committee members Vic Hines and John Seay in contacting advertisers and successfully reaching the decision maker to obtain ad commitments. Their dedication to our endeavor made it possible to convince many to participate in the Ad and Tabletop campaigns, bringing a great deal of financial support to the Yearbook and to the SOI. Thank you, gentlemen.*

*Our graphic designer, Jane Fitzgerald, despite dealing with some unusual issues, managed to make it all work. She is also responsible for reaching out to Jesse Hurt and creating a first-of-its-kind article for the Yearbook. A special thanks to her and to Jesse for allowing us to share his experiences with VPMIA. Jesse's dedication to our Organization should be an inspiration to all.*

*Below are some suggestions for consideration for the next year:*

- 1. Many long-time Advertisers continued to support us, while unfortunately, some did not. Thanks to Vic and John's persistence, newcomers were sought out and came aboard. In that regard, suggest more Members are asked to participate in the Ad and Tabletop campaign. It could be under the purview of the District Directors, who in turn could designate Members in their District to reach out to potential new Ad and Tabletop partners, thereby covering the entire state.*

2. *Modern technology brings with it unique issues. The opportunity of online payments for Ads and Tabletops was a welcomed option for those who participated. However, more frequent communications between Committee Members and those who processed the finances are needed. To maintain records of Ad and Tabletop purchases, frequent updates on data received must be shared as quickly as possible. Realtime data updates can prevent any uncomfortable moments with our customers.*
3. *Online registration. Strongly suggest separating links to SOI registration: One for standard registration, and one for those purchasing an Ad and/or a Tabletop. Some Yearbook participants this year voiced confusion upon going to our website and seeing only a registration link.*
4. *Suggest any printed contact list for Yearbook transactions only include the Designer, the Advertising & Yearbook Committee Chair, and the VPMIA Treasurer. Each of these contacts should be familiar with all aspects of the Yearbook publishing process. Internal communications would, of course, include the residing VPMIA President.*
5. *Based upon this years' experience, increase the timeline to obtain technical articles. Start in December, not January. Seems there were a lot of personnel changes, which led to a lot of re-contacting, which led to delays in agreements to submit, submittals, edit comments, acceptance of edits (if applicable), final approvals.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Ron Bladen*

*Chair, Advertising & Yearbook Committee*



# Virginia Plumbing & Mechanical Inspectors Association

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## Education Committee Report 4/1/2023

### 2023 Spring General Membership Meeting

We have arranged an array of training for the 2023 SOI. We have a total of 15 hours of training, and the general membership meeting (which can count as continuing education for DHCD, DPOR and ICC).

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING FOR DPOR CREDIT THAT THEY HAVE REQUESTED:

- Students must attend the class and sign in and out.  
Please use the name that is on your license. Please print legibly so that DPOR staff can match the names up.
- Please put your license number on the certificate!!! No license number, no credit!
- All certificates must be sent in by the license holder. I will submit the sign in sheets as soon as possible after the class. I will provide a VPMIA certificate for all classes. Please remember to add your license number and email them to: [contractor@dpor.virginia.gov](mailto:contractor@dpor.virginia.gov)

I look forward to seeing everyone at the SOI!

Respectfully,

*Anthony V. McMahan*

Anthony V. McMahan, CBO, MCP  
Education Chair  
VPMIA

## **NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**April, 3, 2023**

The nominations committee is please confirm the following officer candidates;

Dennis Hart, presently serving as Vice President, nominated for President

Fred Crowell, presently serving as Secretary, nominated for Vice President

Pete Kapitan, presently serving as Treasurer, nominated for Secretary

Josh Rolfe, presently a member, nominated for Treasurer

All four District Directors have chosen to continue to serve VPMIA general membership in their respective districts as follows;

Tom Clark serving District 1

Bane Compton serving District 2

Donald Mims serving District 3

Randy Pearce serving District 4

This concludes the Nominations Committee report.

Ellis McKinney

Past President

Nomination Committee Chair

## VBCOA/VPMIA 2023 Session (End of Session, waiting on Governor) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT as of 03-03-23

Thru- HB2500, HJ583, HR272, SB1545, SJ283, SR103

The legislative committee met via conference call on 1-23-23 with a quorum present.

### [HB 1384](#) Status- Left in committee

#### No Position-

*Chief patron: Fowler*

**Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; licensure by apprenticeship.** Requires the regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (the Department) to grant a license, defined in the bill, to an applicant for licensure by apprenticeship, also defined in the bill, if the applicant has (i) completed an apprenticeship in an occupation that is regulated by the board operated within the Department, and the board grants licensure to individuals in such occupation or an occupation with a similar scope of practice; (ii) passed all requisite examinations; and (iii) paid all applicable fees, as determined by the board. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2024.

### [HB 1400 Item 117 \(budget bill\)](#) Status- Pending final budget agreement

#### Support-

*Chief patron: Knight*

**Budget bill item to increase capacity for and accelerate the review and issuance of building permits.** Out of the amounts in this Item, \$10,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for a program to provide financial assistance to localities or planning district commissions acting on behalf of member localities to increase capacity for and accelerate the review and issuance of building permits by local building departments. The department shall develop appropriate criteria and guidelines for the deployment and use of the funding for this pilot program.

### [HB 1400 Item 114 #19 \(budget bill\)](#) Status- Not incorporated into budget [SB 800 Item 117 #1 \(budget bill\)](#) Status- Not incorporated into budget

#### No Position- Will see about getting a position

*Chief patron: HB-Wamplar, SB-Marden*

**Budget bill item to establish a work group to look at unvented attic R-values.** The department shall establish a workgroup to evaluate options for adoption of a new prescriptive R-Value for unvented attics in Virginia. The workgroup shall include representatives of the home building industry, building products supply companies, and energy efficiency organizations.

### [HB 1650](#) Status- Defeated in committee

#### No Position-

*Chief patron: Price*

**Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; enforcement by localities.** Provides that if a condition exists in a rental dwelling unit that constitutes a material noncompliance by the landlord with the rental agreement or with any provision of law that, if not promptly corrected, constitutes a fire hazard or serious threat to the life, health, or safety of tenants or occupants of the premises, a locality may institute an action for injunction and damages to enforce the landlord's duty to maintain the rental dwelling unit in a fit and habitable condition.

### **HB 1671 Status- Passed House and Senate**

#### **No Position-**

*Chief patron: Wyatt*

**Residential land development and construction fee transparency; annual report.** Requires localities with a population greater than 3,500 to submit an annual report no later than March 1 to the Department of Housing and Community Development containing the total fee revenue collected by the locality over the preceding calendar year in connection with the processing, reviewing, and permitting of applications for residential land development and construction activities.

### **HB 1724 Status- Left in committee**

**Support-** Allows for maintenance of a structure when use of the adjoining property is needed to gain access.

*Chief patron: VanValkenburg*

**Improvements, repairs, or maintenance of property; entering adjoining property; petition for entry.** Allows an owner or lessee of real property who seeks to improve, repair, or maintain his property to petition the circuit court for a license to enter adjoining property for the purpose of performing the improvements, repairs, or maintenance when the property is so situated that it is impossible to perform the improvements, repairs, or maintenance without entering such adjoining property and permission to enter such adjoining property has been denied.

### **HB 1766 Status- Left in committee**

**Oppose-** Legislating code.

*Chief patron: Reid*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; multifamily residential housing construction projects; electric vehicle charging infrastructure standards.** Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to promulgate regulations for electric vehicle charging infrastructure standards for multifamily residential housing construction projects consisting of more than 25 residential dwelling units. The standards shall require a developer of such multifamily residential housing construction projects to ensure that at least 25 percent of the available parking spaces are electric vehicle charging ready during the design and construction process. Landlords, condominium unit owners' associations, and property owners' associations shall be authorized to negotiate with electric vehicle charging providers with respect to the installation and maintenance of electric vehicle infrastructure and any related revenue sharing.

### **HB 1783 Status- Passed by Indefinitely in committee**

#### **No Position**

*Chief patron: O'Quinn*

**Natural gas utilities; retail supply choice.** Allows every person access to distribution service or retail natural gas from a natural gas company authorized to provide natural gas service to the area where the service will be received. The bill prohibits a public entity from adopting an ordinance, resolution, or any other requirement that limits or

prohibits customers from acquiring natural gas service and supply from both utility and non-utility gas companies. The bill prohibits public entities from denying building permits solely based on a proposed utility provider and directs public entities to ensure that all applicable permits and fees are reasonable, as compared to other utility providers, and do not restrict an applicant's ability to use the services of an authorized utility provider.

**[HB 1807](#) Status- Passed House and Senate**

**No Position-** Affects state agencies.

*Chief patron: Bloxom*

**State agency compliance with flood plain management regulations.** Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation, no later than September 30, 2023, and in cooperation with numerous Secretariats and the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, to establish standards for development in a flood plain for all state agencies and departments.

**[HB 1878](#) Status- Left in committee**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Graves*

**Virginia Freedom of Information Act; exclusions to application of chapter; local administrative investigations; disclosure.** Clarifies that personal contact information, to include a home or business (i) address, (ii) email address, or (iii) telephone number or comparable number assigned to any other electronic communication device, when furnished in confidence to a local governing body with respect to complainants in local investigations, is exempt from disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

**[HB 1917](#) Status- Left in committee**

**Support-** We assisted with the bill text to make sure the regulation does not regulate construction and maintenance regulated by the USBC.

*Chief patron: Hope*

**Public pools; regulations.** Directs the Board of Health to adopt regulations governing swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated for public use, including swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated in conjunction with a tourist facility or health spa.

**[HB 2045](#) Status- Tabled in committee**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Carr*

**Housing; creation of the Zoning for Housing Production Act; affordable dwelling unit policy incentives.** Creates, within the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Zoning for Housing Production Act, which establishes a special non-reverting fund in the state treasury to be known as the Zoning for Housing Production Fund.

**[HB 2047](#) Status- Left in committee**

**[SB 1141](#) Status- Left in committee**

**[SB 1331](#) Status- Incorporated into SB1141**

**No Position-** Mentions use of materials permitted by code can be prohibited in an affordable dwelling unit program incorporated into the zoning ordinance.

*Chief patron: Carr-HB, McPike-SB1141, McClellan-SB1331*

**Affordable housing; local zoning ordinance authority; comprehensive plan.** Authorizes any locality in the Commonwealth to provide for an affordable housing dwelling unit program by amending the zoning ordinance of such locality.

### **HB 2060 Status- Left in committee**

**No Position-** Address tank operation, does not appear to conflict with USBC.

*Chief patron: Lopez*

**Aboveground storage tanks; Hazardous Substance Aboveground Storage Tank Fund; civil penalties.** Directs the State Water Control Board to regulate aboveground storage tanks that measure more than 250 gallons in capacity and are used to contain hazardous substances other than oil.

### **HB 2100 Status- Left in committee**

**No Position-** Zoning title 15 bill.

*Chief patron: Hudson*

**Accessory dwelling units.** Establishes authority and requirements for localities in the development and use of accessory dwelling units (ADUs). An ADU is defined in the bill as an independent dwelling unit on a single-family dwelling (SFD) lot with its own living, bathroom, and kitchen space.

### **HB 2310 Status- Left in committee**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Williams*

**Study; DHCD; opportunities for rural areas of the Commonwealth to upgrade their public water and sewer systems; report.** Requests the Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct a study of opportunities for rural areas of the Commonwealth to upgrade their public water and sewer systems. Technical assistance shall be provided by the Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

### **HB 2133 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Wilt*

**State Fire Marshal; authority.** Clarifies that the State Fire Marshal, or his designee, is the authority having jurisdiction over state-owned buildings, properties, or structures for purposes of fire safety and fire prevention in accordance with the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code.

**[HB 2494](#) Status- Passed House and Senate**

**No Position- Worked with HBAV to remove language regarding building permits in original item #3.**

*Chief patron: Ware*

**Powers of cities and towns; certain localities; report to the Department of Housing and Community Development.** Requires any locality with a population greater than 3,500 to submit a report to the Department of Housing and Community Development. Such report shall summarize any information collected or changes made regarding such locality's policies, ordinances, or processes affecting the development and construction of housing.

**[SB 786](#) Status- Left in committee**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Spruill*

**Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors; licensure of mold inspectors and mold remediators.** Provides for the licensure and regulation of mold inspectors and mold remediators by the Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors, which is renamed in the bill as the Board for Asbestos, Lead, Mold, and Home Inspectors. The bill increases the membership of the Board by one member to include a mold inspector or a mold remediator.

**[SB 798](#) Status- Passed Senate and House  
[HB 1450](#) Status- Passed House and Senate**

**Support-**

*Chief patron: SB-Hashmi, HB-Orrock*

**Individuals with disabilities; terminology.** Replaces various instances of the terms "handicap," "handicapped," and similar variations throughout the Code of Virginia with alternative terms, as appropriate in the statutory context, such as "disability" and "impairment." The bill contains technical amendments. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission.

**[SB 838](#) Status- Defeated in House  
[HB 1482](#) Status- Defeated in House  
[HB 1612](#) Status- Incorporated into HB1482**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: SB-Locke, HB1482-Ward, HB-1612 Graves*

**Vacant buildings; registration.** Permits any city and certain towns to require, by ordinance, the owner of any building that has been vacant for at least 12 months and that may endanger the public health, safety, or welfare to register such building annually. Under current law, any city and certain towns are permitted to require the owner of any building that has been vacant for at least 12 months and meets the definition of "derelict building" in relevant law to register such building annually.

[SB 839](#) Status- Passed Senate and House  
[SB 1049](#) Status- Incorporated into SB839  
[SB 1190](#) Status- Incorporated into SB839  
[HB 2046](#) Status- Passed House and Senate

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: SB839-Locke, SB1190-Ebbin, SB 1049- McPike, HB-Carr*

**Department of Housing and Community Development; powers and duties of Director.** Adds to the powers and duties of the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (the Department) the responsibility to conduct a comprehensive statewide affordable housing needs assessment every five years, to develop a biennial statewide affordable housing plan and submit such plan to the General Assembly every two years, and to collect and publish certain zoning information collected from Virginia localities. The bill requires localities to respond to inquiries of the Department regarding the collection of such zoning information upon request.

[SB 840](#) Status- Passed by indefinitely

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Bell*

**Department of Labor and Industry; Safety and Health Codes Board; Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program; use of cranes and derricks in construction; report.** Requires the Safety and Health Codes Board (the Board) of the Department of Labor and Industry (the Department) to adopt regulations to the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program (VOSH), regarding cranes and derricks in construction, to allow an active load stabilization mechanism or passive load stabilization mechanism, defined in the bill, to be used if necessary to prevent hazardous rotation of a load as determined by the project manager or safety engineer. The bill requires the Department to report the final regulations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology by November 1, 2023.

[SB 866](#) Status- Passed by Indefinitely  
[HB 1608](#) Status- Stricken

**Oppose-** Legislating code

*Chief patron: SB Cosgrove, HB Tata*

**Board of Housing and Community Development; Uniform Statewide Building Code; qualifications of technical assistants; emergency.** Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to suspend, until no later than July 1, 2024, the Uniform Statewide Building Code qualification requirement that technical assistants who issue permits have at least three years of experience. The bill contains an emergency clause.

[SB 1263](#) Status- Passed Senate and House  
[HB 2312](#) Status- Passed House and Senate

**Oppose-**

*Chief patron: Hackworth-SB, Head-HB*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; stop work orders; appeals of State Building Code Technical Review Board decisions; recovery of costs.** Defines stop work orders for the purposes of the Uniform Statewide Building Code. The bill provides that if, during an appeal pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Process Act of the State Building Code Technical Review Board's decision with respect to the issuance of a stop work order by a local building official, the court finds in favor of the party that was issued the stop work order, such party shall be entitled to recover

its actual costs of litigation, including court costs, attorney fees, and witness fees, from the locality responsible for issuing the stop work order. The bill contains technical edits.

**SB 1305 Status- Passed Senate and House**

**No Position-** Imposed a requirement on an exempt farm, not enforceable by code official.

*Chief patron: Hanger*

**Farm buildings and structures; building code exemptions.** Requires farm buildings and structures where the public is invited to enter and that are used for storage, handling, production, display, sampling, or sale of agricultural, horticultural, floricultural, or silvicultural products produced on the farm and that are exempt from the Uniform Statewide Building Code (the building code) to have (i) portable fire extinguishers, (ii) a simple written plan in case of an emergency, and (iii) a sign posted in a conspicuous place upon entry that states that the building is exempt from the provisions of the building code.

**SB 1312 Status- Left in committee**

**No Position-** Not a building code requirement.

*Chief patron: Boysco*

**Requirement for electric vehicle charging stations for certain developments.** Provides that any locality may by ordinance require electric vehicle charging stations as part of subdivision or site plan approval for a development containing commercial, industrial, or multifamily residential uses with a density of seven residential dwelling units per acre or greater.

**SB 1495 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**No Position-** House amendment limits this to enforcement of zoning ordinances.

*Chief patron: Surovell*

**Local enforcement action; willful disregard for applicable law; damages.** Provides that any person aggrieved by an enforcement action by a locality, where the enforcement action was based upon a willful disregard for applicable law, regulation, or ordinance, shall be entitled to an award of compensatory damages and to an order remanding the matter to the locality with a direction to terminate such enforcement and may be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and court costs.

Provided by Legislative Committee Chair,

Ron Clements

# BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS REPORT: VPMIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Regulatory Work Group:** The regulatory workgroup met on Monday, March 13, 2023. The following topics were discussed.

## Individual Tradesman Regulations

- There is a proposal to amend the Individual eligibility requirements by amending the required years of experience and/or the vocational training to be eligible to sit for an examination. This amendment would apply to Journeyman and Master tradesman. (Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, and Gas fitter LP and Natural Gas)
- The Board sent a questionnaire to various stake holders on February 3, 2023, seeking input on eligibility requirements.
- 45 responses were received. The respondents were offered an opportunity to meet with a Board Member and make suggestions or express concerns.
- The Board has been tasked with taking all public comment received and discussing the best path forward to ensure protection of the public by ensuring minimum competency of its licenses without being overly burdensome.
- No action was taken at this time.

## Individual Continuing Education

- The Board is performing a complete review of its regulations to best ensure that those regulations are the least burdensome to the industry while providing adequate protection to the public.
- The Board identified that certain eligibility requirements may be burdensome.
- No action was taken at this time.

**Committee Meeting:** The Board for Contractors Committee met on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The following topics were discussed.

- Several new education providers were recommended and approved.
- Universal Licensing, Senate Bill 1213 was passed this session and signed by the Governor on March 3, 2023. This will allow for additional pathways for out of state individuals to become licensed.

Respectfully,



Jerry Heinline

# VPMIA PMG Report



4/6/2023

Mr. President,

The following is my report for the Plumbing Mechanical and Gas (PMG) Code Committee.

The tentative 2024/2025/2026 ICC Code Development Schedule for changes to the 2027 I-Codes has been released. Proposals for Group A which apply to plumbing, mechanical and gas can be submitted starting on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The PMG Code Committee will soon be meeting to start discussing the upcoming code development cycle. Members are encouraged to attend these meetings and provide their input. Expect to see a Constant Contact email sent out with meeting information. Members who have any questions or want to get added to the interested parties list, please contact myself or Richard Grace.

ICC 815 Standard for Sizing Water Distribution, Sanitary Drainage and Vent Piping Systems – Richard Grace is serving on this standards committee representing the VPMIA.

ICC Call for committees including Code Development Committees (CDCs) and Code Interpretation Committees (CICs) – Applications are due June 1<sup>st</sup>. More information can be found at <https://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/Call-for-Committee-2023-CDC-CIC-CCC.pdf>.

Respectfully,

Dennis Hart

PMG Code Committee Chair



# *VPMIA/VBCOA*

## *Liaison*

## *Report*

Board of Directors Meeting  
Virtual Meeting  
April 04, 2023  
Submitted by David Beahm

The last VBCOA Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was held on March 26, 2023, at Hotel Madison in Harrisonburg, Virginia. It was held in conjunction with the Mid-Year Meeting in which a General Membership meeting was held on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and training was provided for the remainder of the day. The main focus of the BOD was on educational opportunities, revenue generating of new Spotlight podcasts and budget deficits.

The training that was available at the Mid-Year was IBC/IFC Assembly Spaces, Rated Assemblies, Continuous Load Path Connections, Permit Technician job or Career and Technical Review Board. In addition to the training many exhibitors were present.

VBCOA's nomination to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulatory Board is still pending at the Governor's office. The Governor has appointed James (Jimmy) Moss to the State Technical Review Board.

The next VBCOA Board meeting is scheduled for June 04, 2023, in Chesterfield, Virginia.

VBCOA's Annual Conference will be held September 18-19, 2023, in Virginia Beach.

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