

SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA CODE OFFICIALS
Membership Business Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2011
Clarion Inn in Rochester, MN

Minutes submitted by Ron Ripley, Secretary

Present: Ric Budahl, John Brookings, Steve Carson, Allen Ernste, Jane Frahm, Brian Grudem, Paul Heimkes, Craig Hoium, Tom Joachim, Doug Johnson, Jay Kruger, Ross Leonhardi, Dennis Mannim, Glen Mooreland, Doug Morem, Greg Olson, Ron Ripley, Scott Safe, Wayne Sorenson, Russell Thornburg

Called to Order and Approval of Minutes: The meeting was called to order by Chapter President, Russell Thornburg. A motion was made and passed to approve the December 1, 2010 meeting minutes.

Treasurer Report: Report given by Doug Morem and motion passed to approve the financials.

SEMCO Balance	\$1,007.68
Deposits	\$1,280.00
Expenses	\$ 927.14
SEMCO Account Balance	\$1,360.54

State of Minnesota: Paul Heimkes

1. Lead Law change effective date from February 1, 2011 to August 1, 2011. DLI has a lead certification look up list on there website. This list may be incomplete due to number of applicants.
2. Disaster Mitigation. The committee is still working on the manual and hopes to have it completed by the 2nd week in March. Scott Safe, a member of the Disaster Committee reported they are in the process of setting up a database so information is not duplicated.
3. DLI reports there is a bill being presented that would allow manufactured homes greater than 2 years old to be placed on the ground without a proper foundation. If the home owner signs a waiver this could spread possibly to manufactured commercial buildings.
4. Due to lack of funding no spring seminar is planned for 2011, possibly fall seminar if funding is reinstated.
5. Continuing education laws that will extend to all individual license through DLI. Including inspectors and building officials as training curriculum to be reviewed by the CCLD.
6. DLI is in the process of updating NFPA standards to stay in line with current standards NFPA 13-13R, etc. This is being done outside the normal rules process.
7. Code adoption of the 2012 DLI is waiting for printing of IRC and IBC then will form committee and start the adoption process.

AMBO Report: Craig Hoium

1. The 2011 Region III Building Institute reported the largest attendance since ABMO started each year the class of instructions and participation has grown.
2. The AMBO Board took action to hire Tom Joachim as a consultant. Tom's duties are as follows:
 - To oversee legislative issues at the Capital.

- Evaluate Chapter membership
 - Members, Dues, Industry Participation
- Chapter Training and Education Programs
 - Coordination, Available Programs, Other Industries Involvement, Exhibitors
- Assist AMBO lobbyist with SBC background and rules process
- State Code Advisory Committees
 - Provide central location for disbursing meeting information and follow up to AMBO members on the various committees

Anyone who would like to contract Tom Joachim may do so at tomjoachim@yahoo.com or 651-983-6708.

3. Craig brought up the SEMCO Membership to pass a resolution to contribute to AMBO to help defray the cost of AMBO's Lobbyist Remi Stone. This matter is tabled pending the restructuring of the SEMBO Bylaws which will allow SEMCO more latitude for political activities.

Legislative Report: Tom Joachim

1. DLI was contacted regarding setting up a Board to review complaints on Building Officials for improprieties; not sure what direction this will take.
2. Bill 646. This bill deals with existing elevators and their need to be in compliance with door closing devices, replacing single bottom pistons with double bottom devices, and fire service recall. This bill is being extended for another three years for compliance due to economical reasons.
3. House File 666 (short version). The removing of the 1.5 million from the general fund back into DLI. This return of funding would help restore funding for education as well as code adoption.
4. Authorization of the Plumbing Code Board to look at adopting a model plumbing code either the IPC or the UPC. This would help building departments and engineers stay current with the increase each year of the new products being developed. AMBO supports the adoption of the IPC.
5. House File 460, Senate file 297. Residential Sprinklers. There were hearings held on March 1 regarding the residential sprinkler issue. The builders organization reported on the effective use of smoke detection in lieu of fire sprinklers in single family dwellings as well as testimony from other groups that were not in favor of residential sprinkler systems. Tom Joachim and other individuals from the State Fire Marshal's office testified that there was dialog with the builders organization for perhaps an alternate three head fire suppression system ran off the domestic line. After much testimony from both sides this matter passed and will move onto other committees for review.
6. There is a bill being review for a possible merger with DLI and another state organization, possibly the State Fire Marshal's office.

Awards

There was a retirement recognition for John Brookings service as a Code Official for the City of Owatonna and as the Building Official for the City of Northfield.

New Business

1. ICC is looking for building officials from around the area to help build Habitat for Humanity Homes. Anyone interested can contact Pat Parsley at pparsley@fairmont.org.
2. Pat Parsley requested SEMCO's endorsement for secretary/treasurer position with ICC. Motion made and carried.

Old Business

Committee Reports

1. Bylaw Committee. Gary Yoder is in the process of rewriting the Bylaws. When completed they will be electronically emailed to the membership for comment. This will help speed up the process.
2. The non-profit status is in progress. Russell is trying to set up contacts with Paul Spyhalski to iron out the details.
3. Dream Team has put together a one day information seminar for SEMCO. The seminar will take place March of 2012. Motion was made and carried to have the curriculum for the first year on the 2012 IRC with the second year on the 2012 IBC. There was discussion on locations, cost of the seminar as well as new curriculum reviewed by CCLD and contacting Southwest Chapter to investigate their educational program so there is no overlapping of education. Everyone is encouraged to think on this topic and bring their ideas to the next meeting and the possibility of setting up an education committee.
4. Finance Committee submitted documentation showing expenditures and revenue projections for the year of 2011 as well as a membership roster showing up-to-date annual due status.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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