



***VPWA***

**BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**

October 20, 2020

Secretary, Anthony V. McMahan

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**VPMIA Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual Meeting)  
October 2, 2020**

Pledge of Allegiance Approval of  
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VCEC (Dustin McLehaney/James Anjam):

- Education Suggestions (2021)

VBCOA Liaison (David Beahm):

Old Business:

1. Active Membership Proposal to change Bylaw (Richard Grace)
- 2.

New Business:

1. Membership Renewal (Chris)
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3. Future BOD Meeting
  - Dates & Times
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Other Business:

1. ICC Foundation - Support from Virginia 2018 Richmond Planning Committee: \$17,487.69 – ICC Technical Training Program
- 2.

# VPMIA Board of Directors Meeting

October 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2020

## List of Attendees

1. Anthony McMahan
2. Bane Compton
3. Brian Hilderbrand
4. Chris Martin
5. David Beahm
6. Dennis Hart
7. Donald Mimms
8. Ellis McKinney
9. Jane Kim
10. James Anjam
11. Randy Pearce
12. Richard Grace
13. Skip Harper
14. Tom Clark

From: Executives Secretary's Report

Date: 9/30/20

Reference: October 2, 2020 BOD Meeting

To: Anthony McMahon, VPMIA Secretary

The Following is a report of Membership and 2020 Dues.

**Active Membership List-----298**

Lifetime Members-----27

Honorary Members-----4

Retired Members-----3

Retired Members Paid Dues-----3

Members Not Paid 2020 Dues-----121

Active Members Paid 2020 Dues-----177

**Associate Membership List-----38**

Lifetime Members-----12

Members Not Paid 2020 Dues-----18

Associate Members Paid 2020 Dues-----20

**New Active Members:**

1. Brent Lockhart - Plumbing & Gas Inspector with Loudoun 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

4/24/2020



**Checking Account – \$52,437.09**

**Credit Card Balances - \$0**

**\*All refunds for the cancelled 2020 VPMIA Spring School of Instruction have been issued.**

**\*The total costs paid to Doyle Printing for publishing the 2020 VPMIA Yearbooks was \$2,734.28.**

**\*The cost to mail out yearbooks to members was \$651.52. Yearbooks still need to be sent to associate members and advertisers.**

**\*CNA Surety was paid for the treasurer's bond in the amount of \$233.89.**

**\*Constant Contact was renewed at a cost of \$168.00.**

**Dennis Hart  
Treasurer, VPMIA**

# ICC [Government Relations](#) Monthly Update – October 2020

Follow @ICC\_GR on [Twitter](#) for breaking news & announcements throughout the month.  
Click [here](#) and [here](#) for the ICC Government Relations Staff Regional Maps.

## **CEU OPPORTUNITIES:** ICC hosts virtual panel events, keynotes & breakouts on building safety topics

The International Code Council offers its inaugural virtual education summit, [ICC LEARN LIVE](#), a five-day virtual event which includes a series of panel sessions and keynotes from building industry experts. ICC Learn Live will address the most pressing issues and priorities for building safety professionals such as training the next generation of talent, the impact of COVID-19 on building safety and the economy, adopting virtual capabilities, and an in-depth overview of the upcoming 2021 International Codes (I-Codes). [Educational sessions offer continuing education units \(CEUs\)](#). Just a few of the sessions are:

- **Monday, November 9, at 3 p.m. ET - COVID-19 Global Impact Panel.** A group of distinguished international panelists will discuss the impacts of COVID-19 on the building safety industry. Speakers will address economic impact, best practices and pandemic strategy. [Register here.](#)
- **Tuesday, November 10, at 11 a.m. ET - Sneak Peek at 2021 Code Changes.** The Code Council will debut significant changes to be released in the 2021 I-Codes. Get a sneak peek at the updated building, residential, fire and plumbing codes. [Register here.](#)
- **Wednesday, November 11, at noon ET - Remote Virtual Inspections – Recommended Practices.** Recently, the Code Council released [Recommended Practices for Virtual Inspections](#). This overview will include suggestions for implementing an effective and consistent remote virtual inspections program and how to assist jurisdictions in adapting readily available technologies in their own inspection programs. [Register here.](#)
- **Thursday, November 12, at 3 p.m. ET - Evolution of Careers Building Safety Panel.** A panel of industry experts will provide discuss the industry’s need for new professionals and the various ways to get involved. [Register here.](#)
- **Friday, November 13, at noon ET - Keynote Address: Discovering the Building Safety Profession and Networking.** [Eric "Doc" Wright](#), Founder and CEO of [Vets2PM](#), LLC, and [Amazon #1 best seller](#), will share his experience as a Veteran entering a new career. [Register here.](#)

Having launched its [Coronavirus Response Center](#) earlier this year, the Code Council’s ICC Learn Live event is the next step to provide building code officials, construction workers and others with resources and tools necessary to adapt. For more information and to register for ICC Learn Live, click [here](#).

## **Next ICC Board of Directors meeting on appeals from the 2019 Group B code cycle is set to start Oct. 5**

The ICC Board of Directors recently issued a final decision on the first two groups of appeals related to the 2019 Group B code cycle – preemption and committee reconsideration – and outlined next steps. The Board will meet again on Monday, October 5, to consider the remaining appeals. These appeals are one part of a longer code development process that is responsive, transparent and open. For more information about this process and how it creates the most widely used and adopted set of building safety codes in the world, [click here](#). For the recent release on the Board’s decisions, [click here](#).

## **ICC and FEMA team up to explain BRIC’s grant funding for building and fire prevention departments**

The Code Council hosted a webinar (that’s available for viewing) on the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program on September 16 which featured leaders from FEMA and state and local governments. They outlined [funding opportunities for building and fire prevention departments](#) through BRIC and shared best practices for how to successfully leverage BRIC grants through coordination with hazard mitigation officials. BRIC is FEMA’s new \$500 million mitigation grant program. It prioritizes the adoption and enforcement of hazard resistant building codes and makes funding available for adoption activities (including staff time and [consultant](#) costs), [training](#), [certifications](#), [electronic permitting](#), [building department accreditation](#) and [online access to codes and standards](#). Brick



and mortar mitigation projects are competitive candidates for funding based on state adopted codes and local [BCEGS scores](#). Click [here](#) to access webinar playback. Download webinar slides [here](#).

- [Click here](#) for a fact sheet with key information on how BRIC promotes the adoption and enforcement of hazard resistant codes.
- [Click here](#) for additional information on the Code Council's *When Disaster Strikes Institute*, which FEMA mentions in its [BRIC materials on eligible code activities](#).

### **Code Council staff focused on assessing wildfire damages, causes and prevention strategies**

No region is immune to the threat of wildfires, but this year's multi-state wildfires in the West are boosting interest in the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC) and revising strategies to prevent or contain future wildfires. A recent [New York Times article](#) describes the situation: "Millions of Americans are moving into wildfire-prone areas outside of cities, and communities often resist restrictions on development. A century of federal policy to aggressively extinguish all wildfires rather than letting some burn at low levels, [an approach now seen as misguided](#), has left forests with plenty of fuel for especially destructive blazes ... loading the dice for more extensive fires." Karl Fippinger, Vice President, ICC Government Relations Fire and Disaster Mitigation, said that while most of the fire service community's focus is on [extinguishing the West Coast states' fires](#), ICC members and staff are preparing to update the IWUIC to changing needs. Members can engage in IWUIC development for the 2024 I-Codes in a variety of ways. The Fire Code Action Committee (FCAC) is meeting regularly and sponsors an IWUIC work group that is open to all members. Members can also [submit code change proposals for the 2024 IWUIC](#) via [cdpACCESS](#) beginning mid-October until January 11. The IWUIC is among the Group A Codes. The public can learn more about the [2021 IWUIC](#) which can be ordered. The ICC Government Relations webpage also has a [page dedicated to helping communities](#) prevent wildfire destruction. For information on the FCAC, email Beth Tubbs, Senior Staff Engineer with the International Code Council (ICC) Codes and Standards Development department, [BTubbs@iccsafe.org](mailto:BTubbs@iccsafe.org), or Karl Fippinger, [KFippinger@iccsafe.org](mailto:KFippinger@iccsafe.org).

### **Second building, fire officials survey continues monitoring how they cope with pandemic issues**

Results of a follow up survey of building and fire prevention officials to learn how code officials cope with professional challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic underscore the importance of additional federal resources for code departments. The survey, conducted August 11 to September 3, documented information from more than 800 respondents from jurisdictions that range in size from 700 people to 4 million. Although the U.S. Department of Homeland Security [has determined](#) the work of building and fire prevention departments to be essential to the nation's response to the coronavirus pandemic—and no state has made a contrary determination—about half of survey respondents did not have the capability to remotely carry out critical aspects of their work. That's an improvement from 6 in 10 in April, but still unacceptable given code departments' [vital role](#) in communities' pandemic response, resilience, economic recovery and long-term success. "The results of this survey show how, in less five months, the Code Council's governmental members have worked to ensure their departments can continue to protect public safety and spur economic activity in a virtual work environment," said Code Council Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO. "But too many departments have outstanding needs. It's critical that sufficient resources to support building and fire prevention departments are provided by state and local governments through existing CARES Act funds and by the federal government through any subsequent economic stimulus package." [Read more here](#).

### **ICC Community Development Solutions Partners with *Inspected* to facilitate remote virtual inspections**

[ICC Community Development Solutions](#) and [Inspected](#), a virtual inspection software company, recently announced a joint partnership to make remote virtual inspections accessible to code officials, homeowners and contractors. ICC Community Development Solutions, a subsidiary of the International Code Council that provides software solutions for municipalities and building safety professionals, will offer *Inspected's* remote video inspection software to Code Council members, partners, municipalities,

and government jurisdictions to conduct effective and consistent virtual inspections. *Inspected's* patent-pending software provides a secure platform specifically designed to implement and manage remote virtual inspections with features such as automatic algorithmic geo-tagging, photo and video recording, scheduling, record-keeping, and cloud storage capabilities. [Read more here.](#)

### **Major Jurisdiction Committee wants to share ICC members' "Best Practices" in local jurisdictions**

The Code Council's Major Jurisdiction Committee (MJC) is seeking ICC member input on "Best Practices" that they or their jurisdictions have either developed or experienced in a code administration environment. Best Practices will be expanded to include both MJC vetted best practices and best practices vetted through the International Accreditation Services (IAS) process. All submittals will conform to a format to simplify the search process. Further, IAS has a series of categories that all best practices will be catalogued per the IAS methodology to enhance ease of use. If you or your jurisdiction have a best practice to share, please do so. Online submissions information and the MJC's Best Practices page are accessible by [clicking here](#). The MJC leadership will be giving a presentation during **ICC LEARN LIVE** and would like to feature some new Best Practices, especially any that have been developed during and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **ICC receives Commerce Department grant to support publication, implementing of Gulf building codes**

The International Code Council will receive the Market Development Cooperator Program (MDCP) grant to partially underwrite the work the Code Council will undertake with the Gulf Standardization Organization (GSO) to publish a suite of regional model building codes. The grant is a major show of support for the work undertaken by the GSO since that organization entered into an [agreement with the Code Council in 2016](#) to begin work developing the unified Gulf Building Code. The work to develop the Gulf Building Code has been underway for the past four years, involving stakeholders based in all Gulf Cooperation Council member states, and the development process is now in its final stages. [Read more.](#)

### **Deadline is October 18 to submit comments on solar thermal collectors and systems standards**

The deadline is October 18 to submit comments on ICC/SRCC standards for solar thermal collectors and systems which are currently being revised under [ICC's ANSI-approved standard development procedures](#). The IS-STSC has released additional draft changes to the documents for a second public comment period. The **Public Review #2 Package** document contains proposed changes shown in strikeout and underline format, along with the required comment form and instructions for submitting comments. Comments will only be accepted on these draft changes to the documents developed by the committee since Public Review #1. To be accepted, comments must include specific changes to the language in the standard proposed, and a rationale. [Click here](#) for the Public Review Package document. Have questions? Visit the [project website](#) or [contact the staff secretariat](#).

### **Code Council's PRONTO now offers five new exams based on the 2021 International Codes**

The Assessment Center at the International Code Council recently announced the addition of four new exams based on the 2021 International Codes — M2 - Commercial Mechanical Inspector; M3 - Mechanical Plans Examiner; P2 - Commercial Plumbing Inspector; and P3 - Plumbing Plans Examiner. The exams are conveniently offered through the PRONTO (Proctored Remote Online Testing Option). Look for more to be added within the coming months. [Read more here](#). The Assessment Center also recently announced the new Tall Mass Timber Special Inspector certification. The certification exam is now conveniently available via the PRONTO. [Read more here](#).

### **Changes to lead reduction regulations finalized by EPA to lower lead content of plumbing products**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency finalized its changes to existing regulations to provide a framework of compliance under the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act of 2011 (RLDWA), which lowered the allowable maximum lead content of plumbing products to further protect the public from lead used in plumbing materials that provide water for human consumption. [The final rule](#) "requires

manufacturers with 10 or more employees, and importers entering products purchased from or manufactured by manufacturers with 10 or more employees, to obtain third-party certification by an ANSI-accredited third-party certification body.” The plumbing manufacturing industry began transitioning products to new lower lead levels circa 2014. Even better, the 2015 IPC and IRC were amended to reflect RLDWA lead content requirements in drinking water pipes, pipe fittings, joints, valves, faucets and fixture fittings. For several years, ICC Evaluation Service has offered certification service to the requirements of NSF/ANSI 372 and is available to address certification needs. For questions, contact ICC Vice President of PMG Programs Guy Tomberlin at [gtomberlin@iccsafe.org](mailto:gtomberlin@iccsafe.org).

### **ALSC reports more non-ALS lumber grade marks appearing in Missouri and New Hampshire**

The American Lumber Standard Committee alerted its members and industry that a lumber grade stamp was recently observed in Missouri and New Hampshire. Similar reports surfaced this year from New York, Texas, Georgia, Massachusetts and North Carolina. The stamp “No.2” does not come from any ALSC-accredited inspection agency, there are no ALS-approved design values that are attributable to lumber bearing this stamp and it should not be represented as a structural lumber product under the ALSC system. [Read more here](#).

### **Code Council announces updates to Building Valuation Data to aid in calculating permit fees**

The Code Council recently announced updates to [Building Valuation Data](#) (BVD) for its members. The BVD is updated at six-month intervals, with the next update in February 2021. The Code Council strongly recommends that all jurisdictions and other interested parties actively evaluate and assess the impact of this BVD table before utilizing it in their current code enforcement related activities. The BVD table provides “average” construction costs per square foot, which can be used in determining permit fees. Permit fee schedules are addressed in Section 109.2 of the 2018 International Building Code (IBC) whereas Section 109.3 addresses building permit valuations. Permit fees can be established by using the BVD table and a Permit Fee Multiplier, which is based on the total construction value within the jurisdiction for the past year. [Read more here](#).

### **Residential Seismic Assessment and Retrofit Standard Consensus Committee to Meet for First Time**

A virtual meeting of the [Code Council’s Residential Seismic Assessment and Retrofit Standard Consensus Committee](#) (IS-RSARC) will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. CT on October 16 to discuss the development of the ICC 1300 standard. As an American National Standards Institute accredited standards developing organization, the Code Council is undertaking a project coordinated with the California Earthquake Authority and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop a Code Council standard for the seismic evaluation and retrofit of one- and two-family dwellings (including townhouses) designated as ICC 1300, Standard for the Vulnerability-Based Seismic Assessment and Retrofit of One- and Two-Family Dwellings.

### **Call for Committee on the Consensus Committee On Log Structures has a November 1 deadline**

As an ANSI accredited standards developing organization, the Code Council is revising the ICC 400, Standard on the Design and Construction of Log Structures, to maintain the standard with current industry practice. The application deadline to serve on the committee is November 1. Once appointed, this committee will convene to undergo the revision process in accordance with ANSI Essential Requirements for the development of American National Standards. This Committee has primary responsibility for minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare through design, construction and installation requirements for log and heavy timber structures. Visit the [IS-LOG committee webpage](#) for current news updates on committee activities. For more information on the ICC procedures for developing standards, refer to the ICC Consensus Procedures [posted here](#).

### **Code Council CEO Dominic Sims is featured in recent Plumbing and Mechanical homepage PM Profile**

Plumbing & Mechanical recently interviewed International Code Council CEO Dominic Sims about the current landscape for codes and standards and the plumbing industry overall. Sims has led ICC since 2012 and is responsible for overall activities and financial performance of the organization. The article is titled “International Code Council helps plumbing industry pros navigate new normal post COVID-19 pandemic.” [Click here to link to the article.](#)

### **Compliance forms to support energy code compliance and training opportunities announced**

New [compliance forms](#) were recently developed to support demonstrating commercial building energy code compliance with the performance-based approaches of ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2016 and 2019 Energy Cost Budget and Appendix G Performance Rating Methods. These forms will help modelers establish simulation inputs for the baseline/budget and proposed design models and include submittal checklists to ensure that all necessary supporting documentation is included in compliance submittals. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory is hosting two training webinars, the first of which was held September 29. The [next will be 1-3 p.m. Eastern](#) on December 8. [Read more here.](#)

### **Recipients of six sponsored scholarships to children of Code Council members announced**

The International Code Council recently awarded [six sponsored scholarships](#) to children of Code Council members. The 2020 recipients include:

- **General Scholarship Fund** – Charlee Bichara, daughter of Charles Bichara of the city of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, and Gavin Justice, son of Trace Justice, Snohomish County, Wash.
- **William J. Tangye Scholarship** - Mason Moritz, son of William Moritz of Monterey, California.
- **C. D. Howard Scholarship** - Autumn Carlson, daughter of Ricky Carlson of the Phoenix City Alabama building department.
- **J. W. “Bill” Neese Scholarship** – Heather Beck, daughter of Robert M. Beck of the Clark County Nevada School District.
- **Charlie O’Meilia Scholarship** – Elizabeth Ann Greiner, daughter of Mary L. Martinelli, St. Petersburg, Fla.

### ***GOT PULSE?* Episode 30 features former ICC Board President Steve Jones and *Inspected’s* Johnny Goetz**

In this episode of the ICC Pulse Podcast, Code Council Government Relations Senior Regional Manager [Steve Jones](#) hosts a dialogue with *Inspected* Director of Government Relations [Johnny Goetz](#), about remote virtual inspections and how building safety professionals can implement this method.

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

- **October 5 - 2018 Fire Inspector Webinar Series, [Special Occupancies and Operations.](#)**
- **October 6 – IMC Webinar Series, [Refrigeration, Fuel Oil Piping and Storage and Solar Systems.](#)**
- **October 7 - [Legal Aspects of Code Administration](#)**
- **October 12 - [2018 Building Plans Examiner Certification Test Academy B3.](#)**
- **October 13 - 2018 Fire Inspector Webinar Series, [Regulated Materials and Processes .](#)**
- **October 15 - [2019 Chicago Construction Codes.](#)**
- **October 15 - [2018 IFGC Webinar Series: Gas Piping Installations.](#)**
- **October 20 - [2018 IPC Webinar Series: Chapters 1, 2 and 3.](#)**
- **October 21- [Leadership Webinar Series: Public Speaking.](#)**
- **October 26 - [2018 Permit Technician 14 Certification Test Academy.](#)**
- **October 27 - [2018 IPC Webinar Series: Chapters 4, 5 and 6.](#)**

- October 29 - [2018 IFGC Webinar Series: Gas Piping Installations - Gas Sizing Systems.](#)
- November 3 - [2018 Commercial Building Inspection Institute.](#)
- November 3 - [2018 IPC Webinar Series: Chapters 7 and 8 .](#)
- November 4 - [When Disaster Strikes.](#)
- November 5 - [2018 IBC Means of Egress.](#)
- November 5 - [2018 IFGC Webinar Series: Chimneys and Vents.](#)
- November 9 – [ICC LEARN LIVE COVID-19 Global Impact Panel.](#)
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- November 13 – [ICC LEARN LIVE Discovering the Building Safety Profession and Networking.](#)
- November 18 - [Essential Skills for Rising Leaders.](#)
- November 19 - [Virtual Training Room on Mass Timber Building and the IBC.](#)
- Available daily online, [2015 Permit Technician 14 Study Guide.](#)
- Available daily online, [IRC® Online Study Guide for Residential Building Inspectors B1.](#)

Plus check out more upcoming virtual learning and webinar offerings here:

- [Virtual landing page](#)    [Webinar landing page](#)

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**YOUR RESPONSE IS NEEDED: Take the survey now.** Help us obtain funding to help make your job safer. Work by ICC's Government Relations staff helped to get funds for local jurisdiction code offices through the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) to protect essential services. Last April, 1150 jurisdictions from every state across the country provided feedback. Read the survey analysis, [here](#). Responses from ICC Members helped ICC GR staff alert state and local governments to better understand departments' virtual capabilities and to collect best practices that could help inform other departments' approaches. [Now, we need you to update that information](#). Please take a few minutes and answer the questions as best as you can. Identities are protected. [Take the survey](#).

## **WATCH IT NOW: Webinar features four ICC Members on how their offices used federal CARES Act funding to address virtual needs**

You can see the webinar featuring four code officials from across the country who discuss how their offices received funds to upgrade to virtual office systems and make their jobs safer. Panelists were permit technician **Barb Williams**, Otsego, Minnesota; ICC Board Member **Mike Boso**, Grove City, Ohio; **Becky Baker**, Jefferson County, Colorado, and **Ruben Barrera**, Ventura County, California. They described how their jurisdictions successfully secured federal CARES Act funds to protect and support their departments and communities through hardware, as well as virtual and digital solutions. They outlined opportunities for federal funding and steps to receive funds, the solutions they've sought and why, and their advice on navigating the process. The panel was moderated by former Tennessee Fire Marshal Gary West and West Allis, Wisconsin, building official Ed Lisinski. [Click here to see the webinar](#).

## **International Code Council releases recommended practices for remote virtual inspections**

For no cost, code officials can obtain "[Recommended Practices for Remote Virtual Inspections](#)," the Code Council's guideline document for an effective, consistent remote virtual inspections program. It reflects research and discussions from Code Council members (including responses to April's survey of U.S. code officials on COVID-19 response), partners and industry experts. Remote virtual inspections use visual or electronic aids that allow inspectors to observe specific construction projects, products or materials from a distance. [These remote inspections](#) are beneficial when the materials or buildings are inaccessible, in dangerous environments, or in other circumstances, prevent an in-person inspection. [Read about the recent experiences](#) in Florida using video inspections and [click here to see how drones](#) are used indoors. Read about [electronic plans submittals in Ranch Cucamonga, California, here](#).

## **SAVE THE DATES: Code Council launches ICC LEARN LIVE webinars during November 9-13**

This November, the International Code Council is launching **ICC LEARN LIVE**, a week-long virtual training and education event that will cover the latest topics in building safety — from the global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the building industry to remote virtual inspections and the 2021 International Codes. [This innovative event will be held](#) from Nov. 9–13, 2020. Here are the dates and sessions.

- **Monday, November 9** - 2021 IBC Highlight of Structural Changes; Best Practices for Building Departments; COVID-19 Global Perspectives Panel.
- **Tuesday, November 10** - 2021 Code Changes – Break Outs.
- **Wednesday, November 11, Veterans Day (dedicated to veterans and will include related issues)** - Going Virtual: How to Embrace the New Normal; Remote Virtual Inspections – Recommended Practices; Innovation in 3D Printing.
- **Thursday, November 12** - Energy Storage; Careers in the Building Safety Industry; Careers in Building Safety Panel.
- **Friday, November 13** – Plumbing; Keynote Speaker/Networking.

We expect ICC Learn Live to reach more building safety professionals than ever before now that we're making our content available to professionals around the world at their desks. Indeed, our webinar sessions in April and May, in the wake of the pandemic, saw between 500 and 1,100 participants each, and ICC Learn Live will showcase five days of content. Attached to this edition of **ICC Government Relations Monthly Update** is a **LEARN LIVE** prospectus outlining the sponsorship opportunities for this event. To discuss how ICC Learn Live might help accomplish your business development goals, please contact David Coyne at [dcoyne@iccsafe.org](mailto:dcoyne@iccsafe.org).

**Code Council CEO Dominic Sims offers column published in new issue of "Governing" magazine**  
[Governing](#) featured [a column by Code Council CEO Dominic Sims](#) titled "Building Safety's Essential Role in Resilience and Recovery" which stresses the importance of code departments in pandemic response, ensuring building occupants' life safety, promoting community disaster mitigation and recovery, and facilitating construction and related economic activity. It urges state and local government to leverage federal CARES Act funding to address code departments' virtual capability needs. "Building code adoption and enforcement are the backbone to a safe built environment," Sims wrote. "According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, modern and well-enforced building codes are one of the most effective means to prepare communities for natural hazards. Strong code enforcement can help to reduce losses from catastrophic weather events such as windstorms by 15 to 25 percent, which makes funding critical so that building departments can make the switch to digital processes and maintain full function as they face down the dual threats posed by the virus and other natural hazards."

**Education opportunities are available involving AWC and ICC resources on mass timber construction**  
The Learning Center at ICC is [presenting new training opportunities on Mass Timber Construction](#). This training series is being co-sponsored with the American Wood Council (AWC). [AWC and ICC](#) recently issued released [Mass Timber Buildings and the IBC](#), an overview of requirements for mass timber construction as found in the 2015, 2018, and 2021 *International Building Code* (IBC). The series includes:

- [Introduction to Mass Timber Products](#)
- [What's New in 2015/2018 IBC® for Mass Timber Construction](#)
- [Background and Overview \(New Mass Timber\)](#)
- [Heights and Areas and Construction Fire Safety \(New Mass Timber\)](#)
- [Fire Safety \(New Mass Timber\)](#)
- [Principles of Fire and Connection Design and Special Inspection \(New Mass Timber\)](#)

On November 19, [a Virtual Training Room on Mass Timber Building and the IBC](#) will provide an overview of mass timber which includes any product currently permitted for use in Type IV (heavy timber) construction such as cross-laminated timber (CLT), structural composite lumber (SCL), glue laminated timber (glulam), mechanically laminated decking (aka nail-laminated timber, NLT), and large section sawn timbers. This course is at 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Central.

#### **Appeals Board approves merger of two hearings to begin Monday morning, September 14**

As announced in the Notice of Appeal Hearings, the appeals for the 2019 Group B Code Cycle were split into five groups since a significant amount of crossover was identified between some of the appeals. After receiving a request by the affected appellants for the fourth and fifth appeal hearings – Leading Builders of America and the National Association of Home Builders – the Appeals Board approved the merger of the hearings originally scheduled on September 10 and 14. The resulting appeal hearing will take place on September 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Central. The hearing will include the following appeal basis as noted in the [Notice of Appeal Hearings](#):

- Impact of online voting (CP 28)
- Cost impact
- Voting guides
- Voter eligibility
- Validation process

The deadline for comments was August 31. The hearing for federal preemption was held August 31, and the hearing for scope and intent is September 3. Registration links for the view only YouTube live stream of the hearing is available [here](#). As advised in previous notices, those interested in participating during the hearings are strongly encouraged to use the presentation template linked below. The template ensures the quality and formatting of the presentation follows the recommended [presentation guidelines](#). All presentations will be posted to the Code Council [appeals webpage](#) as they were submitted, without edits. Only Microsoft PowerPoint (.ppt) files will be accepted. Presentations are due Tuesday, September 8, by close of business. This webpage serves as the notification vehicle and repository for all documents related to the processing of the appeals in accordance with CP1 Appeals.

### **Wyoming's Jim Brown heads select committee making the first major review of Code Council bylaws**

Code Council President Greg Wheeler recently appointed a committee to conduct the first major review of the ICC bylaws since their creation. The Code Council Board and Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims agree that a comprehensive review is needed given the growth of the organization, the Code Council's 2025 strategic plan, and the changing world around us. The following were appointed:

- [Jim Brown, CBO, CFPS](#) – Chair
- [David Spencer, CBO](#) – Vice Chair
- [Bill Bryant, MCP, CBO](#)
- [Alan Boswell, MCP, CBO](#)
- [Ron Hampton, MCP, CBO](#)

Wheeler also appointed three ex officio, non-voting members from the [Emerging Leaders Membership Council](#) to serve on the committee: Elizabeth Arrington of Kentucky, Andre Jaen of Colorado and Benjamin Breadmore of Maine. The Committee will conduct a series of meetings throughout the fall and develop a detailed report for the Code Council Board to consider in December 2020. Members wishing to submit comments related to the bylaws should email them to [memberinput@iccsafe.org](mailto:memberinput@iccsafe.org).

### **Disaster Savings and Resilient Construction Act legislation praised by stake holders in construction**

United States Representatives Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ-09), Tom Reed (R-NY-23), Peter DeFazio (D-OR-04) and Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL-25) introduced the Disaster Savings and Resilient Construction Act, legislation that will create a \$3,000 tax credit for homes and a \$25,000 tax credit for business to help their owners rebuild after natural disasters. The Code Council worked closely with the bill sponsors on this effort, which would provide tax credits property owners for construction or reconstruction that adheres to one of the two most recent editions of the International Wildland Urban Interface Code or the ICC 600 Standard for Residential Construction in High-Wind Regions. In response to the bill's introduction, Code Council CEO Dominic Sims said. "We applaud Rep. Bill Pascrell, Rep. Tom Reed, Chairman Peter DeFazio and Rep Mario Diaz Balart for introducing the Disaster Savings and Resilient Construction Act of 2020. With natural disasters expected to increase in frequency and severity, this legislation would boost our national resilience by providing tax incentives to help Americans strengthen homes and businesses against wildfire, high winds, and other natural hazards through the use of modern building codes and standards." [Read more here](#).

### **FEMA issues funding opportunities notice for its new pre-disaster mitigation grant program**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency [posted the fiscal year 2020 hazard mitigation assistance Notification of Funding Opportunities for the new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\) pre-disaster mitigation grant program](#), which provides funding for eligible mitigation activities to strengthen our nation's ability to build a culture of preparedness by reducing disaster losses and protecting life and property from future disaster damages. The Code Council supported the creation of the program, ensured it could benefit code activities, and has worked closely with FEMA on its further development. This year, there is \$500 million available for the BRIC program and FEMA is offering a series of webinars in August for prospective applicants. The program can fund code adoption/updating (staff time, consultants, code books/digital licenses), training/certifications (including International Code



Council's When Disaster Strikes), electronic permitting and remove virtual inspection software, and building department accreditation. The application deadline is Jan. 29, 2021. Stay tuned for information on an early September ICC webinar on this opportunity and how to best leverage it.

### **U.S. House of Representatives spending bill supports continued funding of EPA's WaterSense Program**

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed [a consolidated appropriations act for fiscal year 2021](#) that includes funding for programs within the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other agencies. The Appropriation Committee's [report](#) includes language that supports EPA's WaterSense Program and directs the agency to continue funding the program at the enacted levels. The program has saved \$4.4 trillion gallons of water and \$87 billion of water and energy expenses since its inception in 2006, and more than 34,000 WaterSense plumbing product models are available, according to the most recent [WaterSense Accomplishments Report](#). [Read more here](#).

### **Last part of series examines flexibility and savings in installing venting fixtures and traps in 2021 IPC**

In the fourth and final part of the series from "[Methods of Venting Plumbing Fixtures and Traps in the 2021 International Plumbing Code: Installation, Flexibility and Opportunity for Savings](#)," writer Lee Clifton delves into Chapter 9 of the IPC and its variety of methods to vent plumbing fixtures and traps. The methods have been laboratory tested to determine sizing and installation requirements that provide proper venting to a drainage system. The venting methods have also been field-tested, establishing a long history of satisfactory service. These venting provisions offer the installer and designer different paths to achieving an adequately vented system, which could result in cost savings along with ease of installation in different types of construction. [Read more here](#).

### **ICC-ES provides proof of compliance to state and regional codes and eases approval for installation**

With an expanding worldwide demand for safe and resilient buildings, it is more important than ever to prove that the products used to build them meet the local regulations. ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) evaluates products to help code officials approve them for installation. ICC-ES evaluation reports are tailored to meet the needs of the code official enforcing the international family of codes. The reports contain factual, relevant information needed by code officials in order to support their decision to allow subject building products in their jurisdiction. Many states and cities are already using ICC-ES reports, such as the state of California, state of Florida, and the City of Los Angeles. Learn more [here](#).

### **ICC Evaluation Service technical staff is primed for the developing 3D printing construction industry**

Realizing that 3D printing is quickly becoming an in-demand technology, ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) technical staff have been closely monitoring developments in the 3D printing construction industry. As the leading evaluation service in the industry whose reports are widely accepted by building officials and jurisdictions in the United States, ICC-ES has been working with leading 3D printing construction companies to develop building code compliance for one-story, single-unit, residential dwelling walls constructed using 3D printing technology. [Read more here](#).

### **Code Council releases update on current standards development activities**

The critical role of standards in the building regulatory process is such that the standards are an extension of the code requirements and are therefore equally enforceable. Consequently, standards that are referenced in codes carry an expectation of being as clear, direct and enforceable as code requirements that are primarily text. For a list of International Code Council standards that are current, being revised or are under development, [read more here](#).

### **ICC-ES in-person meeting slated for October 6-7 now changed to an online meeting via live WebEx**

The in-person meeting of the ICC Evaluation Service Evaluation Committee, scheduled for October 6-7, 2020, in Birmingham, Alabama, will now be held via live WebEx. A list of all acceptance criteria

[development documents](#) that will be presented for review is now available. Those interested in joining the meetings must register for the events scheduled on each day. [Registration](#) will close on October 2.

**Fannie Mae issues the Multifamily Modular Construction Toolkit in response to housing supply crisis**  
Modular construction is seen as a possible solution to the nation's affordable housing supply crisis due to its many potential benefits, including cost savings, shorter development timelines, and an overall safer and more efficient development process. Fannie Mae recently [released its Multifamily Modular Construction Toolkit to support the use of modular construction in multi-family housing](#). Developed with the support of the National Institute of Building Sciences Off-Site Construction Council and Code Council Vice President of Innovation Ryan Colker, the toolkit includes best practices, case studies and resources.

#### **New online membership tool makes reinstating ICC memberships easier than ever**

A new membership tool allows members to reinstate their memberships online. Previously, former members had to call or send a PDF form with a check. [Now, all they need to do is log in to myICC and click on the "Reinstate" button found in the membership area](#). There's no extra fee to reinstate a lapsed membership; just rejoin for the regular dues fee. Available 24/7, this new feature offers convenience for restoring member benefits and we're still available for you by phone at 888-ICC-SAFE x33804.

#### **Recently issued whitepaper examines COVID-19 impact on fiscal viability for states and jurisdictions**

The Council of State Governments released its report — [COVID-19: Fiscal Impact to States and Strategies for Recovery](#) — which examines near-term budget impacts, the economic risk of ongoing pandemic effects and shutdowns, the resiliency of states to respond, and strategies for fiscal recovery. States plan for unanticipated events in the development of state budgets, but nothing could have prepared states for the shock the COVID-19 pandemic is inflicting on revenue and expenditures in such a short time. Based on the latest state-by-state estimates, states face an estimated \$169-253 billion shortfall for the combined fiscal years ending in 2020 and 2021.

#### ***GOT PULSE?* Episode 29 focuses on Society of Fire Protection Engineers and performance-based design**

In this episode Code Council Senior Staff Engineer [Beth Tubbs](#) leads a discussion about the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) and performance-based design. Tubbs is joined by ARUP Principal and Past President of SFPE [Ray Grill](#) and Building Official of Summit, N.J., [Gary Lewis](#). Click [here](#) to listen.

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

- **September 1 – IMC Webinar Series, [Administration and General Requirements](#).**
- **September 1-2 - [Permit Tech Institute](#).**
- **September 2 – Permit Tech Webinar Series, [Legal Principles](#).**
- **September 3 – Code Enforcement Webinar Series, [Effective Communication](#).**
- **September 8 – IMC Webinar Series, [Ventilation and Duct Systems](#).**
- **September 9 – Permit Tech Webinar Series, [Finding the Answers in the I-Codes®](#).**
- **September 10 - [Formulating an Effective Code Enforcement Program](#).**
- **September 14 - 2018 Fire Inspector Webinar Series, [General Inspection Administration](#).**
- **September 15 – IMC Webinar Series, [Exhaust Systems](#).**
- **September 16 – Permit Tech Webinar Series, [Simple Plan Review](#).**
- **September 16 – Standalone Webinar, [Simple Plan Review](#).**
- **September 17 - Leadership Webinar Series, [Building Your Bench](#).**

- September 21 - 2018 Fire Inspector Webinar Series, [General Provisions and Fire Safety, Part I.](#)
- September 22 – IMC Webinar Series, [Combustion Air and Venting.](#)
- September 28 - 2018 Fire Inspector Webinar Series, [General Provisions and Fire Safety, Part II.](#)
- September 29 – IMC Webinar Series, [Boilers and Hydronic Piping.](#)
- September 30 - [Millennials in Code Enforcement.](#)
- October 5 - 2018 Fire Inspector Webinar Series, [Special Occupancies and Operations.](#)
- October 6 – IMC Webinar Series, [Refrigeration, Fuel Oil Piping and Storage and Solar Systems.](#)
- October 13 - 2018 Fire Inspector Webinar Series, [Regulated Materials and Processes .](#)
- November 18 - [Essential Skills for Rising Leaders.](#)
- November 19 - [Virtual Training Room on Mass Timber Building and the IBC.](#)
- Available daily online, [2015 Permit Technician 14 Study Guide.](#)
- Available daily online, [IRC® Online Study Guide for Residential Building Inspectors B1.](#)

Plus check out more upcoming virtual learning and webinar offerings here:

- Virtual landing [page](#)    Webinar landing [page](#)

## DHCD Report (Updated 9-28-20)

### Building and Fire Regulations

- Amusement device stickers can be obtained by emailing [sarah.foote@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:sarah.foote@dhcd.virginia.gov).  
Reminder - stickers will only be distributed to building officials. To expedite the process, please provide your name, mailing address, and quantity of stickers needed in your email.
- The deadline to respond to the invitation to apply for second round of training support grant closed September 30<sup>th</sup>. We received eight applications for a total of \$12,363 with a grand total of \$161,335 disbursed to 86 localities for the purposes of supporting staff to attend virtual training.

### Code Development

- The deadline for submitting code change proposals for the 2018 regulations was July 3<sup>rd</sup> and all submitted code change proposal have now been reviewed by the full workgroups. All proposals, including workgroup recommendations, public comments and other related information can be viewed in [cdpVA](#).
- Be sure to mark your calendars for the Board of Housing and Community Development (BHCD) meeting on **October 19th**. Final decisions on all code change proposals for the final regulations will be made by the BHCD at this meeting. There will be one final BHCD meeting in December to approve the final regulations.
- We currently anticipate the 2018 regulations to have an effective date of mid to late 2021.

### VBCA Virtual Courses

- As reported in previous VBCA updates, the Code Academy has canceled all **in-person** courses originally scheduled for the 2020 semesters and has converted all of those courses to virtual live online delivery.
- The updated Fall schedule is available online. The VBCA Fall virtual class schedule is revised from the in-person schedule taking into account moving from three to four-day classes as well as adjustments in overall schedule to accommodate the increased staff support demand when producing the virtual classroom.
- Contact the VBCA office with any questions about previously registered classes.
- Please check the message board on the homepage of the Code Academy's Online Registration System regularly for updates and newly added courses.
- **Before registering for any course**, please take a moment to make sure your contact info and supervisor's contact info is correct in the Online Registration System. This ensures that registration and certification approval requests go to the right person, and helps avoid registration and certification delays.

## Mandatory Building Science and Residential Energy Code Enforcement Training

- This class is mandatory for persons holding any of the following DHCD certificates:
  - Building Official
  - Residential Building Inspector
  - Residential Mechanical Inspector
  - Combination Residential Inspector
  - Residential Plans Examiner
- The 4-hour self-paced online course is now available through the VBCA Learning Center (Google "VBCA Learning Center"). You will earn 4 hours of DHCD Continuing Education if you haven't already completed the in-person or webinar version.
- Many Certification holders have already completed this training in-person or via webinar. If you have taken the live or webinar version, you DO NOT need to also complete the online course.
- For Learning Center access instructions, visit the DHCD webpage at [dhcd.virginia.gov](http://dhcd.virginia.gov) > codes > Online Training (in the orange Code Academy section) or <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/vbca-online-training>
- **The deadline for completion is December 15, 2020**

## Other Continuing Education (CE) Details and Reminders

- We encourage you to visit the DHCD website and ICC website for more continuing education opportunities that are currently being provided at no cost.
- For help with Continuing Education questions, instructions, and forms, refer to the Resources section of the DHCD Continuing Education webpage at [dhcd.virginia.gov](http://dhcd.virginia.gov) > codes > Earn, Maintain, or Verify a Certification (in the orange Code Academy section) > Continuing Education or <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/continuing-education>

**DHCD NOTIFICATION REMINDER:** We have noticed that many localities are not adhering to the USBC/SFPC requirements to notify DHCD when code officials are appointed or released and when technical assistants are employed or terminated. The codes require notification:

- By the appointing authority **within 30 days** of the appointment or release of a permanent or acting Building Code Official, Maintenance Official or Fire Code Official
- By the code official **within 60 days** of the employment of, contracting with or termination of all Building Code Technical Assistants, Maintenance Code Technical Assistant or Fire Code Technical Assistants

As always, do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions or concerns.

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**PMG Committee**  
**Board of Directors Meeting (10/02/2020)**

Greetings Board members,

The second round of the 2018 Virginia code development cycle is coming to a close. Workgroup meetings have concluded as they relate to the VPMIA/VBCOA PMG Committee, and the Board of Housing and Community Development will meet October 19 to review final proposals. This is a summary of the VPMIA/VBCOA PMG Committee activities during the Virginia 2018 regulatory process.

The following is the results of proposals submitted on behalf of the VPMIA/VBCOA PMG Committee.

1. These proposals received Consensus Approval from the Workgroups and Approved as Submitted from BHCD:
  - a. E403.2.8-18 Delete Kitchen Exhaust from IECC
  - b. RTP3011-18 and TP 717-18 Relining of Building Sewers and Building Drains
  - c. TM506.5.6-18 Pollution Control Units
  - d. TM510.7.1.1-18 Hazardous Duct Shaft Penetrations
  - e. TP202-18 Service Sink Definition
  - f. TP410.4-18 Drinking Fountain Substitution
  - g. TP423.1-18 Pedicure Baths
  - h. TP605.2.1-18 Lead Content of Drinking Water Pipe and Fittings
  - i. TP705.11.2-18 Solvent Cement
  - j. TP1101.7-18 Roof Design
  - k. TP1105.2-18 Roof Drain Flow Rate
  - l. TP1110-18 Roof Drain – Values for Continuous Flow
  - m. TP1303.1-18 General (Rainwater Harvesting Alternative)
  
2. These proposals received Non-Consensus from the Workgroups and Disapproval from BHCD:
  - a. TP608.13.6-18 Atmospheric-type Vacuum Breakers
    - i. Non-Consensus reason statement – This is a maintenance issue, not a new construction issue.
  - b. TP608.16.7-18 Chemical Dispensers
    - i. Non-Consensus reason statement - This is a maintenance issue, not a new construction issue.
  
3. These proposals received Consensus Approval from the Workgroups and will be heard by BHCD on 10/19/20:
  - a. RTP608.15-18 Access to Backflow Preventers
  - b. RTP2801.6-18 Required Water Heater Pan
  - c. TM505.5-18 Common Domestic Kitchen Exhaust
  - d. TM403.3.1.1-18 Doctor/Dental Office Ventilation Rates
  - e. TP403.3.3-18 Location of Toilets in Group S
  - f. TP2902.1.1-18 Single-user Toilets
    - i. Note: This proposal is a backup to TP1209.3.1-18. Should TP1209.3.1-18 be disapproved at any point in the regulatory process, this proposal, which does not contain provisions for gender-neutral, multi-user toilet facilities, still contain important provisions for single-user toilet facilities (included in TP1209.3.1-18) that we want to be included in the 2018 adoption.

4. These proposals received Non-Consensus from the Workgroups and will be heard by BHCD on 10/19/20:
  - a. B713.8-18 Shaft Penetrations, Fire Barriers/Horizontal Assemblies
    - i. Non-Consensus reason statement - The VBCOA Building Code Committee opposes this change on the basis that the current language is sufficient as-is.
  - b. B713.11-18 Bottom of the Shaft, Fire Damper Provision
    - i. Non-Consensus reason statement - The VBCOA Building Code Committee opposes; the committee believes the current code language suffices.
  
5. These proposals took a different path:
  - a. RE403.3.1-18 Insulation (Ducts) – Withdrawn. After many comments generated in the workgroup meetings by individuals that believed exhaust ducts were intentionally excluded from this provision on the ICC level, I discovered after more researched that the comments were accurate and withdrew the proposal.
  - b. IBC 717.6.1/IMC 607.6.1 - Horizontal Assembly Duct Penetrations – Not Submitted. After discussions with the VBCOA Building Code Committee and other professional resources, it was determined that this proposal was not appropriate. In fact, the change that was made to IBC 717.6.3/IMC 607.6.3, as modified by the ICC Committee (by which this proposal was generated) was not appropriate either (FS-116-12). Fire damper listings and manufacturer instructions have provisions for these types of installations that include the installation of non-combustible materials between the fire damper and combustible materials. Basically, fire dampers may be installed in combustible horizontal assemblies when installed in accordance with the listing that includes such installation instruction.

The following is the results of proposals supported by the VPMIA/VBCOA PMG Committee but not submitted by the committee:

1. This proposal received Consensus Approval from the Workgroups and Approved as Submitted from BHCD:
  - a. RE403.3.5-18 Building Cavities
  
2. These proposals received Consensus Approval from the Workgroups and will be heard by BHCD on 10/19/20:
  - a. A101.6-18 Conflicts/Order of Precedence
  - b. E404.5-18 Heated Water Supply Piping
  - c. TP1209.3.1-18 Multi-user Gender-neutral Toilet Facilities

Other proposals of interest.

1. TP2902.1-18 Minimum Plumbing Fixtures. It is not clear when this proposal was submitted, so I was not able to forward on to this committee prior to the Workgroup meeting that heard it. This proposal will delete all sections of VCC Section 2902 except 2902.1 which would read:

**[P] 2902.1 Minimum number of fixtures.** Plumbing fixtures shall be provided in the minimum number as shown in Table ~~2902.1~~ 403.1 of the VPC based on the actual use of the building or space. Uses not shown in Table ~~2902.1~~ 403.1 of the VPC shall be considered individually by the code official. The number of occupants shall be determined by this code.

This proposal received Consensus Approval from the Workgroups and will be heard by BHCD on 10/19/20.

ICC has released its schedule for the [2021/2022 Code Development](#) cycle. **The deadline for receipt of code change proposals for Group A is January 11, 2021** and for Group B is January 10, 2022. Group A contains the codes that all the proposals listed above are relevant to. Many of these proposals will be forwarded to the I code level. Time is running short. CAH for Group A will be held in Rochester, NY on April 11 – 21, 2021.

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

Richard Grace  
 VPMIA/VBCOA PMG Committee Chairman  
 703-324-1687

# MEETING MINUTES

President Clark opened w pledge.

Discussed agenda, motion to approve and second.

A quorum was established.

Secretary Anthony McMahan gathered all submitted reports and they have been incorporated into this report.

Treasurer Dennis Hart provided a report and spoke on the report. His report is part of these minutes.

Executive Secretary Chris Martin provided a report and spoke on the report. His report is part of these minutes.

Mr. Martin has received a 1099 from PayPal. He is not sure what to do with the 1099 as we are tax exempt. President Clark stated that we may need to check with PayPal to see if we need to change a setting in PayPal. Skip suggested that a copy go to Dustin so he can check with the accountant in Chesterfield that helped us with some financial work before. Several discussions about member renewals.

Comment was made that need to use Constant Contact to send out information and meeting invites. Several discussed the need to use CC to reach out to all members as all members are welcome to come to board meetings.

ICC Report Cindy Davis/Shawn Strausbaugh Cindy and Shawn followed up with reports. These are part of these minutes.

Cindy spoke about some appeals to the current 21 ICC code cycle. These were primarily in the energy code and about voter validation. Recommendations have been made and are being considered about using a standards approach vs a code development process for the energy code.

Code hearings - virtual this year, April 11<sup>th</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>. Details are still being finalized. Registration required to view or speak to a code change.

ABM and conference in person in Pittsburgh in September. Hopes that everyone will be going out to meetings in person by then.

Building safety month coming up planned to be virtual. Theme Prevent, prepare, protect. Multiple events being planned.

Award nominations open until March 15<sup>th</sup>. Cindy encourages everyone to check out the awards ICC has as many of our members may make good candidates. VBCOA may have a candidate and be seeking support for a candidate.

Shawn stepped in PMG leadership award went to Richard Grace last year.

Reminder to use chapter education benefit. Anthony asked about the 2020 chapter training voucher being extended into 2021. \*\*Post meeting update to this ICC is going to honor the 2020 chapter education voucher to be used in 2021.\*\*



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2021 appeals are all finalized and available on the website.

Chapter update newsletter coming soon.

Cindy Davis – DHCD 2018 code process is complete. Published in Virginia register March 1<sup>st</sup>, effective date July 1<sup>st</sup>. Takes about 6 months to incorporate and print VA versions. DHCD to provide code sets to each locality.

VBCA – virtual courses continue. May move to hybrid schedule in the fall. Some are happy about not traveling, some want in person training.

Yearbook/Advertising – Anthony McMahan The 2020 Yearbook is on the website. No 2021 yearbook was attempted due to COVID . End of report.

Auditing – Ellis McKinney No report. Props to Dennis Hart for tracking the finances.

Awards – No committee chair currently. Last years awards were ordered, however they were not awarded because the SOI was canceled. We discussed handing these out in April. Richard Grace picked up the awards and has kept them since last year.

Bylaws – Dustin McLehaney We will finalize the language and make sure the copy on the website is the final agreed change. General Membership to vote at SOI on the change.

Education – Anthony McMahan 2021 Chapter education voucher is in. Hope to be able to use 2020 voucher. Several members have reached out looking for continuing education.

Finance – Dennis Hart No report.

Information Technology – Jane Kim Jane needs information for the upcoming VBCOA virtual conference. What would the board like to see posted there. Jane shared the current setup and what some of the options were. Not mandatory to man the booth, but this is an opportunity to have someone there to speak on behalf of the membership.

ICC Region VII – Jane Kim – A new President was installed at the January meeting. John Ebby from Pennsylvania. Dues received from VPMIA per David Beahm. Code development co-chairs Dan Williams from Fairfax, and Jill Bryant. Planning virtual meeting April 1st.

Nominating- James Anjam Nominees were ready for last year. Must reach back out to the nominees to see who wants to run still.

Legislative- Ron Clements Ron provided a report and spoke on his report. His report is included in these minutes.

Membership – Chris Martin No further report.

PMG report – Dennis Hart VPMIA submitted 5 changes for the current ICC code change cycle. Waiting on changes to be posted so that positions can be developed on all changes.

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BCAAC report – Randy Pearce Randy submitted a report and spoke on his report. This report is included as part of the minutes. 16 hrs CEU for DHCD was not increased. Discussion about revamping CORE.

Randy to retire July 1.

Cindy Davis shared that providing modules virtually is more resource intensive than the in person modules. Accessibility discussed as a new module, perhaps purchase one from ICC. DHCD will follow-up on this to create targeted education for code officials for accessibility.

VCEC -Dustin McLehaney/James Anjam Decided not to move forward with in person VCEC this year. Travel restrictions and fear of COVID and large gatherings vs penalties for canceling the event later.

VBCOA – David Beahm Virtual conference to be held 22 and 23, BOD meeting to be held Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Most meetings since last January held virtually.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Jane Kim is official representative to ICC region VII.

President Clark - How do we hold virtual conference? How does VBCOA do theirs? David Beham suggested to speak to Jimmy Moss about their process. Randy Pierce recommended reaching out to Ernie Little as he did a conference for VFPA. Do we need a committee? We need to set dates. Figure out how to setup and manage. Do we want exhibit booths for vendors? Cindy recommended speaking with ICC about what they have to offer to the chapter. Adamant about swearing officers in. If the education part cannot happen, at least do the business meeting. Put together a survey to access which platform is best for the membership. Shawn said ICC may be able to do the training through WEBex. Jane suggested trying a test run with members to help them learn the systems. Free version and paid versions of the platform VBCOA is using available. Anthony not sure if we are able to give virtual classes. Shawn believes that this is a non issue in the current situation. Discussed multiple past training opportunities. Bob Adkins not able to get into MS teams meeting initially. Recommends another more user friendly platform. Idea to tie training into building safety month.

Motion to split SOI into 2 dates. 1 date GM meeting swear in officers, awards from 2020, and training (around traditional dates of SOI), date 2 training at a later date larger class 6hrs+/- . Motion by president, second by Chris Martin vote taken all in favor. President Clark to form adhoc committee to work on SOI. President Clark, Jane Kim, Skip Harper, Ellis McKinney, Anthony McMahan were names initially (Anthony suggested tapping the education committee.). President Clark to send Teams invite for 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of ad hoc committee.

Suggestion to send survey out asap about who needs ceu's and what platform is best.

Meeting adjourned.