

VPMIA
3RD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

VIRGINIA BEACH

APRIL 9, 2010

Attendees:

Robert Adkins, Shahriar Amiri, James Anjam, Kenny Bedford, Ron Bladen, Bernard Boomer, Jr., Larry Brock, Clyde Bryant, Sammy Bryant, Jr., Curtis Campbell, John Card, Thomas Clark, Fredrick Crowell, Bill Dupler, Paula Eubank, Raymond Farrow, Richard Fortner, Richard Grace, Skip Harper, David Harris, Gregg Harris, James Haskett, Charles Hudson, Wayne Kushner, Jason Lee, Christopher Martin, Dennis Martinelli, Anthony McMahan, David Allen More, Michael Morgan, Randy Pearce, Walter Pope, Jr., Michael Redifer, Paul Rimel III, John Seay, Steven Sheppard, Shawn Strausbaugh, Mike Thuot, Guy Tomberlin, Richard Witt, and Leon Yoder. (41)

Minutes from the 2nd General Membership, 3rd BOD meeting held October 16, 2010, in Chesterfield County were read. No changes. Minutes approved.

Discussed that exact date and place of meetings be included on all minutes.

Few attendees had a copy of the minutes. It was suggested the minutes of prior meetings continue to be distributed electronically, and that consideration be given to displaying the minutes on a screen and have at least one hard copy to peruse.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT – NTR

Guy Tomberlin questioned if any further information was available concerning membership numbers previously reported on by Geary Showman at the Graves Mtn BOD meeting. Guy felt the numbers were compelling and should have been included in the minutes. No new data, however, Wayne Kushner stated that efforts will be made to update the membership list. The plan is to have two notifications to members; a purge will occur if there is no response after each.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Ron Bladen

A statement of financial income and expense from Feb 1 – Apr 1, 2010 (timeframe from last meeting) was distributed. Some perspective: our balance on Apr 1, 2009, was \$51,253.58; on Apr 1, 2010, it was \$31,238.42. We made substantial contributions this past year to ICC events and several scholarships. The Apr 1st numbers do not reflect the cost of this SOI. Guy Tomberline noted that it would be a good exercise to show the members what funds, income & expenses, it takes to conduct a SOI. Such a report can be presented at the next General Membership meeting (Graves Mtn-July 30th).

Treasurer's Report approved.

ICC REPORT – Guy Tomberlin

Guy stepped into his new position on the ICC Board during one of ICC's most financial challenging years. As a result of the latter, chapters lost a free day of training. 1st order of business was to address a new balanced budget and restore some chapter benefits – we now have 50% off training.

Support scholarships through the foundation. Several different scholarship categories: Code of Honor, matching funds 50/50, & first timers. Approx 126 applications, 44 scholarships were awarded. These were just for Cycle A in Dallas; applications are anticipated to go up for Cycle B in Charlotte.

A new code development process is underway. We now have split hearings because ICC was getting 2,200-2,300 code changes each year which resulted in hearings that lasted 14-21 days. ICC put together a committee to come up with a solution to make it better. First set of hearings took place in Baltimore that was everything together. Now, they are going to split them up; so the real change will show up in Dallas & Charlotte. In Dallas, they are going to have everything except Property Maintenance, Zoning, Energy & Administrative, which will be heard in Charlotte.

Cycle A in Dallas – the final results there will be in the 2012 codes; no more supplements. One shot at code changes between print editions, so they staggered Cycles A & B to allow that to happen and give staff time to keep up with all the changes. That goes for Code Officials & Industry alike.

The Chemical Safety Board has reached out to ICC about natural gas explosions due to improper gas purging in buildings. There may be some redefining of the language – ICC and AGA are working together. Stay tuned. Main thing is the National Safety Board is looking to ICC for their response.

Chapter Annual Report due by June 1st. This gives chapter the rights to training and to a free president registration at the ICC Annual Business Meeting (worth \$500).

Chapter of the Year application due June 15th. Reminder that VPMIA & VBCOA will be working together on this award – VPMIA this year, VBCOA the next. VBCOA won the Merit Award in 2009. Chris Bridges & Bob Adkins will be coordinating efforts. Suggested a committee be formed to concentrate just on this report. Training, Building Safety Month (BSM) activities, contributions, charity work. VBCOA will be sponsoring a fire sprinkler installation in a Habitat for Humanity House. Lynn Underwood (Norfolk) is an excellent source to tap for assistance.

Chapter Rewards Program has been re-instated.

BSM – send Bob Adkins a note on everything that you &/or your organization does surrounding your participation. ICC is bringing Henry Green (former ICC President), President of National Institute of Building Safety. He will be speaking in Fairfax County. This is a joint activity with surrounding jurisdictions.

Green Code (GC) was recently unveiled. So far, there have been 20,000 downloads from the ICC web. The GC has ASHRAE's blessing. 500 organizations have come on board with the GC concept. ICC committee was able to borrow language from ASHRAE 189 and include it into their document.

ICC overhauling their Strategic Plan. Guy mentioned that it may be a good idea for some newer VPMIA members to start looking over its' Strategic Plan. Good way to go to know the organization. Find a way to increase our Associate Memberships.

More funds are to be directed to ICC-ES for quicker report turnarounds in conjunction with UL. ICC is healthy and on track with working with chapters; ICC website is under reconstruction; staff is looking for comments; please contact Guy.

Question came up about VA getting a set of customized codes. Paula Eubank stated that it is very costly – all parties involved are working to reduce cost.

Bill Dupler:

ICC hired a new IT/Web staff; plans for upgrades to improve performance and introduce new items each month. BSM – look out for the Weather Channel; subjects to include deck & pool safety.

Benefits involved in chapter participation: Participants are much better informed; helps develop decision making skills; interaction with others helps develop consensus abilities; develops better leaders; personal growth; your experiences are enhanced.

Some words of encouragement – VPMIA is well-organized and doing great things. Be sure to keep your focus, no nipping; work together, encourage different opinions & work out those differences through discussions. Should be proud of VPMIA's accomplishments.

REGION VII REPORT – Rick Witt

Last mtng in Jan 2010; a 2-day event in Hagerstown, MD. Informed VPMIA membership that Region VII's progress was due to Guy Tomberlins's leadership. Next mtng will be by conference call; if not before Dallas, definitely before Charlotte. All reports are on the web sites. Rick encourages all to attend a Region VII mtng.

DHCD REPORT – Paula Eubank

Vernon Hodge sends tks for the VPMIA scholarship funds for him to attend Dallas hearings.

On classes: minimum of 20 students required, otherwise, class will be cancelled; if you have issues with staff registration, contact Paula; any action must have supervisor approvals; evening meals no longer provided; advance payments required before processing applications; balances to be paid in full; there will be a pilot structural class in May; CEU's for those with last names beginning with A-M are due May 1st; submit only 16 hours at a time – on web at "Downloads", or you can call; L-Z are due by May 1st, 2012; working on computer-based training program; asking organizations for opinion of what the important changes are.

Guy Tomberlin brought up the idea of having code update training at Graves Mtn, however, concerned if it would be DHCD approved. Felt confident it would be approved. Guy will work with Education & Training Committee.

DHCD REPORT – Larry Brock

FEMA trailers – GSA has sold these trailers and some are making their way into VA; 1st go around, HUD said subject trailers did not meet standards, they have reversed that decision; Code Officials to use caution, if red labels have been removed, do not allow the unit to be set up without a new certification; also, these trailers were constructed under Thermal Zone 1 (Gulf), VA is in Thermal Zone 3.

The MFG Home Energy Security Act is expected to be out by Dec 2011; anyone pulling a permit for installing a MFG home shall be licensed & insured; giving classes to Code Officials; warned all to keep look out for what is labelled “On-Frame MOD”, some manufacturers are branching out and making industrialized buildings; 3rd party inspectors are supposed to be looking for this.

DPOR REPORT – Mike Redifer

Final regulations not signed; pulled & fast-tracked the fees & licenses...

Now have “Inactive Status”; can maintain license, however, do not have to have CEUs; if you want to re-activate, you must update your CEUs; if inactive over 3 yrs, you must complete the entry level requirements.

Discussion about general contractors not being required to get CEUs; it was noted that several attempts have been made to require that, however, none have been successful.

ICC – Justin Wiley

Piece of legislation before congress; \$100 million for local grants, equipment, training, i.e., codes & enforcement; “Grant Act” passed in House, but not in the Senate.

BCACC REPORT – NTR

OLD BUSINESS

Guy Tomberlin will be giving Gregg Gress his Honorary Membership plaque during a public forum at the Dallas Code Hearings.

NEW BUSINESS

Guy suggested VPMIA send support letters to the following ICC candidates:

Steve Jones, Guy Tomberlin, Ron Feister, Caso Vesky, Bill Dupler, Jimmy Brothers

Motioned to support and seconded. Approved

Bob Adkins to prepare letters.

Skip Harper – has downloaded ICC Green Building PDF and put it on VPMIA web. Our current message board contract expires soon; very little activity; suggested we transfer this portion to VBCOA web. Requested PDF of 2010 Yearbook to post on web.

Paul Rimel – voiced concern about voting on financial issues being done only at the BOD, not General Membership meetings. He was assured that any substantial purchase is voted on at the General Membership Meetings.

Guy – reminded all that VPMIA will be celebrating its' 50th SOI in 2013; suggested we start making plans; ask older members for thoughts, etc; special pins?

Paula Eubank – in reference to the Dallas hearings – reminded all to renew their voting right; May 4th is the cut-off date.

AWARDS REPORT – John Seay

John thanked everyone for their participation; encouraged all to get more names for next year.

NOMINATING REPORT – ntr

BY-LAWS REPORT – Guy Tomberlin

Proposed By-law Changes, Feb 24, 2010

1. Add new Article V, Section 3-The Secretary, Subsection C to read:
The secretary shall, electronically or by mail, send the draft Board of Director meeting or General Membership meeting minutes to the Board of Directors within seven business days after the conclusion of the meeting. Board members shall review the draft minutes and return corrections to the Secretary within five business days of the receipt of such draft minutes.

Supporting Statement:

This change will allow the Secretary to circulate the draft minutes by E-mail to allow for quick review and comment. In addition, it establishes performance criteria for the Board members to review and make any needed corrections promptly after the meetings while the information is still current in the memory of the attendees. This change does not preclude additional corrections or additions to the minutes after the initial timeframe and prior to their acceptance at the appropriate future meeting.

2. Remove Article V, Section 4 – the Treasurer, Subsection E text and relocate to Article V, Section 6 – Executive Secretary, and create subsection J. The relocated existing text reads:

To send all membership renewals by December 1 of each year.

Supporting Statement:

The responsibility of sending membership renewal notices has been performed by the Executive Secretary, not the Treasurer, for a number of years. This change reflects the actual practice.

Guy - #1 shall be worked on during the 1st General Membership Meeting at Graves Mtn, July 30th.

By-law # 2 was voted on and approved.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – ntr

CERTIFICATION/TRAINING REPORT – Paul Rimel

12 CEU's were earned this SOI; Paul thanked Wayne Kushner & Ron Bladen for their help. Paul to send out letters of appreciation to lecturers. Praxair folks have offered a 3-day class for inspectors at their cost.

PMG REPORT – Richard Grace

Ventilation class June 8th, in Dumfries. VPMIA has approx 120 public comments; positions will be posted soon.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – ntr

RESOLUTIONS – Paul Rimel; we had two – Lester & Hardee.

TIME & PLACE – ntr

SOI – ntr

OTHER BUSINESS - ntr

Meeting adjourned at 12:15.