

MBOIA Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, June 22, 2017

Approved

CONFERENCE CALL

9:00 a.m.

A. Call to order: 9:04 AM

B. Calling of the Roll of Officers; determination of quorum: Myles, John Root, Ben M., Ben B., Nick, Justin B., David T., Tom M., Paul, Brian L., Kathy, Bill Nash

- Barb Skelton email: Paul expressed his thoughts on Barb's issues and will have a private conversation with Barb about her concerns.
- Mentioned phone call etiquette

C. Review and acceptance of the minutes from the previous meeting - 2/2/17

- John Root mentioned that Joan said February minutes were already approved; Nick confirmed.

D. Communications and Bills:

- Paul said that things have been quiet; Bill Nash is keeping us abreast on ICC activities.

E. Treasurer's Report - January & February & March

- Ben M. gave current list of expenses paid, including refunds and reimbursements associated with the spring conference.
- Jan 31. Bal \$27,152; Feb. \$31,671; March \$33,535.37; have since paid \$18,000+/- to Sebasco
- John/Nick move to approve - unanimous approval

F. Report of Committees

a) Education Committee - nothing from Missy or Joan for data/reports

- Critique of Code Conference: Paul - no complaints on price or venue that he was aware of. Mix of rooms well balanced; MJ was over full as expected.
- (Mark joined call at 9:17) - Conference went very well, staff stepped up and made it much easier. Brian and Justin felt we were not in any danger of outgrowing Sebasco based on attendance. Mark felt the closeness to Memorial Day may have kept numbers down; John heard that Thursday/Friday conference date might be better for some folks. Justin and Mark suggested Survey Monkey Poll for members to weigh in the idea for next year.
- Ben suggested keeping dates out of the survey to keep it simple.
- Scholarships (Justin): Kathy putting in a lot of effort for little return; Mark suggested approaching the high school Voc-techs; end of semester may be a

factor; Kathy says we are not getting any response – suggestion to offer for fall training; Paul – not sure if earlier outreach such as code program through building trades could be piggy backed to promote scholarships to increase response. Bill Nash – Mike Falvey up north is trying to arrange a meet and greet with tech schools, which could be a spring board. Paul suggested extending that effort in the south as well. Kathy stated lack of building trades programs are a problem, but fire training could be target audience. Bill N. stated that this is symptomatic that schools don't consider it a priority; cited budgets, time constraints. There needs to be a motivating factor for them to consider it; keep trying and pounding the pavement, eventually it will stick with someone's program. He can help schools work through the application and find the money; we can be a mentor to these programs – give a classroom talk on codes to get the ball rolling. John Root has done this with limited success, but says that new school coming online and will try to do outreach there. Bill will get the info out to the group in an email. Paul will touch base with Sanford's new Voc-Tech school to promote Bill's program. Bill suggested that MBOIA consider sponsoring a program. Might be effective to get it going. Paul suggested outreach to town managers group for scholarships. Ben Breadmore offered to put anything we want out on the manager's list serve.

- October/November training: Mark checked ICC and there are mostly standard courses, which we've touched on already; 2 half days count as a full day. "Mixed Occupancies" is a possible topic of interest – John and Paul agree. Rick Wood is ICC trainer, IEBC course can be offered at a discount; this is a very misunderstood topic. Paul stated we are still working on the idea of purchasing ICC programs. We do need to focus on 2015 Code and should consider premium classes. Workbooks are required; numbers can be negotiated. "Non-structural plan review" is a 2-day course, but could possibly be pared down to 1 day – Bill will look into it. "Report Writing for Code Officials" is a course Bill's heard good things about, but not familiar with it. Good trainer is the key. Tom M. would like to see documentation become more uniform across the state and even nationally, just as we try to enforce the codes uniformly. Paul suggested building officials' tool box through Brianne could also be helpful. Training days: 1 north, 1 south, and 1 in the middle. Paul wants to get a venue more central toward Augusta rather than 2 in the north. Bill will put Mark in touch with Crystal to get the ball rolling. 3-Day program w/ Mixed Occupancies – N/S; IEBC on Friday IEBC is full day; Plan review is full day; Mixed Occupancy is half day; Plan review would have to be pared down.

- b) Legislative Committee – Tom Lister:
 - a. 4 major bills we're tracking and spoke to. We remain at the status quo.
 - b. Budgetary issues – Rich McCarthy – transfer over to DECD was shot down; Brianne will still be taking over the program as of July 1.
- c) By-Laws Committee – Dave Twomey: nothing to report

G. New Business

- a) CEO of the Year: discussion about revising the program to include lifetime achievement awards, possibly subcategories for CEOs similar to Town Managers program. Ben B. stated managers have different categories for many qualities, length of service, rising star, etc. and CEO of the Year should be based on the work

in that calendar year. Nomination process and application should be simpler; MBOIA membership should vote on the awardees. The nominees need to be vetted a little to avoid a popularity contest among the membership. Paul requested that Ben B. be added to the work group on the CEO of the Year program. Refine the standards with Ben's help.

- b) November Training: already vetted. (Nick and John left the call)
- October 31 – Portland
 - November 1 – Orono
 - November 2 – Black Bear Inn – Paul will be working on a more central location.

H. Other:

- Rich McCarthy transition to Brianne – Paul and Board members voiced concern regarding future effectiveness of the CEO Training and Certification Program taking on MUBEC Administration based on lack of communication from that program. Paul will do some outreach to Brianne again for informational exchange.

Rich – update on rulemaking: governor's office (Hank Fenton) lost the original copy and asked for another. ISO 90-day reprieve coming to a close very soon.

- Plumbing training in the North: 30 attendees for \$20 for the day including lunch; American Concrete left them a septic tool kit. Brent Lawson was the trainer.

I. The Good and Welfare of the Association

- Paul will reach out to Barb to try to work out differences.
- July 20th for the MBOIA summer BBQ meeting at MMA with Peter Holmes as speaker.

J. Adjournment