

# VPMIA General Membership

## Meeting

April 6th, 2022



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# VPMIA 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

## 3 DAY AGENDA

### Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>

7:30am - 8:00am Registration/Sign in

8:00am - 9:30am Plumbing Class

Keeping plumbing systems and their users safe from contamination.

9:30am - 10:00 am Break

10:00am - 11:30pm Plumbing Class

Keeping plumbing systems and their users safe from contamination.

11:30pm - 12:00pm Report from Nominating Committee  
Nomination of 2022/2023 officers

12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm - 2:30pm Mechanical Class

Shifting to environmentally friendly refrigerants and the  
effect this has on mechanical codes and standards.

2:30pm - 3:00pm Break

3:00pm - 4:30pm Mechanical Class

Shifting to environmentally friendly refrigerants and the  
effect this has on mechanical codes and standards.

4:30pm - 5:30pm General Membership Meeting

5:30pm - 6:00pm President's Welcome

6:00pm - 7:30 pm **Dinner**

# VPMIA 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

## 3 DAY AGENDA

### Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am - 9:30 am Gas/Mechanical Class

2018 IMC & IFGC Combustion Air and Venting

9:30 am -10:00 am Break

10:00am - 11:30am Gas/Mechanical Class

2018 IMC & IFGC Combustion Air and Venting

11:30 - 12:00 Visit Sponsor Tables

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Gas/Mechanical Class

2018 IMC & IFGC Combustion Air and Venting

2:30pm - 3:00pm Break

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Gas/Mechanical Class

2018 IMC & IFGC Combustion Air and Venting

5:00pm - 6:00pm Reception

6:00pm - 8:00pm Banquet

Awards/Officer Installation

# VPMIA 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

## 3 DAY AGENDA

Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>

7:00am - 8:30am Breakfast Buffet

8:30am - 10:00am FEMA class

Coping with disaster, are you ready?

10:00am - 10:30am Break

10:30am - 12:00pm Gas Class

2018 IFGC Gas Piping, Methods and Materials

## **VPMIA General Membership Meeting – 4/6/2022 – Virginia Beach**

Ellis McKinney brings the General Membership Meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Quorum has been established.

Executive Secretary Report – Chris Martin Speaks on his submitted report.

Treasurer’s Report – Frederick Crowell speaks on his submitted report.

ICC – Chris Bridges give an update on ICC. Requests feedback on the updated policies on cost effectiveness and cost as it relates to the code change itself and if they are working. Those changes are to continue but feedback would be appreciated. Talks about the upcoming Building Safety Month. The Chapter Leadership Academy is going on in June and states if anybody is interested reach out.

Building Safety Month – Tom Clark talks about the upcoming Building Safety Month and if any jurisdictions are doing any events to take pictures and document.

Time and Place – Bob Adkins states that Graves Mountain Lodge needs reservation. Motions are made to have Summer SOI at Graves on July 22nd and not charge membership. Motions are seconded and approved by membership. Mr. Adkins will reach out to Graves to coordinate Summer SOI.

BCAAC – Next BCAAC meeting is April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

No other reports or new business.

Meeting Adjourned.

# Treasurer's Report

04/04/2022



**Checking Account – \$57,021.83**

**Credit Card Balances - \$0**

- **The PayPal account currently has a balance of \$19,222.25**
- **A new recurring fee of \$12.50 is being withdrawn from the credit card monthly for a Microsoft 365/Microsoft Teams account.**
- **Expenses (Cassel's Sports & Awards) \$3102.41**
- **\$2000 received for Advertisements and Tables regarding upcoming SOI**

**Fred Crowell**  
**Treasurer, VPMIA**

From: Executives Secretary's Report

Date: 4/3/22

Reference: Board of Directors Meeting 4/6/22

To: Dennis Hart, VPMIA Secretary

The Following is a report of Membership and 2022 Dues.

**Active Membership List**-----342  
Lifetime Members-----27  
Honorary Members-----4  
Retired Members-----3  
Retired Members Paid Dues-----2  
Members Not Paid 2022 Dues-----166  
Active Members Paid 2022 Dues-----176

**Associate Membership List**-----41  
Lifetime Members-----12  
Members Not Paid 2022 Dues-----36  
Associate Members Paid 2022 Dues-----5

**New Active Members:**

1. Brett Dawson - Building Inspector with Lancaster County
2. Alan McMahan – Building Official with The City of Buena Vista
3. Eugene Gravette – Commercial Combination Plans Examiner with The city of Herndon

**New Associate Members:**

1. Antrone Winky - with Loring Engineers
2. Juan Rojas – with The Integral Group
3. Joseph Niedzielski – with Interface Engineering
4. Mike Stover – with MJT Engineers
5. Donald Keith – with Cannon Design

**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



VPMIA Nomination Committee Recommendations for the VPMIA 2022 Board of Directors and District Directors

President: Anthony McMahan

Vice President: Dennis Hart

Secretary: Fred Crowell

Treasure: Pete Kapitan

District 1 Director: Tom Clark

District 2 Director: Bane Compton

District 3 Director: Donald Mimms

District 4 Director: Randy Pearce

**VBCOA/VPMIA 2022 Session**  
**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT In Progress**  
**03-10-2022**

Thru- HB 1357, HJ 151, HR 9, SB 767, SJ 73, SR 8

The legislative committee met via conference call on 01-24-22 with a quorum present.

Bills that have passed the House and Senate are awaiting approval by the governor.

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**Full bill list in numerical order:**

**HB 160 Status- Tabled**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: King*

**Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; landlord obligations; tenant safety.** Bill is broad in scope but of relevance to VBCOA is that all relevant landlords must submit certain information on a quarterly basis to the Department of Housing and Community Development to prove compliance with the provisions outlined in the bill.

**HB 277 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**SB 622 Status- Passed Senate and House**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Coyner HB 277, Favola SB 622*

**Certified recovery residences.** The bill provides that certified recovery residences shall constitute residential occupancy by a single family for zoning purposes, regardless of the number of persons residing in the certified recovery residence and exempts certified recovery residences from the provisions of the Virginia Landlord and Tenant Act.

**HB 329 Status- Continued to 2023**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Freitas*

**Administrative Process Act; regulations; public notice and economic impact; prohibition on certain regulations.** The bill makes significant changes to the APA, which may have an impact on the building code update process. Will mostly affect DHCD.

**HB 459 Status- Defeated in the full House**

*Chief patron: VanValkenburg*

**Providing access to adjoining property to make improvements or repairs.** Title 1 bill to allow an owner or lessee of real property who seeks to improve, repair, or maintain his property, and the property is so situated that it is

impossible to perform the improvements, repairs, or maintenance without entering adjoining property and permission to enter the adjoining property has been denied, to petition the circuit court for a license to enter the adjoining property.

### **HB 474 Status- Passed House and Senate**

#### **Support- This is a VBCOA bill.**

*Chief patron: Brewer*

**Board for Contractors; certification of automatic fire sprinkler inspectors; exempts building officials and fire officials.** Exempts building officials enforcing the Uniform Statewide Building Code and fire officials enforcing the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code Act from the certification requirements applicable to automatic fire sprinkler inspectors.

### **HB 521 Status- Tabled**

#### **No Position-**

*Chief patron: March*

**Secretary of Commerce and Trade; task force to study costs of business regulatory compliance; report.** Directs the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to establish a task force to study the costs associated with the management of regulatory compliance for businesses in the Commonwealth. The task force shall report its findings and conclusions to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2022.

### **HB 635 Status- Continued to 2023**

**Oppose-** D-6 is in conflict with 36-98.

*Chief patron: Carr*

**Inclusionary housing; zoning.** Requires cities and towns in the Commonwealth to develop and promulgate housing plans that address the supply of safe, sanitary, and affordable shelter for all current and anticipated residents of their communities. Bill references maintenance, inspection programs, accessory dwelling units, and "6. Design control, including prohibiting the use of specific building materials, even if such materials are permitted under the Uniform Statewide Building Code, on affordable housing constructed in accordance with the plan;"

### **HB 669 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**No Position –** Substitute establishes a study group only to look into pool regulations.

*Chief patron: Hope*

**Public pools; regulations.** Directs the Board of Health to adopt regulations governing swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated in conjunction with a tourist facility or health spa, and provides that localities may adopt ordinances governing swimming pools that are more stringent than regulations adopted by the Board. The bill directs the Board to convene a stakeholder work group to provide recommendations related to regulations required to be adopted pursuant to the bill. Such work group is required by the bill to report its findings and recommendations to the Board by November 1, 2023.

### **HB 701 Status- Left in committee**

**Oppose** – Allows local building code amendments.

*Chief patron: Kory*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; local building codes and regulations; energy efficiency and conservation standards.** Provides that the Uniform Statewide Building Code (the Building Code) shall not supersede the building code provisions and regulations adopted by a locality that are related to energy efficiency and conservation if the standards outlined in such provisions and regulations are as or more stringent than those contained in the Building Code. The bill defines a standard to be as stringent as one contained in the Building Code if such standard would perform the same function as the standard contained in the Building Code without using more energy than would be used under the provisions of the Building Code.

### **HB 729 Status- Left in committee**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Ward*

**Vacant building registration.** Allows cities and certain towns to require annual registration by the owners of buildings that have been vacant for a continuous period of 12 months or more and that may endanger the public health, safety, or welfare. Under current law, buildings must meet a specific definition of "derelict building" before their owners can be required to register by these localities.

### **HB 885 Status- Stricken from the docket**

**Oppose-** Mold would be hard to regulate, having the HVAC and water temperatures in the stature is problematic. Hot Water temperature is already required to be 110 degrees per the USBC, plumbing leaks, moisture mitigation, minimum and maximum temperatures are already addressed in the building and maintenance codes.

*Chief patron: Lopez*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; livability standards.** Expands the list of provisions in the Uniform Statewide Building Code related to recognized standards of health and safety required to be present in buildings and structures to include standards related to (i) the accumulation and growth of mold, (ii) plumbing leaks or issues, (iii) air conditioning and heating equipment and running hot water, and (iv) the removal of lead paint and paint that is flaking.

### **HB 899 Status- Left in committee**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Lopez*

**Aboveground storage tanks; Hazardous Substance Aboveground Storage Tank Fund; civil penalties.** Directs the State Water Control Board to regulate aboveground storage tanks that measure more than 250 gallons in capacity and are used to contain hazardous substances other than oil. The bill directs the Board to adopt regulations that establish requirements for registration, and other requirements of tank owners, and that establish a schedule of registration and renewal fees.

### [HB 905](#) Status- Left in committee

**Oppose-** Allows local building code amendments.

*Chief patron: Lopez*

**Energy efficiency standards; more stringent energy efficiency requirements.** Allows a locality by ordinance to create and require stretch codes, defined in the bill as energy efficiency standards that are in addition to or more stringent than those in the Uniform Statewide Building Code, and use them as an alternative means of compliance with a locality's building requirements. The bill requires periodic review of the codes and allows the locality to make amendments.

### [HB 1257](#) Status- Going to Conference Committee (House and Senate can't agree on amendments)

**No Position-** Originally opposed but switched to no position; the bill as amended in the Senate has nothing to do with permitting.

*Chief patron: Kilgore*

**Natural gas utilities; retail supply choice.** The bill prohibits public entities from denying building permits solely based on a proposed utility provider and directs public entities to ensure that all applicable permits and fees are reasonable, as compared to other utility providers, and do not restrict an applicant's ability to use the services of an authorized utility provider.

### [HB 1289](#) Status- Passed House and Senate

**No Position-** We opposed original. The substitute is a title 1 bill that only requires BHCD to consider the exemption during the next code cycle.

*Chief patron: Head*

**Board of Housing and Community Development; exemption for certain use and occupancy classifications from the requirements of the Virginia Energy Conservation Code.** Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to revise the Uniform Statewide Building Code to exempt from any requirements in the energy efficiency standards established pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Code and the 2018 Virginia Energy Conservation Code for the use and occupancy classifications of (i) Section 306, Factory Group F; (ii) Section 311, Storage Group S; and (iii) Section 312, Utility and Miscellaneous Group U.

### [SB 43](#) Status- Stricken

### [HB 802](#) Status- Passed House and Senate

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Favola (Senate), Price (House)*

**Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; county and city enforcement.** Provides that any county or city may bring an action to enforce the provisions of the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act related to health and safety.

### [SB 121](#) Status- Passed Senate and House

**No Position-** Note, this is an exemption for someone working for a licensed contractor, not a complete exemption from licensure for a project.

*Chief patron: Hackworth*

**Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; Board for Contractors; exemption from licensure.** Exempts from the "licensure requirements for contractors" any work undertaken by a person providing construction, remodeling, repair, improvement, removal, or demolition valued at \$25,000 or less per unit on behalf of a properly licensed contractor. Current law provides this exemption to such work valued at \$5,000 or less per project.

### **SB 140 Status- Failed to report.**

**Oppose-** Don't agree that on the impact of this change and are concerned it is attempting to allow retrofit of smoke alarms in all buildings including buildings with code compliant installations from previous USBC additions. This statute was part of an extensive rewrite by the Housing Commission in 2017 and passage of SB 391 in 2018 with SB743 incorporated. The 2013 AG opinion was not based on the law as amended in 2018. Suggest referring this to the Housing Commission.

*Chief patron: Edwards*

**Smoke alarm retrofitting; dwelling unit buildings.** Adds to the enabling statutory authority in §15.2-922 to retrofit buildings with one or more dwelling units, hotels and motels, and rooming houses with smoke alarms without regard to the time of construction of such buildings.

### **SB 145 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**No Position-** Bill was amended to not involve the building code or building permits.

*Chief patron: Cosgrove*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; issuance of permits; exemptions for alterations for certain projects.** Provides that once an applicant has obtained a permit for the construction of a deck, such applicant shall not be required to obtain or renew a permit to make alterations to, remove any structure to, or redesign such deck.

### **SB 206 Status- Passed by indefinitely**

**No Position**

*Chief patron: Petersen*

**Historic preservation.** (Title 15 not building code title 36, affects localities with historic landmark ordinance) Provides that the filing of a historic designation application shall stay a locality from issuing any permit to raze or demolish a proposed historic landmark, building, or structure until 30 days after the rendering of the final decision of the governing body of the locality.

### **SB 400 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**No Position-** This attempt to create some regulatory structure for agritourism event buildings that would otherwise be exempt from code, but it could also be read to exempt assembly

buildings. Moved to no position with the House amendment that establishes the study group but puts an enactment clause on the rest of the law.

*Chief patron: Hanger*

**Agritourism event buildings.** Authorizes the Board of Housing and Community Development to promulgate regulations related to agritourism event buildings, which is defined in the bill. The bill directs the Board to appoint a seven-member Agritourism Event Structure Technical Advisory Committee to assist it in administering the powers and duties pertaining to the construction and rehabilitation of agritourism event structures.

### **SB 410 Status- Carried over**

#### **No Position**

*Chief patron: Morrissey*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; lead-safe rental housing. (note this is adding to rental inspections section)** Provides that the local governing body of a locality may adopt an ordinance that requires the inspection and certification of a residential rental dwelling unit built prior to 1986 for the purpose of ensuring the absence of lead hazards in such dwelling unit.

### **SB 452 Status- Failed to report**

**Oppose-** Allows local building code amendments.

*Chief patron: Boysco*

**Powers of local governments; additional powers; energy efficiency of buildings.** Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to adopt optional building energy efficiency standards and allows localities to adopt and enforce these standards.

### **SB 606 Status- Stricken from Docket (Will be submitted through USBC code change process)**

**Oppose-** Legislating code, and smoke alarms are already in the code.

*Chief patron: McPike*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; smoke detectors required in new residential dwellings.** Requires battery operated or AC powered smoke alarm devices to be installed in all new residential dwellings. The bill requires battery operated smoke alarm devices to be equipped with a battery capable of lasting at least 10 years.

### **SB 607 Status- Passed House and Senate**

#### **No Position-**

*Chief patron: McPike*

**Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors; smoke detectors; update regulations.** Requires the Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Homes Inspectors to require that a home inspection and the report on its findings include a

determination of whether the home's smoke detectors are in "good working order," as defined by the Board. Under current law, such regulations require that such reports only note the presence or absence of smoke detectors.

### **SB 740 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**No Position-** Moved to no position with amendment to task DPOR with this.

*Chief patron: Surovell*

**Department of Housing and Community Development; common interest communities; standards for structural integrity and reserves for capital components; task force; report.** Directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish a task force to study the adequacy of current laws addressing standards for structural integrity and for maintaining reserves to repair, replace, or restore capital components in common interest communities. The bill directs the task force to report its findings and recommendations, including any legislative recommendations, to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology no later than November 1, 2022.

### **SB 747 Status- Stricken**

**Oppose-** The AG stated that this would need to be legislated and not a code change. This is asking for the Board of Housing to grant exemptions to code on a case by case bases for specific permit applicants statewide. Comes from the Amish community.

*Chief patron: McDougle*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; religious exemptions.** Provides that the Board of Housing and Community Development shall have the power to grant religious exemptions from the Uniform Statewide Building Code if certain findings are made by the Board.





# Virginia Plumbing & Mechanical Inspectors Association

## Strength through Leadership, Education & Unity

### Education Committee Report 4/1/2022

#### 2022 General Membership Meeting

We have arranged an array of training for the 2022 SOI. After input from several members, we have adjusted the classes to try and fit all of your continuing education needs AND provide a great conference. We have a total of 15 hours of training, and the general membership meeting (which can count as continuing education for DHCD and ICC as well).

A big thank you to Keith Coughlin from The Joyce Agency and Paul Cavalluzzi from Schier Products for providing us our plumbing training this year! They are up first to give us some training on backflow prevention and grease interceptors.

Many thanks to the group of SMEs from AHRI. Mary Koban, Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs contacted me about a year ago and we began planning to have them come out and give us some in depth training concerning the ever-changing refrigerants and the associated equipment. They will guide us through some of the changes we will see in the codes and standards.

Thank you to ICC and Jim Cika Director of PMG technical resources with ICC. Jim will be presenting a full day of training on chimneys/vents and combustion air.

Thanks to Charles and FEMA for providing us training on Disaster Response.

And last but not least, please thank our very own Dennis Hart for giving us some CEs on fuel gas.

We have fielded some complaints from members that DPOR had issues with our training from the 2019 SOI. I have been in contact directly with their education department to try and iron out these issues.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING THAT THEY HAVE REQUESTED:

- Classes MUST be 3 hours in length.  
Before we were doing multiple 1.5 hour classes to provide a larger array of subjects. This year I have made sure that we are providing classes that will meet this 3 hour requirement.
- Students must attend the class and sign in and out.  
Please use the name that is on your license. Please print legibly so that DPOR staff can match the names up.
- Please put your license number on the certificate!!! No license number, no credit!
- All certificates must be sent in by the license holder. I will submit the sign in sheets as soon as possible after the class. I will provide a VPMIA certificate for all classes. Please remember to add your license number and email them to: [contractor@dpor.virginia.gov](mailto:contractor@dpor.virginia.gov)

I look forward to seeing everyone at the SOI!

Respectfully,

*Anthony V. McMahan*

Anthony V. McMahan, CBO, MCP  
Education Chair  
VPMIA