



VPMIA

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2021

SECRETARY,
Anthony V. McMahan

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Meeting Minutes

VPMIA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Virtual Meeting (Teams) February 19, 2021
9:00AM - 12:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Agenda.
Determination of Quorum

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Old Business:

New Business:

1. Spring SOI (Virtual?)
2. VBCOA Mid Year Conference March 22-23, 2021 (Virtual Exhibit Booth)
3. VPMIA ICC Region VII Representee – Jane Kim
4. Summer SOI
- 5.

Other Business:

1. Received ICC Chapter Education Benefit Voucher (2021)

Adjourn

VPMIA Board of Directors Meeting

February 19th, 2021

List of Attendees

1. Anthony McMahan
2. Bane Compton
3. Bob Adkins
4. Cindy Davis
5. Chris Martin
6. David Beahm
7. Dennis Hart
8. Dustin McLehane
9. Ellis McKinney
10. Jane Kim
11. James Anjam
12. Randy Pearce
13. Ron Clements
14. Shawn Strausbaugh
15. Skip Harper
16. Tom Clark

Treasurer's Report

2/19/2020



Checking Account – \$53,789.75
Credit Card Balances - \$0

- *The PayPal account currently has a balance \$4,152.83.**
- *Cost to mail yearbooks to associate members was \$185.94.**
- *Total amount in checks received for membership renewals is \$1,820.**
- *ICC Region VII dues have been paid in the amount of \$100.00.**
- *Received a donation from John Sargent in the amount of \$40.00.**

Dennis Hart
Treasurer, VPMIA

From: Executives Secretary's Report

Date: 2/18/21

Reference: February19, 2021 BOD Meeting

To: Anthony McMahan, VPMIA Secretary

The Following is a report of Membership and 2020 Dues.

Active Membership List-----303

Lifetime Members-----27

Honorary Members-----4

Retired Members-----2

Retired Members Paid Dues-----2

Members Not Paid 2021 Dues-----176

Active Members Paid 2021 Dues-----127

Associate Membership List-----33

Lifetime Members-----12

Members Not Paid 2021 Dues-----30

Associate Members Paid 2021 Dues-----3

New Active Members:

1. Dennis McNaughton – Plans Examiner with the City of Fairfax
2. Gordon (Mack) McCune Building Inspector with Chesterfield County
3. Walter Walker – Building Inspector with Chesterfield County
4. Donald Thomas – Inspector with The Federal Government Fort Belvoir
5. Charles Meade – Commercial Building Inspector with IBTS
6. James Branning – Mechanical Inspector with the City of Virginia Beach
7. John Rogers – Inspections Supervisor with Arlington County
8. Anthony Baker ??? with New Kent County
9. Natalie Maloney – Mechanical Inspector with Prince William County
10. Taylor Reed – Plumbing Inspector with Prince William County

New Associate Members:

1. Gregory B. Cade – Regional Director with the National Fire Protection Association

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

Thank You

Christopher M. Martin

VPMIA Executive Secretary

ICC VPMIA Report February 19, 2021

APPEALS

Scope and Intent

The American Gas Association, the American Public Gas Association, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the Leading Builders of America (LBA) appealed three proposed changes to the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and 2021 International Residential Code (IRC) on the grounds that the proposals in question are outside the scope of the codes. The code changes appealed were RE147-19 (requiring electric readiness) and CE217-19, Parts I and II (requiring electric vehicle supply equipment).

Following the [recommendation of the Appeals Board](#), the Code Council Board determined that the code changes in question are outside the current scope and intent of the energy provisions of the IECC and IRC and sustained the appeals. RE147-19 and CE217-19 will not appear in the 2021 International Codes.

Impact of Online Voting (CP 28), Cost Impact, Voting Guides, Voter Eligibility and Validation Process

NAHB and LBA appealed a group of twenty code changes to the 2021 IECC on the grounds of ineligible voters, cost impact, not meeting the spirit and intent of the process, and improper use of voting guides.

The Appeals Board found no clear violation of process or procedure and [recommended](#) denial of the appeals. The Code Council Board of Directors voted to deny the appeals.

In addition, the Code Council Board referred a number of issues to the [Board Committee on the Long-Term Code Development Process](#) for further review, including the definitions of governmental members and voting representatives, the procedures for the in-person and online votes, and the issue of cost impact. This committee is a venue for stakeholders to provide feedback on the process and suggest changes.

The Code Council Board also recommended consideration of a Code Council energy standard to replace the IECC and Chapter 11 of the IRC.

FEDERAL PREEMPTION

Recommendations for RE126-19: The Appeals Board unanimously recommends denial of the appellants' appeals; but further recommends that the Code Council Board of Directors consider whether the code change in question is consistent with the spirit, intent and the mission of the Code Council, its codes and standards. In making this recommendation, the Appeals Board suggests that the Code Council Board initiate an analysis of the preemption issue and determine whether any remedial action should be taken in connection with RE126. In addition, the Appeals Board recommends that the Code Council Board of Directors refer the issue of preemption generally for consideration by the Board Committee on the Long Term Code Development Process.

In this case, preemption is the invalidation of a code provision that conflicts with U.S. federal law. It promotes consistency across state lines in the U.S. and allows for manufacturers to create products that will be accepted in all 50 U.S. states.

Four entities – American Gas Association, American Public Gas Association, Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute, and National Association of Home Builders – appealed select changes to the 2021 International Codes (I-Codes) on the grounds that the changes are preempted by federal law.

The [Appeals Board recommended](#) denial of the appeals, in part due to their limited authority. They also suggested that the Code Council Board initiate an analysis of the preemption issue and determine whether any remedial action should be taken under the Board's broader authority. The Code Council Board voted to support the denial of the appeals of RE107-19 (dealing with pilot lights on gas appliances) and RE126-19 (dealing with efficiency ratings for gas-fired water heaters) as they found no violation of the Code Council's processes or procedures.

The Code Council Board also determined that, upon review, including potentially preempted provisions in the I-Codes is inconsistent with the spirit, intent and mission of the Code Council. Indeed, the codes explicitly state that they do not nullify any provisions of local, state or federal law. Accordingly, the Board determined that the approved language from RE107-19 and RE126-19 will not be included in the 2021 International Residential Code (IRC) or International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).

In addition, the Code Council Board referred the issue of preemption generally for consideration to the [Board Committee on the Long-Term Code Development Process](#). This committee is a venue for stakeholders to provide feedback on the process and suggest changes to the code development process.

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IECC

Following the recommendations from the [Appeals Board](#) and the [Board Committee on the Long-Term Code Development Process](#) (Blue Ribbon Committee), **the Code Council Board decided to put forward a framework for the updating of the IECC and Ch. 11 of the International Residential Code (IRC) using the ICC standards process, subject to stakeholder input and final approval by the ICC Board of Directors.**

If approved, the following framework will apply:

- The title of the document will remain the International Energy Conservation Code and the residential energy provisions in Chapter 11 of the IRC will be a duplication of the residential

provisions from the IECC. As such, the change in process will not impact references in existing statutes, laws or policies.

- The IECC will retain the International Codes publication format with the 2024 IECC and IRC scheduled to be published in the fall of 2023.
- The 2024 IECC and Chapter 11 of the IRC will be updated using the Code Council's [Consensus Procedures](#). The Consensus Procedures allow for more timely consideration and an in-depth investigation of energy improvements without the time limits imposed in the code hearings.
- The energy provisions will undergo continuous maintenance in order to be responsive to advances in technology. This will result in the update process continuing beyond the publication of the 2024 IECC and IRC.
- The committee will be balanced in accordance with our consensus procedures.
- The next update will begin with the 2021 IECC and Chapter 11 of the 2021 IRC.
- The Code Council will conduct a campaign to inform members about participation.

We continue to welcome all feedback. If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to memberinput@icc-safe.org. Rest assured we will make this decision after careful consideration of all arguments and a healthy debate about the benefits and disadvantages of both processes.

2021 Group A Committee Action Hearings

• [Why are the 2021 Group A Committee Action Hearings going virtual?](#)

For the safety of our staff, members and stakeholders, we've decided to move the 2021 Committee Action Hearings virtual.

• [When will the 2021 Committee Action Hearings start?](#)

The hearings are scheduled for April 11, 2021, through May 5, 2021. Stay updated on the most recent schedule posted...

• [Can I participate in the 2021 Committee Action Hearings in person?](#)

No. With the exception of a few key staff members, all attendees will be virtual.

• [Do I need to register for the 2021 Committee Action Hearings in advance to attend?](#)

Participants are encouraged to register early to confirm access details and ensure all their systems are working. Registration will be...

• [Do I need a camera to participate in the 2021 Committee Action Hearings?](#)

Only moderators and committee members will be visible on video. All other participants will be audio only and will not...

- [What happens if I'm unable to log in to the hearings due to technical issues?](#)

We ask that each participant verify their internet, computer and other equipment is fully functioning before the virtual hearings. We...

- [Will there be assembly consideration at the 2021 spring Committee Action Hearings?](#)

The Code Council Board of Directors voted to streamline the code development process by removing assembly consideration at the Committee...

- [Will CEUs be issued for attending virtual code hearings?](#)

Yes, CEUs will be issued for those who attend the Committee Action Hearings. Stay tuned for more details.

- [Who is on the code development committees for 2021?](#)

Potential committee members were notified in November 2020 of their appointment. The acceptance process is currently underway. Committee rosters will...

Transfer of corporation from California to Delaware is complete.

2021 Annual Conference, Expo and Group A Public Comment Hearings

Annual Conference: September 19–22, 2021

Expo: September 19–20, 2021

Public Comment Hearings: September 22–29, 2021

David L Lawrence Convention Center

1000 Ft Duquesne Blvd.

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

2022 Committee Action Hearings (Group B Codes)

March 27 – April 6, 2022

Rochester Riverside Convention Center

Building Safety Month 2021: "Prevent, Prepare, Protect. Building Codes Save"

Building Safety Month 2021 celebrates the industry's resilience throughout the pandemic and looks to continue creating safe and sustainable buildings and communities

Washington, D.C. – The International Code Council announced today the theme for its 41st annual Building Safety Month. Held each year in May, the 2021 event will emphasize "Prevent, Prepare, Protect. Building Codes Save." With attendees' safety top of mind, all Building Safety Month events will be held virtually this year. The educational and interactive campaign is meant to raise awareness about the importance of building codes in ensuring safety in the spaces in which we live, work and learn.

Each year, the Code Council, its 64,000 members, and professionals across the building safety landscape highlight the importance of building safety through proclamations, informational events, legislative briefings, and more.

The weekly themes for Building Safety Month are:

- **Week One** (May 1-9): Energy & Innovation
- **Week Two** (May 10-16): Training the Next Generation
- **Week Three** (May 17-23): Water Safety
- **Week Four** (May 24-31): Disaster Preparedness

HUD recognizes the International Building Code and the ICC A117.1-2009 accessibility standard as Fair Housing Act safe harbors

Washington, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for recognizing the 2009 ICC A117.1 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities Standard, 2009 International Building Code (IBC), 2012 IBC, 2015 IBC, and 2018 IBC as “safe harbors” for compliance with the Fair Housing Act’s (FHA) accessibility requirements. HUD will retain the previously recognized IBC 2000, 2003, and 2006 as safe harbors.

The standard and codes adopted by HUD as safe harbors represent safe harbors when the relevant accessibility provisions are used in their entirety. This final rule will go into effect on March 8, 2021.

ICC Government Relations Monthly Update – March 2021



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

‘Prevent, Prepare, Protect’: Building Safety Month proclamations are available for you to use

Each May, [Building Safety Month](#) is the code official’s [opportunity to raise the profile](#) of their professions and to educate consumers, decision makers and other stake holders about their value to America’s economic growth and safety. This year’s observance theme is “**Prevent, Prepare, Protect. Building Codes Save.**” One of the best grassroots opportunities to amplify the value of code officials and building codes is the Building Safety Month proclamations. The [2021 proclamation draft is available here](#) with a guide which can be downloaded. Do not overlook this opportunity to have your ICC Chapter President to sign a proclamation on behalf of your chapter. And don’t miss the opportunity to have 2021 BSM proclamations signed by mayors, county commission chairs, state legislators, Governors and associations and businesses who support a safe and resilient built environment. More can be found at [www.buildingsafetymonth.org](#). To view and download this year’s campaign poster, click [here](#). Follow along on social media using the hashtag #BuildingSafety365. [Read more here.](#)

SIGN UP: Registration is now open for the International Code Council Committee Action Hearings

The International Code Council will conduct the 2021 Committee Action Hearings (CAH) from April 11 to May 5 for Group A Codes virtually for the first time in the organization’s history. This year’s code hearings offer code officials, architects, builders, engineers, and fire and energy conservation professionals the opportunity to provide input on proposed code changes to the Group A International Codes. The proceedings will be live streamed at a provided web link. Attendees will be able to soon [sign up here](#) to receive text message updates about the progress of code change hearings. Sessions are open to the media and public. Registration is required to participate or view. Please [register at no cost here.](#)

- Check out the [2021/2022 Code Development Schedule](#) and see page 2 for details on code chapters, notes and committee information for the Group A codes.
- Download infographics about the process: [How It Works](#) and [By The Numbers](#).
- For more information about the code development process, [click here](#).
- Group A code changes are to be [posted here](#).

For registration and hearing procedural questions, email the ICC Customer Success Center at customersuccess@iccsafe.org or phone 888-ICC-SAFE (888-422-7233), ext. 0. [Read more here.](#)

March 15 is the deadline for Annual Chapter Report and nominees for the 2021 ICC annual awards

The official due date is March 15 for both the Annual Chapter Report and the nominees for the ICC annual awards. Chapter leaders may go to their “myICC” page and click on “Chapters” to submit their reports. The Code Council presents awards in several categories each year to honor individuals and organizations for their accomplishments and service to the Code Council and the building safety industry. [Click here](#) and [here](#) to apply for the awards presented at various events, including at the Code Council Annual Conference in September. [Click here to view the 2020 award recipients.](#)

SAVE THE DATES: Code Council will open registration soon for second **ICC Learn Live** April 19-22

After the success of last November’s [ICC Learn Live](#) event, the Code Council will offer another virtual training series this spring where you can join your fellow professionals, earn valuable CEUs, and learn more about the most pressing issues and priorities for building safety professionals. This year’s event will take place April 19-22 and [registration will open in mid-March](#). Watch your emails for more.

ICC and NAACP examine how building regulations support sustainable communities on March 2

The International Code Council and the NAACP Centering Equity in the Sustainable Building Sector (CESBS) Initiative have joined to lead a critical conversation about the role of building codes at the upcoming webinar, “Cracking the Code: Using building regulations to support a more sustainable community.” The presenters at this webinar on March 2 are:

- [Henry L. Green](#), Hon. AIA and former President of the ICC Board of Directors

- [Anthony Floyd](#), Fellow AIA, BEAP, Member ASHRAE, LEED® AP, Senior Green Building/Energy Code Consultant for the City of Scottsdale
- [Kathryn Wright](#), Urban Sustainability Directory's Network Programs Director, Building Energy
- [Alice Sung](#), Founding Principal, Greenbank Associates, and Participant at the 2020 U.S. Grassroots Accelerator

Taking an environmental and climate justice lens, the webinar will focus on assessing areas of improvement and strategies to ensure that building codes protect frontline communities and result from deep democracy. [Read more here.](#)

Pandemics Task Force draws 85 participants and identifies seven work groups at recent first meeting

The ICC [Pandemics Task Force](#) held its kickoff meeting on February 24 with more than 85 participants. The following seven work groups were identified for future research: Architectural, fire safety, structural, plumbing and mechanical, electrical, environmental and operations. Those interested in joining one of the work groups should contact Neil Burning, Task Force Liaison, nburning@iccsafe.org.

ICC partners with ACCA and RESNET to develop new standard for grading HVAC system installations

The Code Council's partnership with the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) and the Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) has yielded the *ANSI/RESNET/ACCA/ICC 310-2020 Standard for Grading the Installation of HVAC Systems*. The new standard is the product of a collaborative effort that establishes procedures, tolerances, and record keeping practices for evaluating and grading elements of an HVAC system's design and installation. It applies to Unitary HVAC systems and is comprised of five tasks: a design review, a total duct leakage test, a Blower Fan volumetric airflow test, a Blower Fan watt draw test, and a noninvasive evaluation of refrigerant charge. [Read more here.](#)

PEI acquisition enhances ICC's product testing, evaluation, inspection, off-site construction offerings

The International Code Council recently announced it has acquired [Progressive Engineering Inc.](#) (PEI), a product testing, evaluation and inspection agency. Based out of Goshen, Indiana, PEI will expand the Code Council's offerings in the commercial off-site construction space. PEI has been recognized nationally for its expertise in architecture, engineering, surveying, soil borings, product testing, evaluation, and inspections. [Read more here.](#)

New agreement between ICC and RESNET strengthens efforts to improve energy code compliance

The Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) and the International Code Council entered into a formal agreement to build a stronger relationship between the two organizations and to improve energy code compliance. The goals of the agreement are for RESNET and the Code Council to:

- Position HERS® Raters as a resource in improving energy code compliance, cooperation on advocacy and public policy matters, which both organizations support.
- Explore and implement joint business opportunities that benefit both organizations members.
- Collaborate to jointly optimize the development of codes and standards to improve safety, affordability and energy efficiency in the built environment.

"While we continue to improve the energy efficiency requirements in model codes, we cannot ignore the fact that the most critical component of these codes is their proper enforcement," ICC Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO, said. "Code officials will have an opportunity to leverage certified IECC/HERS Compliance Specialists as individuals with knowledge and experience in the building sciences and the inspection and testing of a home's energy performance." [Read more here.](#)

TAKE THE SURVEY: Code Council wants to learn from your on-site, off-site construction experiences

The Code Council is conducting a survey on remote virtual inspections and electronic plan review and wants to know your experience with inspections and plan review for on-site and off-site/prefabricated construction. Survey participants will help improve offerings in these areas and will receive the model program guide on remote virtual inspections to share with your team when it's ready. [Join the survey.](#)

Growing interest in better visualization of projects inspires new technologies and cost/time savings

Mounting demand from healthcare clients for better visualization of projects throughout design and construction inspired architecture firms to turn to technology to provide a window into what a building

will look like, long before it's open. However, those solutions — virtual reality, 3-D modeling and drone fly-throughs — have come with additional benefits, as well. Now designers are realizing cost and time savings as well as enhanced project team communication. [Read more here.](#)

Global Resiliency Dialogue releases report detailing consideration of climate risk in building codes

The Global Resiliency Dialogue published findings of its first international survey in the report, *The Use of Climate Data and Assessment of Extreme Weather Event Risks in Building Codes around the World*. The Global Resiliency Dialogue was established in 2019 by The International Code Council, the Australian Building Codes Board, the National Research Council of Canada, and the New Zealand Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, to foster global collaboration in addressing evolving climate risks in codes and standards. The aim is to create an international resiliency guideline and enable collaborative research efforts to aid jurisdictions to better prepare the building stock to withstand the more extreme weather events, including high wind, flooding, and wildfire, that the evidence and science tells us have been and will continue to increase in frequency and duration. [Read more here.](#)

Report on California's deadly Camp Fire of 2018 provides communities insights on multi-pronged fires

The Camp Fire was the costliest disaster worldwide in 2018, causing 85 deaths and destroying more than 18,000 buildings. It is the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history. A new report from the National Institute of Standards and Technology reviews the Camp Fire's multi-pronged attack. Research into these threats could fill critical knowledge gaps, paving the way for science-based codes, standards and practices that could help communities outsmart fires. [View the report here.](#)

TRUST BUT VERIFY: IAS senior accreditation officer explains how certification provides protections

The certification decision review for management systems is the one time any certification entity, other than the auditor, can make a technical determination regarding the effectiveness of a system. Patrick McCullen, International Accreditation Service senior accreditation officer, explains how in the conformity assessment industry, the certification decision is the last firewall protecting certification bodies from malpractice, ambiguity and liability when it comes to certified customers. [Read more here.](#)

Code Council's Digital Codes Premium system updates accounts with an auto-renew feature

The [ICC Digital Codes](#) now automatically updates Premium Subscription accounts with an auto-renew payment when current subscription periods expire, which simplifies account payments. Subscribers also access [new codes, custom codes and standards each month](#). With auto-renewal subscribers will:

- Save time and eliminate the hassle of manual payments
- Decrease missed or late payments which may disrupt access
- Avoid multiple renewal notices

Once the update is complete, subscribers will receive an email notification that their accounts have been updated. To manage or update Premium subscription(s), including billing, view history or cancellation, [click here](#) or select Digital Products and Subscriptions under the My Account menu. Otherwise no further action is necessary. For any questions, please email support@iccsafe.org. Learn more about the Digital Codes Premium Complete in [this 60-minute webinar on March 10](#).

GOT PULSE? GR's Gabe Maser talks with Edward Laatsch about FEMA's report 'Building Codes Save'

In [Episode 37](#) of ICC's Pulse Podcast, [Gabe Maser](#), Code Council Vice President of Government Relations and National Strategy, talks with [Edward Laatsch](#), Director of the Planning, Safety and Building Science Division, about FEMA's recent report *Building Codes Save – A Nationwide Study of Loss Prevention*.

A note to Code Council members about our friends and colleagues recovering from extreme cold

While much of the rest of the nation has experienced a winter with its anticipated cold temperatures, high winds, snow, sleet and ice, our fellow citizens and colleagues in Texas have endured another damaging and threatening assault from the weather. This time it was a record-jarring deep freeze and its related power outages and water shortages in Texas and portions of Louisiana and Oklahoma. The Code Council contributed \$10,000 through two of its partners to assist with the state's recovery. More importantly, we hope everyone remains aware as the state continues to recover from the extreme winter weather and the resulting crisis.

Upcoming from the Code Council 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 ICC 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:

- **March 1-5 – [EduCode 2021](#).**
- **March 2 – 2018 IMC® Webinar Series: [Administration and General Requirements](#).**
- **March 3 – Permit Tech Webinar Series: [Overview of Code Enforcement](#).**
- **March 4 – [Legal Aspects of Code Administration \(Virtual\)](#).**
- **March 9 - [2018 IECC® Essentials](#).**
- **March 10 - Permit Tech Webinar Series: [Reading Construction Documents](#).**
- **March 11 - [2018 IWUIC Virtual Training](#) .**
- **March 16 - 2018 IMC® Webinar Series: [Ventilation and Duct Systems](#).**
- **March 16 - [Inspector Skills](#).**
- **March 17 - Permit Tech Webinar Series: [Finding the Answers in the I-Codes®](#).**
- **March 18 - [2018 IFC® Essentials](#).**
- **March 22-26 - [2018 Residential Building Inspection Institute](#).**
- **March 23 - 2018 IMC® Webinar Series: [Exhaust Systems](#).**
- **March 24 - Permit Tech Webinar Series: [Building Department Processes](#).**
- **March 30 - 2018 IMC® Webinar Series: [Combustion Air and Venting](#)**
- **March 31 - Leadership Webinar Series: [Mastering the Art of Mentorship](#).**
- **April 6 - 2018 IMC® Webinar Series: [Boilers and Hydronic Piping](#).**
- **April 7- [2018 IFC® and IBC® Hazardous Materials Provisions](#).**
- **April 7 - Permit Tech Webinar Series: [Legal Principles](#).**
- **April 8 - [2018 IRC® Performing Residential Plumbing Inspections](#).**
- **April 13 - 2018 IMC® Webinar Series: [Refrigeration, Fuel Oil Piping and Storage and Solar Systems](#).**
- **April 14 - 2018 IPC Webinar Series: [Chapters 1, 2 and 3](#).**
- **April 15 - [Advanced Legal Aspects of Code Administration for Building Officials and Inspectors](#).**
- **April 16 - [Getting the Most out of the 2018 IPMC®](#).**
- **April 19-23 - [2018 Plan Review](#).**
- **April 20 - Code Enforcement Webinar Series: [Officer Safety in Hazardous Buildings](#).**
- **April 21 - [2021 IBC® Significant Changes](#).**
- **April 21 - 2018 IPC Webinar Series: [Chapters 4, 5 and 6](#).**
- **April 22 - Leadership Webinar Series: [Making a Difference](#).**
- **April 27 - Code Enforcement Webinar Series: [Drug Awareness for Code Enforcement Officer](#).**
- **April 27-28 - [When Disaster Strikes](#).**
- **April 28 - 2018 IPC Webinar Series: [Chapters 7 and 8](#).**
- **April 29-30 - [2018 Commercial Building Inspection](#)**
- **May 3-7 - [2018 Residential Building Inspector - B1 Certification Test Academy](#).**
- **May 4 - Code Enforcement Webinar Series: [Gang Awareness for the Code Enforcement Officer](#).**
- **May 5 - 2018 IPC Webinar Series: [Chapters 9 and 10](#).**
- **May 11 - Code Enforcement Webinar Series: [Mental Illness and Code Enforcement](#).**
- **May 12 - 2018 IPC Webinar Series: [Chapters 11–14](#).**
- **May 12-14 - [2018 Building Plans Examiner - B3 Certification Test Academy](#).**
- **May 13 - [Complaint Management from Start to Finish](#).**
- **May 17-19 - [2018 Permit Tech Certification Test Academy](#).**
- **May 24-28 - [2018 Commercial Building Inspector - B2 Certification Test Academy](#).**
- **May 26 - [Report Writing for the Code Official](#).**
- **May 27 - [Basic Code Enforcement](#).**

Check out more [upcoming learning opportunities here](#).

From: ICC Region VII Report

Date: 2/19/21

Reference: Jan 28, 2021 Meeting (Virtual)

To: Anthony McMahon, VPMIA Secretary

- New Chairperson John Eby (PA) for 2021 is installed
- 2021 chapter membership payment of \$400 is due.
- Code Development Committee established
 - o Co-Chairs: Dan Whillham (VA) & Bill Bryant (MD)
 - o First committee meeting to be held virtually. Meeting date to be determined based on the posting of the Monograph. Possibly in March.
- Next meeting date and location to be determined based on CDC recommendation.

Jane Kim

DHCD Report (Updated 1-12-21)

Building and Fire Regulations

- Florin Moldovan and Paul Messplay, with the State Building Codes Office, have transitioned from working in the Manufactured Housing and Industrialized Building programs to working in Code Development.
- Thomas King, with the State Building Codes Office, has transitioned from working in Code Development to working in the Manufactured Housing and Industrialized Building programs.
- Production of 2021 amusement device inspection stickers has been unexpectedly delayed due to Covid-19 and we are unsure when the 2021 stickers will be available. While we wait for the 2021 stickers, we are asking that you continue to utilize the 2020 stickers. Please contact Sarah Foote at sarah.foote@dhcd.virginia.gov to request additional 2020 stickers. We will notify everyone as soon as the 2021 stickers are available.
- Check out our new “[Informational Documents and Publications](#)” page for technical and informational documents as well as important industry notices, alerts and bulletins.

Code Development

- The 2018 final regulations were approved by the Board of Housing at their Dec. 14th meeting and will be published in the Virginia Register of Regulations soon.
- We currently anticipate the 2018 regulations to have an effective date of mid to late 2021.
- Development of the 2018 Virginia code books, published by ICC, is underway and we anticipate the Virginia codes to be ready for distribution in June or July, ahead of the effective date of the 2018 codes.
- All proposals, including workgroup recommendations, public comments, Board decisions, and other related information can be viewed in [cdpVA](#).

VBCA Virtual Courses

- The 2021 VBCA schedule is posted and open for registration. Virtual Classes will continue until further notice and we will keep you up to date on any changes to the delivery format as they become available. Registration limits for most classes have been increased as well as increased offerings in the higher demand classes.
- The VBCA is offering a robust continuing education schedule for 2021. Visit the [Online Registration System](#) for more information about the 2021 schedule and continuing education.
- IMPORTANT – when attending VBCA virtual training students must be in a stationary location with minimal distractions. Students may NOT be on any mode of transportation when attending class. This includes but not limited to driving or flying. Students who are found to not be located in a stationary location will be removed from the remainder of the class and their supervisor notified that they will need to reschedule.
- Please check the message board on the homepage of the Code Academy's [Online Registration System](#) regularly for updates and announcements.
- 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. When logging in you will see a new pop up screen giving account holders the opportunity to confirm or update contact information as needed.

Significant Online Registration System Enhancements

- A personal information update pop-up for registrations and certificate applications. When registering for a class or a certification, a pop-up window appears showing a snapshot of their profile, with options to update their profile information if needed. The user confirms their existing information prior to registering, which will significantly reduce this issues associated with incorrect user email and supervisor contact information.
- Additional fields added to the CE application upload screen allows user to upload multiple documents rather than having to scan all documents into one pdf prior to uploading.

Mandatory Building Science and Residential Energy Code Enforcement Training

- Mandatory training completion reports are scheduled to be sent to localities the end of January.
- The 4-hour self-paced online course will remain available through the [VBCA Learning Center](#) (or Google "VBCA Learning Center") and qualifies for 4 hours of DHCD Continuing Education.

Other Continuing Education (CE) Details and Reminders

- Certificate holders whose last names begin with N-Z are due to submit 16 hours of continuing education due May 1, 2021.
- We encourage you to visit the DHCD website and ICC website for continuing education opportunities.
- For help with Continuing Education questions, instructions, and forms, refer to the Resources section of the DHCD Continuing Education webpage at 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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VBCA training and certification statistics

Training

- Total number of courses administered: 35
- Total number of participants: 973
 - No. of courses administered (in-person): 13
 - Total number of participants (in-person): 315
 - No. of courses administered (virtual): 22
 - Total number of participants (virtual): 658
 - Learning Center Course module completions: 799
 - Total number of unique users who completed training: 538

Certifications

- Total number of certifications issued: 427
- Total number of continuing education (CE) applications processed: 974

Instructor Statistics

- Total number of Instructor Volunteer hours: 1035

VBCA Developer Report

- SME/instructor volunteer hours for course development (in addition to those listed above) = 55 (confirming this number)
- Total VBCA live curriculum courses converted to online virtual format = 15
- CE course converted to online virtual format = 1

2020 Code Academy Accomplishments

Viridiant Energy Training

DHCD, through VBCA, partnered with Viridiant for the development and delivery of a four-hour energy code training. The initiative was funded through a Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA) grant, and was designed to address energy code compliance. Viridiant's grant specifically focused on identifying the knowledge and application gaps related to enforcement of the energy codes in Virginia.

- Provided by Viridiant instructors
- 720 people completed the in-person and online version
- VBCA staff assisted with the development of self-paced 4-hour version available through the VBCA Learning Center
- VBCA staff assisted with development of two-hour version specifically designed for contractors.

VBCA Virtual Course Development

- Staff converted academy certification classes (15) to virtual learning environment.
- Held 22 virtual classes starting in May.
- Conducted student and instructor interest and ability surveys
- Provided 2 general instructor platform orientations
- Provided Individual instructional team trainings to platform and curriculum medications.
- Staff developed new knowledge and skills in virtual production and virtual classroom management

VBCA Instructor Professional Development Event

- Held on January 22 and 23, 2020
- 43 instructors in attendance
- The event program included multiple courses to hone their teaching skills, academy operations updates, and recognition luncheon. Education agenda:
 - Team Teaching led by Karen and Jim Zezza of the University of Richmond School of Professional and Continuing Studies.
 - DiSC Profile taught by Ramona Chapman from DHCD
 - Breakout sessions, each led by academy staff:
 - 5 Ways to Supercharge Classroom Engagement;
 - The How-To's of Mentoring;
 - Mastering DHCD Technology in the Classroom; and
 - Navigating eVA.
- During the banquet luncheon, the DHCD director and academy staff thanked instructors for their volunteer contributions, provided academy business updates, and acknowledged the career of recent retiree Charlotte Carter.

VBCOA/VPMIA 2021 Session
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT IN PROGRESS
As of 02-19-2021

Thru- HB 2338, HJ626, HR246, SB1475, SJ329, SR98

The legislative committee met via conference call on January 21 at 10 a.m.

[HB 1778](#) Status- Passed House

Support-

Chief patron: Ward

Removal of clutter from property; civil penalty. Provides that a locality may by ordinance require the removal of clutter from property, or may, whenever the governing body deems it necessary, after reasonable notice, have such clutter removed by its own agents or employees, in which event the cost or expenses thereof shall be chargeable to and paid by the owners of such property and may be collected by the locality as taxes are collected.

[HB 1823](#) Status- Passed House

No Position- Not a building code requirement, in title 22 (school statute) and 63 (Social Services statute)

Chief patron: Askew

Public schools, child day programs, and certain other programs; carbon monoxide detectors required. Requires each building that was built before 2015 and that houses any public school classroom for students, licensed child day program, or other program that serves preschool-age children to be equipped with at least one carbon monoxide detector.

[HB 1824](#) Status- Passed House & Senate

No Position-

Chief patron: Askew

Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; required disclosures; mold. Requires the owner of a residential dwelling who has actual knowledge of the existence of mold inside such dwelling to provide a written disclosure of such to a prospective purchaser.

[HB 1937](#) Status- Left in committee

No Position-

Chief patron: Rasoul

Green New Deal Act. (This is a long, comprehensive energy bill with the below proposed section that is of relevance to VBCOA/VPMIA)

§ 45.1-406. Energy efficiency of buildings.

The Commonwealth shall have a stated goal of reducing the consumption of electric energy for heating, cooling, lighting, and appliances in buildings within the Commonwealth by 2036 to a level that is 36 percent less than the quantity of electricity that would reasonably be projected to be consumed in the Commonwealth for such purposes in 2035 in the absence of such actions. Such goal shall have benchmark goals of 2.4 percent per year of the electric energy consumption for such purposes from 2020 levels.

[HB 1938](#) Status- Left in committee

Support-

Chief patron: Wyatt

Destroying or tampering with firefighting or emergency medical services equipment or law-enforcement equipment and vehicles; penalty. Increases from a Class 1 misdemeanor to a Class 6 felony the penalty for injuring, destroying, removing, or tampering with any firefighting equipment or apparatus, emergency medical services vehicle, or law-enforcement vehicle or equipment.

[HB 1969](#) Status- Passed House & Senate

Support- CONSIDER POINTER FOR VMC NEXT CYCLE.

Chief patron: Carr

Administration of blighted and derelict properties in certain localities. Modifies the definition of "qualifying locality" to include any locality with a score of 100 or higher on the fiscal stress index, as published by the Department of Housing and Community Development in July 2020. Removes limitation of application to listed cities.

[HB 1971](#) Status- Passed House & Senate

No Position-

Chief patron: Carr

Virginia Fair Housing Law; reasonable accommodations; disability-related requests for parking. Provides that for the purposes of the Virginia Fair Housing Law, when a person receives a request for accessible parking to accommodate a disability, the person receiving the request shall treat such request as a reasonable accommodation, and any costs, fees, or charges related to the installation, designation, marking, or reconfiguration of a parking space related to such reasonable accommodation request shall be borne by the person receiving the request.

[HB 1974](#) Status- Left in committee

No Position-

Chief patron: Rush

Professional regulation; exemptions from license requirements for architects and professional engineers; onsite sewage systems receiving residential wastewater. Removes certain requirements from the exemption from licensure as an architect or professional engineer for persons who prepare plans, specifications, documents, and designs for conventional and alternative onsite sewage systems receiving residential wastewater. The bill removes the requirement that any such plans, specifications, documents, or designs utilize packaged equipment generally, changes the allowable flow rate from 1,000 to 1,200 gallons per day, and removes stipulations related to the inclusion of pumps.

[HB 2001](#) Status- Passed House

No Position-

Chief patron: Helmer

Building standards for certain state and local buildings. Requires that any executive branch agency or institution or locality entering the design phase for the construction of a new building greater than 5,000 gross square feet in size or the renovation of a building where the cost of the renovation exceeds 50 percent of the value of the building ensure that such building has sufficient electric vehicle charging infrastructure, defined in the bill, and has features that permit the agency or institution to track the building's energy efficiency and carbon emissions.

[HB 2053](#) Status- Passed House

No Position-

Chief patron: Ibraheem

Department of Housing and Community Development; stakeholder advisory group; accessory dwelling units. Directs the Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) to convene a stakeholder advisory group to evaluate the construction of internal, attached, and detached accessory dwelling units as a strategy to address the Commonwealth's growing demand for affordable and market-rate housing.

[HB 2188](#) Status- Left in committee

No Position-

Chief patron: Hodges

Department of Health; Department of Environmental Quality; pilot program; engineered septic systems. Requires the Department of Health and Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, to initiate a three-year pilot program designed to study the use of engineered septic systems that house and treat sewage effluent in an elevated, self-contained unit suitable for areas with high water tables and susceptible to flooding in Coastal Virginia.

[HB 2279](#) Status- Left in committee

Oppose-

Chief patron: Campbell

Professions and occupations; Board for Contractors; continuing education prohibited. Prohibits the Board for Contractors from requiring continuing education as a prerequisite to renewal of any certificate or license issued under its authority.

[HB 2320](#) Status- Passed House & Senate

No Position-

Chief patron: Convirs-Fowler

Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; required disclosures; special flood hazard areas. Requires the owner of residential real property who has actual knowledge that the property is located in one or more special flood hazard areas to provide a disclosure that states such information to a potential purchaser.

[SB 1224](#) Status- Left in committee
[HB 2227](#) Status- Passed House with [Substitute](#)

Oppose Original, No Position on House Substitute- Though we support adoption of the IECC we oppose doing so outside of the standard code adoption process and out of sync with the other I-codes.

Chief patron: Boysko SB, Kory HB

Uniform Statewide Building Code; amendments; energy efficiency and conservation. Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to adopt amendments to the Uniform Statewide Building Code within one year of publication of a new version of the International Code Council's International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to address changes related to energy efficiency and conservation. The bill requires the Board to adopt Building Code standards that are at least as stringent as those contained in the new version of the IECC.

[HJ 529](#) Status- Left in committee

Support- See about participation for VBCOA

Chief patron: Simonds

Study; Department of Labor and Industry; apprenticeship programs; report. Requests the Department of Labor and Industry to study the need for apprenticeship training programs in Virginia, including (i) the future workforce needs of the construction industry...

[HJ 561](#) Status- Left in committee

No Position-

Chief patron: Guzman

Study; efficacy of the Commonwealth's occupational licensing laws; construction trades; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to (i) determine whether more requirements are necessary to ensure all workers in relevant crafts are licensed, (ii) determine whether greater occupational licensing enforcement is necessary, (iii) determine whether the Commonwealth's occupational licensing laws should apply to a broader scope of construction trades, and (iv) make recommendations for new laws or policies that would enhance the Commonwealth's occupational licensing regulations.

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 11th through May 5th. 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 15th. 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 1st, effective date July 1st. 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 19th 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 1st meeting of ad hoc committee.

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

Meeting adjourned.