

SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA CODE OFFICIALS
Membership Business Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2009
Rochester, MN

Minutes submitted by Ric Budahl: Secretary

Present:

Jay Kruger	Mike Nelson	Scott Safe	Doug Morem	Kevin Anderson
Ross Leonhardt	Barry Greive	Tim Saari	Ric Budahl	Glen Moreland
Kevin Murphy	Ron Riply	Tom Joachim	Paul Heimkes	Wayne Sorensen
Russell Thornburg	Dave Barnes	Al Ernste	Gary Yoder	John Brookins
Robert Schroeder	Scott Futrell	Julie Praus	Paul Kenage	Jayne Frahm
Frank Petersen	Gene Durand			

Meeting Call to Order: Chapter President, Al Ernste

- ✓ Approved Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2008: Motion/Passed

Treasurer Report: Doug Morem

- ✓ SEMCO December Balance \$1,781.59
- ✓ Deposits \$ 450.00
- ✓ Expenses \$1,166.87
- ✓ SEMCO Account Balance \$1,064.72

Old Business:

- ✓ Russell Thornburg and John Brookins will coordinate the education for the September meeting. Tentative presentation by David Leake, Environmental Assurance.

New Business:

- ✓ Tom Joachim announced Minnesota will not be adopting the 2009 I-Codes
- ✓ The State is holding 14 positions open.
- ✓ Residential surcharges are down 40% statewide
- ✓ The State is also going to hold off on IRC sprinkler requirements for 1 ½ years and start work on 2012 adoption
- ✓ The new Energy Code 1322 and 1323 and new Mechanical Code are still set for June 1, 2009, adoption.
- ✓ In order to qualify for a \$55 million stimulus grant, 90% of all new residential construction must be in compliance with State code in 8 years.
- ✓ Discussions on Fire Marshal's requirements for sprinkler plan reviews. There is an upcoming meeting between the Department of Labor & Industry and the State Fire Marshal's office on sprinkler plan reviews.
- ✓ Glen Moreland commented on existing delegation agreements and asked whether the State is issuing a test or a questionnaire. Barry Grieve responded that it is not

- a test and the questions asked are to help eliminate code mistakes that aren't being addressed during plan review and not being caught until after construction is completed. The State is trying to reduce those problems and continue the education process for building officials that need more training. Barry stated if someone needs help to please contact the State for assistance and training.
- ✓ Tom Joachim indicated the State will be increasing their fee schedule from the current 1988 fee schedule to the 2003 fee schedule.
 - ✓ A Residential Sprinkler Forum will be held in Mounds View. Tom Joachim has information if needed.
 - ✓ Paul Heimkes has Spring seminars on manufactured structures and commercial energy codes. More information is available on the State website.
 - ✓ Change in State permitting; they will be issuing permits for plumbing, mechanical and building instead of one permit including the entire project. This will help to manage contracts between general contractors and subcontractors.
 - ✓ Discussion on class sizes and blending of classes consisting of contractors and building officials. Barry Grieve stated he didn't see a problem with the current class make-up.
 - ✓ Possible future topics for education by Russell; installation of fire rated walls, gas piping and bonding.

Legislative Changes:

- ✓ Plumbing licensing will be staggered on a 2-year cycle so as to decrease the work load and therefore not having to increase staff.
- ✓ Code clean-up bill/water conditioning licensing/well & septic system amendment must comply with plumbing code.
- ✓ Safety glazing changes not proposed.
- ✓ Mechanical licensing not proposed this session.
- ✓ Proposal for Residential Advisory Committee.

AMBO: Gary Yoder:

- ✓ Residential legislation to appoint a residential construction board is currently at the legislature and in committee. It will be up for a vote soon and Gary will get us the final draft. Encourage your city not to support this bill because it will have a negative impact on code enforcement and inspections.
- ✓ AMBO has started planning the 2010 Education Institute. There was a good turnout at the 2009 Institute and the classes did well.
- ✓ Scott Safe attended a meeting on disaster prevention.

ICC Report: No ICC Staff present.

Adjourned: 2:00 p.m.