

Minutes of the October 6, 2005 General Meeting Held at Biaggi's

By Allen Smith

President Cutaia called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A roll call of the membership and guests present was conducted.

A motion to approve General Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2005 was made by L. Molinari and seconded by R. Keinz. Motion passed.

President's Report: Cutaia.

Numerous job openings were mentioned. See the newsletter and web site for further details.

The International Code Council Annual Conference was held during the last week of September. During the conference there was a Region 4 meeting. We are part of that regional area of the ICC. The ICC is expecting the states within our region to form a separate chapter with the same benefits as ours, SBOC and the ICCA's. The ICC has proposed a point incentive program in which chapters will earn points towards future benefits. Each chapter can earn points by donating money to various ICC programs or sponsored events or by having additional ICC seminars. The International Code Council Federation has a program that will assist disabled veterans with making their residences accessible. See the ICC web site (www.iccsafe.org) for further information.

The November School will be coming up next month. Jones will have additional information.

Updated copies of the NWBOCA membership list are available at the front table.

Tri-State Associates will be having a program on the Legal Aspects of Code Administration. This will be helpful for those studying for the CBO exam.

Vice President's Report: Skiber

The State of Illinois is sponsoring several seminars on enforcement of the 2004 Edition of the International Energy Conservation Code. They are free to code officials. You can sign up on line at the ICC web site and will get a confirmation letter in the mail.

The nominations committee has not received notification from any member indicating interest in serving on next year's NWBOCA Executive Board. If you are interested, please contact Skiber or one of the current board members.

Information on the McHenry County College Code Enforcement Program is on the front table.

Secretary's Report: Smith

No Report.

Treasurer's Report: Poterek

We have revised the Treasurer's Report to indicate funds that have been appropriated and those that are in our operating balance. The current operating fund balance is \$13,962.43. There is \$5920.75 in the golf outing and scholarship fund.

Our portion of the golf outing proceeds is to go to the ICC for their hurricane relief fund.

I would like a motion to pay a bill for postage in the amount of \$110.22. Motion made by L. Molinari and seconded by S. Cutaia. Motion passed.

Past President's Report: Fischer

No Report.

Membership: Walocha

Membership invoices for 2006 dues will be mailed shortly.

Also included in the mailing will be instructions on how you will be able to get information on the CEU's you have earned for training presented by NWBOCA for past year.

Member Services Report: Engebretson.

No Report.

Bylaws and Policy: Durning.

No Report.

ICCA Legislative Report: Jones

The reason for the ICCA Legislative Committee is to make recommendations to the ICCA so that they can direct their lobbyist to respond to proposed state legislation.

HB 5345 addresses zoning issues with day care facilities. DCFS grants permission for an owner to open a facility and the municipality has no control over it. Many of us have zoning ordinances that would not permit this use. This law is an attempt to correct this.

Jones will try and keep up to date on this and other legislation and will keep NWBOCA membership informed.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:21 p.m.

T. Rettenbacher offered the invocation.

The meeting reconvened at 12:56 p.m.

ICC Report

Bill Schomburg, our ICC Staff Liaison, was not present. D. Plass was asked to give a brief report.

During the ICC Annual Conference, Henry Green of Michigan was elected President. He is a past president of BOCA. One of the things that he is hoping to implement is off site voting on code changes during the annual code change hearings.

Plass discussed several code changes that were voted on during the recent hearings.

Plass asked the members present to volunteer to be on one of the ICC committees. You can see the ICC website for further details. Some of the committees require travel so check with your department head.

Project Hero will begin soon. See the ICC website for further information. This ICC program assists disabled veterans returning from military service in making their homes accessible.

ICCA Report: D. Plass

Plass discussed the support by various member organizations for the lobbyist that ICCA has hired.

The Building Code Task Force has met and all members agree that there should be a statewide code.

Problems were foreseen with administrating it, providing education, funding, enforcing it and working with fire marshals. The task force would like to see the ICC model codes as the state codes.

During the last year the ICCA has been instrumental in having the Porta-Potty bill adopted. The Public school bill has been passed. Building Officials may ask to review public school plans. We will not be able to charge the school district for the review and we must get our comments back to the district within a 15 day review time. Voluntary inspections have also been included in the bill. There will be a meeting to discuss the bill on October 11th.

Northwest Municipal Conference: Spila was not present.

Programs: Jones

The November School program has been set. The school will be held on the 3rd, 10th and 17th of the month. Additional information was included in the recent newsletter.

Jones introduced Mr. Rick Fredrick, a Special Investigative Unit member for State Farm Insurance. He presented us with a program on "Hailchasers". These are out of town contractors who inundate communities and ask homeowners if they could repair damage suffered after a recent storm.

President Cutaia presented Mr. Fredrick with a NWBOCA tool kit and portfolio at the conclusion of the program.

Motion to adjourn at 2:02 p.m. by L. Molinari and seconded by R. Keinz. Motion Passed.