



General Membership Meeting #1  
July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Secretary, Anthony McMahan

**VPMIA 1<sup>st</sup> General Membership Meeting Agenda**  
**Graves Mountain Lodge – Friday July 26, 2019**  
**8:00AM – 4:30PM**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Approval of Agenda.  
Determination of Quorum

Reports of Officers:

Secretary (Anthony McMahan):  
Treasurer (Dennis Hart):  
Executive Secretary (Chris Martin):

Ex-Officio Committee Reports

ICC:

ICC Region VII:

DHCD:

DPOR:

Standing Committees

Advertising/Yearbook (Anthony McMahan):

Auditing (Ellis McKinney):

Bylaws (Dustin McLehane):

Awards (Randy Bowman):

Certification/Education (Vacant):

Information Technology (Jane Kim):

Nominating (James Anjam):

Legislative (Ron Clements):

Plumbing/Mechanical/Fuel Gas (Richard Grace):

Time and Place/School of Instruction (Bob Adkins):

## Ad Hoc Committees

BCAAC (Randy Pearce):

Building Safety Month (Mark Grimmell):

VCEC (Dustin McLehaney):

VBCOA Liaison (Rick Witt):

Old Business:

New Business:

1. ICC Candidates Support Letters
  - Cindy Davis – Vice President (Richmond, VA)
  - Alan Boswell – Section “F” Directors Seat (Tuscaloosa, AL)
  - Steve McDaniel – Board of Directors (Corning, NY)
  - Randy Metz – Board of Directors (Carlsbad, CA)
  - Michael Savage – Board of Directors (Marion County, Fla)
  - Michael Wich – Secretary/Treasurer (South Central Regional Construction Code Council/Houma, LA)
2. Presidents Goals (2019-2020)
  - VPMIA Goal #1 – Enhance and Increase communications of VPMIA (Social Media -Facebook/Tweeter/Instagram)
  - VPMIA Goal #5 – Broaden and expand VPMIA Membership
  - VPMIA Goal #8 – Ensuring financial viability of VPMIA (Budget)
  - Training Classes/District Meetings (District Area’s)
3. VPMIA Certification/Education Position
4. VBCOA Liaison Position
5. ICC Region VII Position
6. 2019 Virginia Governors Housing Conference (Nov. 20-22, 2019 / Hampton, VA)

Other Business:

1. Ad-Hoc Committee to work on the ICC Highschool Technical Training Program (HSTTP) Motion Approved during the 2019 Spring School of Instruction/VA. Beach
2. ICC Annual Conference and Code Hearings - October 20-30, 2019 – Las Vegas, NV
3. ICC Foundation – Requested 10K for ICC Conference/Code Hearings - Las Vegas Scholarships
4. DHCD Stipend Request
5. Review the 2019 VPMIA Spring School of Instruction Attendee’s Feedback (10 responses received)

Afternoon Training Classes:

Jon Sargeant - Installation and Protection of CSST Gas Piping Systems  
Dean Fortney - Proper Bonding of Swimming Pools in the 2014 NEC

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# VPMIA TREASURERS REPORT

6/28/2019

## Current Balances:

Checking Account - \$43,747.71

Credit Card Balances - \$0.00

Costs associated with Graves Mountain Lodge/Summer School of Instruction in the amount of - \$ 198.17 (Deposit and lodging for Dean Fortney as approved by the board)

Costs associated with the purchase of a new laptop for the Secretary - \$953.99

Cost of 5 Significant Change books and associated shipping/restocking fees - \$192.13

Membership Fees Collected - \$400.00

PayPal Transfer - \$5968.36

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Hart Jr. - VPMIA Treasurer

From: Executives Secretary's Report

Date: 7/24/19

Reference: July 26, 2019 1<sup>st</sup> General Membership Meeting

To: Anthony McMahon, VPMIA Secretary

The Following is a report of Membership and 2019 Dues.

**Active Membership List-----282**

Lifetime Members-----27

Honorary Members-----4

Retired Members-----3

Retired Members Paid Dues-----3

Members Not Paid 2019 Dues-----60

Active Members Paid 2018 Dues-----222

**Associate Membership List-----39**

Lifetime Members-----12

Members Not Paid 2019 Dues-----16

Associate Members Paid 2019 Dues-----23

**New Active Members:**

Billy Caldwell HVAC Tech with Montgomery County

**New Associate Members:**

Wayne Ricker - Commercial Combination Inspector with CTI Consultants

**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

Follow @ICC\_GR on [Twitter](#) for breaking news & announcements throughout the month

### **Code Council seeks subject matter experts/trainers with expertise in PMG field, including pools, spas**

The Code Council is currently seeking subject matter experts and trainers to share their code knowledge and expertise in the plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas fields (PMG) – specifically for the International Plumbing Code (IPC), the International Mechanical Code (IMC), the International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), and the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) – to:

- Develop new technical training content for instruction purposes, including on-site instruction, online webinars and virtual classroom venues.
- Repurpose existing technical content for related training courses.
- Customize and/or integrate state-specific content.
- Provide classroom training or webinar instruction.

The Code Council's aim is to ensure that quality training is available to meet the needs of all members, customers and certification holders. Read more [here in this news story by Neil Burning](#), vice president of technical resources for the International Code Council's Government Relations division.

### **New "Codes Save" webpage puts important information at your fingertips!**

Building codes are highly cost effective in protecting communities and individuals from the impacts of hazards. However, most people don't know the important role of up-to-date codes. This [Codes Save](#) webpage introduces consumers and policy makers to the results of the **Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves 2018 Interim** report and resources to help assure their community is capturing the full benefits of codes.

Features you can use from this webpage include:

- A nearly three-minute video explaining how current building codes can save money, lives and property based on the recent National Institute of Building Sciences study.
- An interactive national map with state-by-state listings of which editions are adopted.
- Comparison chart of how each state adopts its codes.
- An interaction national map with contact information for key ICC staff, Board Liaisons and Chapter leadership.

### **Code of Honor Scholarships application deadline is August 9 for those seeking aid to attend PCH**

The application period for Code of Honor Scholarships ends on August 9. It's intended to support participation in the Public Comment Hearings (PCH) held October 23-30, 2019 in Las Vegas and to help ensure that the I-Codes reflect the consensus view of officials at all levels of government by providing funding to Governmental Member Voting Representatives seeking to attend and participate in the PCH. Currently the program includes the following categories:

- **Architect Leaders** – Governmental Member Voting Representatives who are licensed architects (financial support by AIA).
- **Emerging Leaders** – Governmental Member Voting Representatives who have served their jurisdiction between 4 and 9 years.
- **Future Leaders** – Governmental Member Voting Representatives who are new to the profession, serving less than four years.
- **International Leaders** – Governmental Member Voting Representatives who reside outside of the United States.
- **Match Scholarship** – Governmental Member Voting Representatives who have a 50% financial match from their Code Council Chapter, jurisdiction or personal. [Click here for ICC Chapters](#).
- **Small Town Leaders** – Governmental Member Voting Representatives whose city or county population is 50,000 or less.
- **Veteran Leaders** – Governmental Member Voting Representatives who have served their jurisdiction for 10 years or more. Membership in the Legacy organizations will be counted toward years served.

Click the following hyperlinks to [obtain more information](#) and to find [the application form](#).

### **July 31 is application deadline for candidates for Membership Council Governing Committee positions**

The official Call for Committee application deadline is July 31 for candidates seeking positions on any of the [six Code Council Membership Council](#) Governing Committee positions. All but the Emerging Leaders

Membership Council (ELMC) offer three-year terms of the Governing Committees. The ELMC offers two-year terms. Each Governing Committee has a nominations committee which selects names to be voted upon at the Joint Membership Councils Meeting which will be held on Wednesday morning, October 23, in conjunction with the ICC Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Joint Membership Councils meeting, which will start at 8 a.m. [Click here for applications.](#)

### **Early registration and arrangements save money for your trip to the 2019 ICC Annual Conference**

Participants in the [2019 ICC Annual Conference](#), Group B Public Comment Hearings and [Building Safety and Design Expo](#) are encouraged to use the Code Council website to make their reservations and take advantage of reduced costs. The events will be held at the [Rio Hotel & Convention Center](#) in Las Vegas. Here is what you need to know to plan for a fun and professionally successful trip:

- [Register for the Annual Conference](#) as soon as you can. Receive a free conference t-shirt when you register by September 15.
- [Get your hotel room.](#) To receive your special ICC hotel rates, you can choose [government rate](#) or [standard rate](#), make your housing reservations at the Rio online by September 27.
- [Click here to get your Conference schedule](#) of all the events October 20-30.
- Check out the list of education programs by [clicking here](#).
- If you need to know more about travel options, [click here](#).

The 2019 Public Comment Hearing on Group B will be October 23 – 30, 2019, in Las Vegas, Nev. If you have input for the Public Comment Hearing via cdpACCESS, the [deadline for comments is July 24](#). To review videos from the 2019 Group B Committee Action Hearings in Albuquerque, [click here](#).



### **Grab your clubs and start swinging at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ron Burton Golf Outing in Vegas**

The Code Council's Past Presiding Officers will hold its fifth annual fund raising event, the **Ron Burton Annual Golf Outing**, in conjunction with the ICC 2019 Annual Conference in Las Vegas on Sunday, October 20. This event includes a number of sponsorship opportunities and funds raised will go towards training and resources for the next generation of code officials. The Ron Burton Golf Outing celebrates the life and work of William Ronald "Ron" Burton, who was a renowned code expert. He worked on many code-related projects for ICC, BOMA and NAHB. The tournament will use a shotgun-start at 8 a.m. at the Desert Pines Golf Club, Las Vegas, Nevada. [Golfer and sponsor information is available here.](#)

### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob Fowler Motorcycle Ride is the first social event at the 2019 ICC Annual Conference**

With start times of 8 a.m. Saturday, October 19, and Sunday, October 20, the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob Fowler Motorcycle Ride will be the first charitable event held in conjunction with the 2019 ICC Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Ride October 19 will depart The Rio Hotel and travel down the Las Vegas Strip. Riders will experience desert landscapes as they pass through Searchlight, Laughlin, Oatman, Kingman and Boulder City. Stops include Hoover Dam Bridge, Colorado River at Laughlin, Nevada, and Oatman, Arizona. The route is 224 miles or 5.5 hours of riding time before returning under the night lights of the Las Vegas Strip. On October 20, the Ride heads up I-15 to the Valley of Fire State Park and then to Lake Mead National Recreation area and Red Rock Canyon National Park. Planned stops include The Valley of Fire, Red Rock Canyon, and Mount Charleston Lodge. The Sunday route is just over 246 miles or 6 hours of riding time. [For more information, click here.](#)

### **Featured speakers focus on high-rise fires, missing and exploited children and the future of water use**

The featured speakers at the [2019 ICC Annual Conference](#) in Las Vegas October 21-23 represent a wide diversity of experiences and topics:

- [Dame Judith Hackett](#) will keynote the Annual Business Meeting on Monday, October 21. Following the tragic fire which occurred at Grenfell Tower in London in June 2017, she led an independent review into Building Regulations and Fire Safety related to high rise buildings.
- [Mike Murphy](#) will keynote the Members Luncheon on Tuesday, October 22. Murphy is the program manager for The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. He brings forty plus years of law enforcement and public service experience to the position.



- [David Johnson](#) is the featured speaker at the [Global Connections Day](#) on Wednesday, October 23. Johnson serves as Chairman of the Board for Nevada's [WaterStart](#) and participates on other boards and committees, including the Silver State Energy Association.

**The online ICC Chapter Meeting Request form “fast-tracks” your Chapter’s ability to obtain speakers**

We want to make it easier for ICC Chapter officers to notify ICC Board Members or senior ICC professional staff of an upcoming meeting where they could participate. That’s why your Chapter should use the [ICC Chapter Meeting Request form found here](#) on the Code Council’s website. It’s so simple to use. Fill in the form on your computer with the Chapter’s name, contact information, meeting purpose, location and dates. Then list the names of the officers you want in priority order and suggested roles as presenters. And then click **SUBMIT**. With nearly 400 ICC Chapters, the online Meeting Request allows everyone concerned to check their calendars and make arrangements as quickly as possible.

**The 2018 Significant Changes guides help save time seeking the most critical changes in the 2018s**

The [2018 Significant Changes guides](#) are available for the International Building, Residential, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Codes. This valuable series can help any code user save time by zeroing in on the most critical changes in the 2018 International Codes (I-Codes). The Code Council’s technical experts provide summaries, analysis and graphics for these changes making them clear and easy to understand. Click here for [a summary of what’s highlighted](#) in the 2018 IBC, IRC, IFC and IPC.

**Assessment Center offers free PRONTO 101 overview course on the PRONTO system and functionality**

Are you thinking about taking a certification exam with the ICC Proctored Remote Online Testing Option (PRONTO)? Are you curious about what an ICC PRONTO online exam is all about? The Assessment Center is offering a free PRONTO 101 overview course that covers the PRONTO system and functionality. Take a sample quiz at the end of the course to get a first-hand example of what taking a PRONTO exam is all about. Read [Shannon Homolka’s](#) article [explaining the program here](#).

**PMG Membership Council makes videos of PMG Roundtable sessions in Albuquerque available online**

A special PMG roundtable discussion — **Mitigating Water Leaks in Premise Plumbing Systems** — was held April 27, the day before the Committee Action Hearings began in Albuquerque, N.M. The International Code Council and other plumbing industry experts discussed water leak prevention solutions in sanitary drainage, indirect waste and storm drainage; water supply and distribution, fixtures, appliances and solar; and landscape irrigation and rainwater harvesting in three panels during this signature event. The panel discussions were very well received and, fortunately, the PMG Membership Council’s [webpage includes videos from the panels, photos and a podcast](#).

**Weather Channel’s Kait Parker interviews former FEMA deputy on value of current codes in disasters**

You can [hear the half-hour podcast here](#) of former FEMA Deputy Administrator of Mitigation Roy Wright on the federal agency’s process of determining how current building codes will save money, property and lives. Wright, now CEO of the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety, tells homeowners and buyers current building codes are a protection they should demand.

**Upcoming from the [ICC Learning Center](#): Institutes, training, seminars, webinars, etc.**

Online learning is available from the ICC Learning Center. Find course listings you’d like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function. Single-day training events are an opportunity to focus on topics to ensure your code knowledge stays up to date, with some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:

- **August 6** - Leadership Webinar Series [Challenging Discussions](#).
- **September 10** - Leadership Webinar Series [Building Your Bench](#).
- **October 16** - Leadership Webinar Series [Public Speaking](#).
- **November 19** - Leadership Webinar Series [Coaching for Success](#).
- **December 10** - Leadership Webinar Series [Public Speaking for the Code Official](#).

The following is the updated list of [ICC Institutes](#) and other training opportunities across the nation, [many of which offer virtual options](#) for those who cannot travel. Find course listings you’d like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function:

- **July 9** at Chicago, [2018 IRC® Significant Changes](#).
- **July 11** at Santa Rosa, Calif., [Getting the Most of the IPMC®](#).
- **July 22-24** at Mesa, Ariz., [Principles of Building Safety](#).
- **August 5** at Edison, N.J., or Virtual, [2018 IRC Performing Residential Plumbing Inspections](#).
- **August 5-9** at Myrtle Beach, S.C., [Plan Review Institute](#).
- **August 6** at Edison, N.J., or Virtual, [2018 PMG Significant Changes](#).
- **August 13** at Herndon, Va., or Virtual, [2018 IBC® Means of Egress](#).
- **August 15** in Chicago, Ill., or Virtual, [Legal Aspects of Code Administration](#).
- **August 26** at Edison, N.J., or Virtual, [2018 IFC® Significant Changes](#).
- **September 5** at Overland Park, Kans., or Virtual, [2015 IBC Special Topics Day 1](#).
- **September 12** at Overland Park, Kans., or Virtual, [2015 IBC Special Topics Day 2](#).
- **September 26** at Brea, Ill., [Inspector Skills](#).
- **October 13** at Atlanta, Ga., or Virtual, [Procedures for Officers and Inspectors](#).
- **November 5** in Chicago, [Advanced Legal Aspects of Code Administration for Fire Inspectors](#).
- **November 6-8** in Portland, Ore., [Fire & Life Safety Institute](#).
- **November 18 and 25** in Atlanta, Ga., or Virtual [2018 IBC® and IFC® Fire Protection Systems](#).
- **November 18 and 25** in Atlanta, Ga., or Virtual [2018 IBC® Fire and Smoke Protection Features](#).
- **December 13 & 20** at Miami, Fla., [2018 IPMC® Overview](#).

Certification Test Academies feature interactive and question-based review for the exam. Students will receive a voucher to take the exam at a later date. Upcoming opportunities:

- Available daily online, [2015 Permit Technician 14 Study Guide](#).
- Available daily online, [IRC® Online Study Guide for Residential Building Inspectors B1](#)
- **July 15-18** at Atlanta, Ga., [B2 - Commercial Building Inspector](#).
- **August 19-21** at Dallas, Texas, [66 - Fire Inspector I](#).
- **August 21-23** at Columbus, Ohio, [64 - Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector Certification Test Academy](#).
- **August 26-29** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [B1 – Residential Building Inspector](#).

## DHCD Report (Updated 7-9-2019)

- The public hearing for the proposed phase of the code change process is scheduled for Monday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m. and will end upon the completion of testimony. It will be held at the Virginia Housing Center, 4224 Cox Rd, Glen Allen, VA, 23060. There will also be another public hearing held during the final regulation phase.
- At their March 18, 2019 meeting, the Board of Housing and Community Development adopted emergency cooling regulations within the Virginia Maintenance Code. The Governor has approved the emergency regulations and the change is effective immediately. The relevant code provision is enforceable May 15.
  - The emergency regulations alter Chapter 6 of the Virginia Maintenance Code, Section 602.4 Cooling supply, to lower from 80 to 77 degrees Fahrenheit, the maximum allowed temperature, where cooling is provided, in R-2 multifamily residences (the Virginia Administrative Code reference is 13VAC5-63-540 B 5). This provision is enforceable from May 15 until October 1.
  - The emergency regulations are effective for an initial period of 18 months. During this time, the Board of Housing and Community Development will work with stakeholders to solicit input and develop permanent regulations regarding this issue. Please contact the State Building Codes Office at [sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov) if you have any questions.
- The DHCD website has a new look and everything related to building fire regulations/code academy information can be found when clicking on “CODES”.
- Thomas King joined the State Building Codes Office as a Code & Regulation Specialist in June, transferring from the Division of Operations within DHCD. Thomas is a US Navy veteran and brings with him valuable leadership, problem solving and training development and delivery skills. He will be working in code development and assisting with other SBCO technical support services.
- Effective February 18th, the new and improved cdpVA is open for submission of code change proposals for the 2018 Code Development Cycle for the following regulations:
  - Uniform Statewide Building Code
  - Statewide Fire Prevention Code
  - Amusement Device Regulations
  - Certification Standards
  - Manufactured Home Safety Regulations
  - Industrialized Building Safety Regulations

If you have questions or need assistance please contact [sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov)

- NOIRAs for the USBC, SFPC, VADR, VCS, MHSR and IBSR were published on April 15th in the Virginia Register of Regulations, with a comment period that was open until May 15<sup>th</sup>. At their March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, the BHCD also approved a revised schedule for the 2018 code development cycle and it has been posted on cdpVA.

- The first round of workgroup meeting for the proposed regulation phase of the 2018 code development cycle wrapped up on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Each workgroup is tentatively scheduled to meet one more time before the end of August. Workgroup meetings schedules and information are posted on cdpVA:

- July 24, 2019 Workgroups One & Two Meeting
- Aug. 14, 2019 Special Workgroup (Fire Code Edits) Meeting
- Aug. 21, 2019 Workgroups Three & Four Meeting

**WORKGROUP ONE** - Administrative provisions of VCC, VMC, VRC and SFPC regulations; VADR/ADTAC regulations (amusement rides); VCS/BCAAC (certification requirements); IBSR (modular buildings); MHSR (manufactured housing); Related Laws; Manufactured Housing Licensing and Transaction Recovery Fund Regulations and, other state agency's regulations for functional design.

**WORKGROUP TWO** - Technical provisions of VCC, VMC, VRC and SFPC (IBC, IFC, IEBC and IPMC and other model codes).

**WORKGROUP THREE** - Residential provisions of the VCC, including IRC model code, trades and energy.

**WORKGROUP FOUR** - Technical trade provisions of the VCC, including IPC, IMC, IFGC and NEC.

**SPECIAL WORKGROUP (FIRE CODE EDITS)** - In addition to the regular workgroup meetings, DHCD will hold two special full-day meetings for the purpose of reviewing recommended changes from the FSB sub-workgroup to the SFPC edits in Chapters 20-67.

- For the 2018 code development cycle, four specific topics were identified as warranting additional review (Residential Use Groups, Resiliency, Energy and School Safety). The sub-workgroups started meeting in April, reviewing these topics with a goal of identifying and finding consensus on any needed code changes. Sub-workgroup information is available on cdpVA. Next sub-workgroup meeting dates:
  - Residential Use Groups – May 31, 2019
  - School Safety – June 12, 2019
  - Resiliency – July 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Energy – July 18<sup>th</sup>
- At their May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the State Building Code Technical Review Board (TRB) issued a formal interpretation of USBC Section 102.3, related to the exemption of wiring and equipment used to provide utility service (and their support structures). The interpretation clarified that the exemption is only applicable to traditional "Electric Companies", and includes solar power generation facilities operated by electric companies. The interpretation further clarified that those items are exempt from the USBC, so long as they do not create an unsafe situation, are located where the utility company has rights of entry and occupancy and the electric company has control of them.
- Every jurisdiction should have also received a Dropbox link to all of the legacy codes, including every referenced model code since the inception of the USBC. If you have not, or if you have problems with retrieving the downloads, please contact Sandi Morris.

- DHCD developed a form for use by landlords related to legislation that was passed last session related to testing of smoke alarms in rental housing. The law became effective January 1, 2019. The form is available here: <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/Docx/technical-memos-bulletins/2018-smoke-alarm-form-for-rental-units.pdf>
- 2019 Amusement device stickers are in so please contact Nicole Donaldson at [nicole.donaldson@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:nicole.donaldson@dhcd.virginia.gov) or 804-371-7150 to order the stickers. Please keep in mind, stickers will only be distributed to building officials. To expedite the process, when emailing or leaving a voice message for Nicole, please provide your name, mailing address, and quantity of stickers needed.
- Building Safety Month Proclamation Event was held on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the VCU Institute for Contemporary Art. This year was particular special as this year is the first year that a Governor has been able to attend. Governor Ralph Northam spoke on Virginia being a leader in the development of statewide codes and the importance of the building safety creating resilient communities. The Governor presented the proclamation to the representatives of the stakeholder organizations in attendance. In addition to the Governor Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade Cassidy Rasnick and Deputy Secretary Public Safety and Homeland Security Ryant Washington were in attendance.
- The 2019 Building Safety Month Student Essay contest came to a close with a number of thoughtful and well written essays from students representing a variety of high schools, colleges, and home schools in Virginia. The selection committee all agreed on its stand out favorites and were happy to honor the five top essays. Kyle Renaux from Hampton and Grace Beattie from Midlothian High School received first and second place respectively. The honorable mentions were awarded to Arden Floyd from Orange County, Kariyah Jones from Harrisonburg, and Nathalie Williams from Keezletown. The winners were announced during the Proclamation presentation held on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the VCU Institute for Contemporary Art. Governor Northam and DHCD Director Erik Johnston congratulated each student and presented them with certificates.
- The submission window for the Building Safety Month Jurisdiction Campaign contest closed June 31<sup>st</sup>. We received a number of entries from the localities and are in the process of reviewing. The winners will be announced during the VBCOA Annual conference in VA Beach this September. Winning jurisdictions will receive a day of DHCD or ICC training of their choice and lunch for their office. Contact Rajan Engh with any questions.
- 2019 VBCA schedule: The spring semester is coming to a close. The academy will be spending the summer updating content, working with subject matter experts and instructors, and preparing for the fall semester. To see the fall schedule-at-a-glance go to the downloads link or see the complete schedule by logging into your account from the VBCA Online Registration System.
- Reminder - All DHCD code enforcement certificate holders are required to complete DHCD approved Code Change Training by September 4, 2019. Code Change Training is available online through the VBCA Learning Center. If assistance is needed with accessing the VBCA learning Center, please contact the VBCA staff at 804-371-7180 or visit <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/code-change-training-cct>. If you have any questions regarding your training requirements contact the VBCA office.

- The VBCA welcomes its newest team member, Aliza Barbour. Ms. Barbour comes to us from Virginia State University where she provided training and event coordination in one of their specialty programs. In addition to being an experienced training staff she also brings knowledge and experience in curriculum design. Aliza will be filling our second training coordinator position and you will see her this fall at many of our training classes.

June 28, 2019

VPMIA Members:

The most recent regulatory amendment to create the Miscellaneous (MSC) Specialty will become effective on August 1. This Specialty license will be for those contractors whose work is extremely limited in scope and that limitation will be described on their license. No type of trades work will be within the scope of the MSC Specialty. Work has begun on amending the contractor's regulations in response to action taken by the recent General Assembly. SB1774 created the fire sprinkler contractor classification by statute, replacing that which the Board had addressed through the regulations. The bill also creates an automatic fire sprinkler inspector certification and requires the Board to promulgate regulations to incorporate the certification as well as continuing education requirements for renewal. A workgroup has met and established a preliminary list of issues to address.

At its June meeting, the Board reviewed the Policies and Interpretations Guidance Document and made some revisions. Although generally editorial, one of the revisions represented a substantive change in application of the regulations to Landscape Service Contracting (LSC). Previously, it was the Board's interpretation that retaining walls covered within the scope of the definition were limited to those with less than three feet of unbalanced fill. A revised interpretation will now permit these contractors to construct residential retaining walls of any height.

The electrical exam offered by the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) was approved as an alternative to the PSI exam.

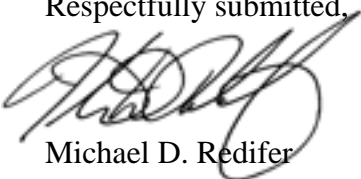
Board for Contractors staff continues to conduct audits of contractor pre-license and tradesman continuing education courses. A staff member attends randomly selected class presentations and then reports the findings at regular Board meetings along with recommendations regarding responses to the provider. Results have been generally favorable to date.

**Regulatory action in progress:**

<b>REGULATION</b>	<b>STAGE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>Contractors and Tradesmen</b>	<b>Final</b>	<b>Temporary reduction of renewal and reinstatement fees will continue through August 2021.</b>

Please contact me at any time with questions, comments or concerns regarding the Board for Contractors.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael D. Redifer



# Virginia Plumbing & Mechanical Inspectors Association

## Strength through Leadership, Education & Unity

### Education Committee Report 6/28/2019

Unfortunately, Chris Hickey recently stepped down as our Education Chair. We will need to find a replacement for this position. If any of you would like to step into this roll or know anyone who would be willing to fill the roll please let Tom know. I have agreed to serve in this capacity until we have a permanent Chair.

Classes for Summer SOI have been approved by ICC as Preferred Provider. Sign in sheets and Certs are ready to go. The class information has been sent to DPOR.

This year at Graves we have two 1.5 hour classes lined up. The first is by Jon Sargeant with Omegaflex on CSST. The second class will be done by Dean Fortney, with Fairfax County. Dean has a class that focuses on bonding at swimming pools, spas, and fountains.

I received an email from a potential instructor for our 2020 Spring SOI. Steve Fox with Hydrocorp has offered to come in and do training. He states that he is ASSE 5000 series certified instructor. He provides training for backflow devices all over the country. If we would like to peruse this opportunity for training, please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anthony McMahan  
VPMA Interim Education/Training Chairman  
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## **VBCOA/VPMIA 2019 Session LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT (updated 03-29-19)**

Thru- HB2807, HJ734, HR226, SB1786, SJ321, SR99

The legislative committee met via conference call on 22 January 2019. Call participants were: Ron Clements (R6/chair), Julie Walton (R6/chair), Lewis Watts (R4), Paul Messplay (R7), David Beahm (R3), Pet Mensinger (Pres.), Sam Sapienza (R2).

### **HB 1725 Status- Signed into law by the Governor**

**Support-** This is a House Select Committee on school safety recommendation.

*Chief patron: Knight*

**Public school building security enhancements; compliance with Uniform Statewide Building Code and Statewide Fire Prevention Code.** Requires each school board, in consultation with the local building official and local fire marshal, to develop a procurement plan to ensure that all security enhancements to public school buildings are in compliance with the Uniform Statewide Building Code and Statewide Fire Prevention Code.

### **HB 1738 Status- Signed into law by the Governor**

**No Position-** This is a House Select Committee on school safety recommendation.

*Chief patron: Rush*

**School buildings; plans to be reviewed by a professional trained and experienced in crime prevention through environmental design.** Requires the licensed architect or professional engineer who provides the required statement to accompany the school superintendent's approval on all plans and specifications for new or remodeled public school building construction to be trained and experienced in crime prevention through environmental design.

### **HB 1753 Status- Signed into law by the Governor**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Sickles*

**School buildings; electronic room partitions; safety devices.** Prohibits school boards from installing an electronic room partition in any school building unless such partition includes a contact pressure-sensitive safety edge whereby the partition automatically stops when it senses contact with any object other than the adjoining wall.

### **HB 1776 Status- Died in committee**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Cole*

**Prohibition or regulation of Tannerite.** Provides that any locality may by ordinance prohibit or regulate the use of Tannerite or a similar two-component explosive in or near residential areas. Any penalty for an offense pursuant to such an ordinance shall not exceed a Class 3 misdemeanor.

### **HB 1815 Status- Signed into law by the Governor**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Hope*

**Assisted living facilities; emergency electrical power source; disclosure to prospective residents.** Directs the State Board of Social Services to include in regulations governing assisted living facilities a requirement that each licensed assisted living facility with six or more residents disclose (such) to each prospective resident, or his legal representative, in writing in a document that is separate and distinct from any other documents...

**[HB 1834](#) Status- Died in committee**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Marshall*

**Use of binary explosives; penalty.** Creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to combine the components of a binary explosive, defined in the bill, to create an explosive material and ignite more than five pounds of such explosive material at a single time.

**[HB 1949](#) Status- Died in committee**

**[HJ 641](#) Status- Passed House and Senate to study the issue (The VDH sponsored work group met 3-25-19 [Meeting link](#))**

**No Position-** This directly affects Health Department regulations but if passed may require adjustments to USBC plumbing code requirements.

*Chief patron: Webert*

**Rainwater harvesting; water for human consumption.** Requires the Board of Health to include in regulations governing rainwater harvesting systems a provision recognizing rainwater harvesting systems that produce water that meets minimum health and aesthetic standards for pure water adopted by the Board as acceptable sources of water for human consumption.

**[HB 1966](#) Status- Signed into law by the Governor**

**Support (change from oppose) based on acceptance of recommended amendments to lines 103 to 109. VBCOA did not take a position on House and Senate amendments regarding use of permit fees.**

*Chief patron: Yancey*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; issuance of building permits.** Requires local building departments, when denying an application for the issuance of a building permit, to provide to the applicant a written explanation detailing the reasons for which the application was denied. The bill provides that the applicant may submit a revised application addressing the reasons for which the application was previously denied and that, if the applicant does so, the local building department shall limit its review of the revised application to only those portions of the application that were previously deemed inadequate and that the applicant has revised.

**[HB 2000](#) Status- Died in committee.** The change to the VMC was submitted to the BHCD as an emergency regulatory change, which was approved by the BHCD at the March meeting.

**Oppose as a bill and support as a regulatory change - VBCOA Board voted on 1-25-19 to support Delegate Price as she works through the Governor's office to move this as an emergency regulatory change through the BHCD.**

*Chief patron: Price*

**State agencies; amendment of regulations pertaining to the maximum temperature at which certain rooms may be kept.** Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to revise the Uniform Statewide Building Code to decrease the temperature at which an owner or operator of certain apartment buildings who rents, leases, or lets one or more dwelling units, rooming units, or guestrooms on terms, either expressed or implied, to furnish cooling to the occupants thereof shall supply cooling during the period from May 15 to October 1 from 80 degrees Fahrenheit to 77 degrees Fahrenheit

### **HB 2045 Status- Signed into law by the Governor**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Hurst*

**Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; certification of recovery residences.** Provides for the certification of recovery residences by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. The bill defines "recovery residence" as a housing facility that provides alcohol-free and illicit-drug-free housing to individuals with substance abuse disorders and individuals with co-occurring mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders that does not include clinical treatment services.

### **HB 2093 Status- Signed into law by the Governor**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Guzman*

**Virginia Fire Services Board; membership.** Changes the membership of the Virginia Fire Services Board by removing a member of the Virginia Society of Fire Service Instructors and the State Fire Marshal and adding a certified Virginia fire service instructor and a local fire marshal.

### **HB 2101 Status- Died in committee**

**No Position-** JLARC recommendation

*Chief patron: Freitas*

**Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; deregulation of the practice of landscape architects, soil scientists, and waste management facility operators.** Implements the recommendations of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission in its report on Operations and Performance of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation by eliminating licensure requirements for landscape architects, soil scientists, and waste management facility operators.

### **HB 2229 Status- Signed into law by the Governor**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Bagby*

**Affordable housing; waiver of fees.** Provides that a locality may by ordinance provide for the waiver of building permit fees and other local fees associated with the construction, renovation, or rehabilitation of housing by a private-sector entity that is pursuing an affordable housing development.

### **HB 2327 Status- Signed into law by the Governor**

**Support-** Gives DPOR the authority to take action against people and companies contracting without a license.

*Chief patron: McNamara*

**Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; unlicensed practice; cease and desist notices.** Permits the Director of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, or his designee, to issue a notice to any person unlawfully engaging in unlicensed practice of an occupation to cease and desist such activity.

### **HB 2364 Status- Died in full House vote**

**No Position-** Does not appear to have building or fire prevention code implications.

*Chief patron: Knight*

**Agritourism; weddings.** Amends the definition of "agritourism activity," for purposes of liability as well as the statutory limit on the imposition of restrictions by local governments, to include service as a wedding venue for not more than 12 weddings per calendar year, each wedding involving not more than 250 guests.

### **HB 2724 Status- Died in committee**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Helsel*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; rental inspection districts; inspection of residential rental dwelling units.** Permits a local building department in a locality that has established a rental inspection district to choose to delay the initial inspection of dwelling units until the first time the units become vacant on or after the establishment of the district, unless an earlier inspection is requested by the owner or a tenant.

### **HB 2756 Status- Signed into law by the Governor**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Miyares*

**Child day programs; licensure exemption.** Exempts from licensure any child day program in which child-minding services are offered on site by a small business to no more than five children at any given time, provided that the parent or guardian of every child is an on-duty employee of the small business and can resume responsibility for the child's supervision within 30 minutes upon request.

### **SB 1077 Status- Signed into law by the Governor**

**No Position-** The current law requires assisted living facilities to provide a generator by July 1, 2007. This bill updates the law by removing the compliance date. The bill also specifies what the generator must power at a minimum.

*Chief patron: Howell*

**Assisted living facility; temporary emergency electrical power source.** Requires licensed assisted living facilities with six or more residents to have a temporary emergency electrical power source available on site and to be able to connect to and utilize such power source for the provision of electricity during an interruption of the normal electric power supply.

### **SB 1229 Status- Died in House Committee**

**No Position-** we worked with Senator Ebbin to amend the bill text from “promulgate code” to “receive and consider” a code change to include trampoline parks in the VADR. We agreed to submit the code change in cdpVA on Ebbin’s behalf.

*Chief patron: Ebbin*

**Board of Housing and Community Development; amusement devices; trampoline courts.** Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to promulgate regulations pertaining to the construction, maintenance, operation, and inspection of amusement devices known as trampoline courts pursuant to its current authority to regulate amusement devices.

### **SB 1535 Status- Died in House Committee**

**No Position (prior opposition) based on the bill being amended per our request-** VDOT has asked for our input, which will be provided.

*Chief patron: Surovell*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; outdoor advertising.** Requires the owner of a sign located along an Interstate System highway that has a height that is greater than the distance from such sign to the shoulder edge of the pavement to have such sign periodically inspected for building code compliance. The bill authorizes the Commissioner of Highways to remove any such sign without notice and at the cost of the owner if the sign poses a risk to highway safety or public safety.

### **SB 1625 Status- Signed into law by the Governor**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: McPike*

**Statewide Fire Prevention Code; definition of permissible fireworks.** Changes the definition of permissible fireworks to mean any fireworks device that (i) does not explode or produce a report, (ii) does not emit visual effects to a distance greater than 16.4 feet, (iii) does not produce a continuous flame longer than 20 inches, (iv) does not travel under its own power, (v) does not emit or function as a projectile, and (vi) is not capable of being reloaded.

### **SB 1701 Status- Died in House Committee**

**No Position-** Simply states inspections shall comply with USBC.

*Chief patron: Ebbin*

**Regulation of short-term rentals; urban county executive form of government.** Requires any ordinance adopted by the governing body of any county that operates under the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) relating to regulation of short-term rentals to comply with various provisions related to the short-term rental of property, including limits on (i) the total number of nights permitted for short-term rental on the short-term rental operator's property and (ii) the number of short-term rental properties owned by any one person or entity. The bill also requires such ordinance to comply with various Code of Virginia provisions related to zoning enforcement, the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, real estate licensing, common interest communities, and covered entities otherwise regulated by localities.

### **SB 1755 Status- Signed into law by the Governor**

**No Position (prior opposition) based on the bill being amended per VFPA request. The bill now requires DHCD to facilitate a work group to discuss this issue during the next code update cycle. VBCOA needs to be involved.**

*Chief patron: Hanger*

**Board of Housing and Community Development; Uniform Statewide Building Code; Statewide Fire Prevention Code; use of temporary barricade devices in classrooms.** Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to revise the Uniform Statewide Building Code and the Statewide Fire Prevention Code, as appropriate, to permit the use, by a staff member of a public or private elementary or secondary school or public or private institution of higher education, of a temporary barricade device on the door of a classroom or any other area where students are located for a finite period of time during an active shooter emergency or active shooter drill. The bill specifies several requirements for the use of such devices.

### **SB 1774 Status- Signed into law by the Governor**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Edwards*

**Board for Contractors; requirements for licensure; certification of automatic fire sprinkler inspectors.** Creates the classification of fire sprinkler contractor for the purpose of licensure by the Board for Contractors (the Board). The bill also creates a certification for automatic fire sprinkler inspectors and prohibits any person from conducting inspections of automatic fire sprinkler systems unless he maintains or is accompanied by a person who maintains a Level III or higher NICET certification. The bill requires the Board to promulgate regulations requiring continuing education and knowledge of the Statewide Fire Code as prerequisites for certification renewal as an automatic fire sprinkler inspector. The provisions of the bill mandating NICET certification have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2021.

Submitted 6/27/2019 by Ron Clements  
Chair of Legislative Committee



**PMG Committee  
Board of Directors Meeting (06/28/2019)**

Greetings Board members,

Since my last report, the /VPMIA/VBCOA PMG Committee (consisting of 33 active members!) has been very busy working on the 2018 Virginia Regulatory Code Development process by conducting multiple internet-based meetings to discuss possible VPMIA/VBCOA endorsed code change proposals to the International Residential Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code and International Energy Conservation Code. The following proposals are the results of the committee recommendations for submittal on behalf of VPMIA/VBCOA:

1. RE 403.3.1 Insulation (Ducts)
2. RE 403.3.5 Building Cavities
3. RTP 3011 and TP717 Relining of Building Sewers and Building Drains
4. TM 506.5.6 Pollution Control Units
5. TP 202 Service Sink Definition
6. TP 410 Substitution
7. TP 605.2.1 Lead Content of Drinking Water Pipe and Fittings
8. TP 608.13.6 Atmospheric-type Vacuum Breakers
9. TP 608.16.7 Chemical Dispensers
10. TP 705.11.2 Solvent Cement
11. TP 1101.7 Roof Design
12. TP 1105.2 Roof Drain Flow Rate
13. TP 1110 Equivalent Roof Area
14. TP 1301.1 General (Rainwater Harvesting Alternative)

Details of all these proposals can be found at [cdpVA](#).

Workgroup 3, scheduled for May 15, 2019 was cancelled due to an insufficient number of submitted proposals and was combined with Workgroup 4, scheduled to meet June 5, 2019.

Workgroup 3/4 met as scheduled and included a number of VPMIA/VBCOA PMG Committee member participants. I want to extend a gracious “Thank You !” to all who attended.

The next Workgroup 3/4 meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2019.

The result from this workgroup meeting for the VPMIA/VBCOA proposals are as follows:

- Numbers 1 and 2 were “tabled,” along with five other energy related proposals in order to get feedback from the Energy Workgroup scheduled to meet July 18, 2019. These proposals will be heard again during the next Workgroup 3/4 meeting.
- Numbers 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 all received consensus from the group.
- Number 5 had a processing issue that prevented it from making it on the agenda. This proposal will be heard again during the next Workgroup 3/4 meeting.
- Number 6 needed further review and perhaps some wordsmithing in order to receive consensus. The feel of the group was that they were in favor of the concept, but the language submitted did not achieve the desired results. This proposal will be heard again during the next Workgroup 3/4 meeting.
- Numbers 8 and 9 received non-consensus.
- Number 14 received overall consensus, however it was “tabled” in order to provide an opportunity to address mild concerns expressed by a member of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. This proposal will be heard again during the next Workgroup 3/4 meeting.

Currently, the committee has only one more proposal to submit related to a kitchen hood exhaust flow rate conflict between the International Mechanical Code and the International Energy Conservation Code. This proposal was not completed prior to the May 28, 2019 submission deadline for the June 5, 2019 Workgroup 3/4 meeting. It is my intent to submit this proposal for review by the Energy Workgroup prior to the August 21, 2019 Workgroup 3/4 meeting.

Finally, I am saddened to report that one of our distinguished committee members in attendance spoke in opposition to the PMG Committee's recommendations on at least two accounts during the workgroup meeting, resulting in a "non-consensus" determination based on DHCD's 100% consensus policy. Non-consensus proposals do not move forward for any further discussion.

Thank you. This concludes my report. Please let me know if there are any questions.

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# 2019 VPMIA Spring School of Instruction Feedback

Good morning and happy Monday to everyone.

We would like any and all feedback that you can give us that you think would make this event better. Also if you like, tell us what we did right so we can do it again.

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If you have any photos that were taken at the SOI we would like to have those to include in the next Yearbook and on the website. Please send any photos that you would like to share to [webmaster@vpmia.org](mailto:webmaster@vpmia.org).

Have a great week.

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## Responses to the above email

1. **Can we send out a survey?** Randy Pearce
2. **Hi Anthony,**  
Thanks for giving Daikin the opportunity to provide insight to your organization on the VRF technology.  
I provide this type of training on a regular basis and I can say that the event was well attended and the choice of location was excellent.  
It was easy to get to and the amenities for a “chain” hotel were better than most, meaning there was no need to “off-site” if you chose not to.  
For future events I would suggest a larger or multiple screens. Some dubious font sizes can get lost in a room of that size!  
I this feedback helps. Thanks again for considering us for your event.  
Best Regards,  
*Robert Powell*  
Applications Engineering Manager  
**DAIKIN NORTH AMERICA LLC**
3. **I thought the conference went very well. Good classes, food was good and the venue was great. Good conference and good job to all that took part.** Bane Compton
4. **Thank you and all of the VPMIA Officers, Directors and Committee members who pulled off another great SOI event!** Shawn Strausbaugh
5. **I thought it was a great week . Was also a pleasure to meet and chat with you. Your a class act!** Dale Windom
6. **Anthony, the entire program was good and the venue was great. Daikin and I are very interested in supporting VPMIA again next year. Chris, Anthony and Gary, Thank you for your kind invitation to Daikin and our MD-DC-VA representative, Havtech, to be part of the School of Instruction again this year. We enjoyed partnering with VPMIA and to providing the two PDH presentations to your membership in the quest for comprehensive quality HVAC code inspection. If there is anything else we can do to provide continued support of VPMIA, please let me know. We look forward to continue our support in the future as well. Thank you for your hospitality and a very worthwhile week of engagement and learning.**  
Michael Panopoulos, CSM Daikin NA, Mid Atlantic

7. I am from Montgomery County and VBCOA Region II Chair. We just held our VBCOA Mid-Year Conference in Roanoke. My Building Official and I attended the VPMIA SOI and found the education to be well worth the trip. The accommodations were great as well. From our perspective we would not have changed a thing. This organization is ran very well. I appreciate the opportunity to interact with colleagues from all across the Commonwealth with the wealth of knowledge that was present.  
John W. Broughton

8. Everything was great, we had a good time thanks again!! Beau Bunting

9. Anthony, thank you for providing us the opportunity to be part of your event last week. I was a first time attendee, and I enjoyed the format and the speakers, especially the portion regarding code, and code changes. Off the top of my head, I did not have any takeaways regarding things I might have wished they were different, etc.. It may have been nice to have a reception the first night, to allow those that may not attend the second night the opportunity to visit with some of the inspectors, vendors, etc.. I suspect that may be driven by budgets and perhaps you have tried in in the past. Thank you and your staff for the hospitality and I really liked the location, as it sounded like several others did as well. Thanks again and let us know how we may help with future events. – Tom Hampton RMI Sales

10. Another great meeting and attendance was huge. Kudos to you and the whole team that put it together. The sign-up sheets and CEU certificate program was flawless, the jackets were really special....the sound and video for the meetings was excellent. The folks at the hotel were very pleasant and helpful.  
As far as the education program is I thought it was a little heavy on “flammable refrigerants” but I’m not in a position to know how important the topic is to the average VPMIA inspector.  
The only complaints I had were the quality of the lunches weren’t quite as good as prior years but the quality of the banquet dinner was A+ and I know you have to balance the costs somewhere. The biggest problem with the luncheons is the steam tables did not keep the hot food hot which was the food people’s issue, not ours.  
Again thanks for the great work; job well done.  
Regards, Vic Hines