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Report of NYSBOC Board of Delegates Special meeting held in Farmington NY on June 2nd 2023 and also via zoom for those that couldn't travel due to weather. The meeting started at 9:31 and did not adjourn until 1:40 pm. The meeting was attended in person by Rod Cameron, Dave Metzger and Mike Fields were unable to attend. Roll call indicated a quorum was present, 6 via zoom, 25 in person.

President Marty Mosely gave a short report on his activities since the last delegates meeting and reminded everyone that this is an election year and that applications need to be sent to the nominating committee soon.

First VP Paul Taft reported on his work with the Code Safety Alliance on safety training for code officials. The training is still too expensive, members of ICC can apply for vouchers to obtain training.

The second Vice President provided a report on the new website NYSBOC.org that is shaping up very well.

The treasurer's report (8 pgs) was submitted, reviewed and decisions regarding reserves, etc. were approved..

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

The Conference Committee reports that the 2023 annual business meeting will be Tuesday September 12th at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel during the Western Southern Tier Building Officials Association Educational Conference. More information on the hotel & meeting will be available later.

John Addario provided (via zoom) an update on state activities.

Chris Jensen, past president of NYSBOC is now working for Codes Division on energy code issues.

Electrification of new buildings less than 7 stories is in the works.

John spoke about Part 1208, note that NYSBOC sent a 7 page commentary on concerns with this part.

Next he spoke on Part 1205 and the public hearing held May 31st at which NYSBOC testified, A 12 page submission of suggested changes was provided.

Next he discussed Part 1203 regarding school inspections.

The recent survey of preferences of printed vs online resulted in about a 50/50 split.

The state is working on possible regulation of electric micro motion devices due to fires with the batteries.

Bill reported on training and some issues with ASHRAE changes in refrigerants.

Nathan reported on the CEDAR program and getting ready for hurricane season. He also announced that there are now 4 approved courses from FEMA that will provide state credit. Capital District asked if the state will provide advanced training for communities that adopt the stretch code. John said that since the stretch code is above the minimum state requirements advanced training must come from NYSERDA or others.

Steve McDaniels asked about the code update and bans on natural gas and what effect the federal court's determination that the State of California's ban was unconstitutional. John said that they are looking into the issue.

The Conference Committee reported on the ABM that will be Sep. 12th in Chautauqua which is followed by the Western Southern Tier's annual educational conference. (Note that as this year's ABM is in WNY they asked us to contribute to hospitality)

The nominating committee reported that submissions for candidates, with local chapter support, must be sent in within the next 30 days, and so far none have been received so far. All offices are open. Marty has indicated that he will not be running this year.

The proposed ByLaws amendments were considered as follows:

Article III – Membership

Section 3. Cooperating Membership was adopted as proposed.

Section 4. Participating Membership was repealed and replaced with Section 4. Retired and adopted as proposed.

Section 5. Honorary Membership was adopted as proposed.

[This is where things got VERY contentious regarding participation of Honorary Members.]

Article IV Voting Rights

Section 1 Voting Rights – there were 2 proposals and both were defeated so the existing language remains unchanged.

Article V Dues

Section 1. Annual scale of dues was provide with 2 proposals, the first proposal was adopted with an alteration eliminating honorary members as previous amendments relieved them from dues payments.

Article VI – Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting was adopted as proposed so the ABM can be anytime between August 1st and November 1st.

Article VIII – Officers

Section 1. Officers. The proposals to subsection (a) was defeated, subsection (c) was adopted with a minor alteration due to a typo and a new subsection (d) was adopted as proposed.

Section 10. Eligibility and Qualifications for Office was adopted as proposed.

A New Section 11. Terms of Office was adopted as proposed.

Article IX – Committees

Section 2. Nominating & Election Committee subsection (a) was adopted as proposed and subsection (g) was deleted.

Section 5 was. Renamed Honorary Membership Committee and adopted as proposed and the old Section 5 Additional Committees was renumbered Section 6.

Article X ByLaws Subsection(a) was adopted as proposed.

I will append the proposed changes handout as an attachment. It may still be hard to follow the changes and I will try and clarify what occurred at our next meeting.

Ways and means committee reported that their meeting in NYC went \$146 over the budgeted amount so a motion was made to cover that expense.

Steve McDaniels reported on Region VI and codes development energy code decarbonization activities and that the 2024 Code will incorporate the new energy standards. He also suggested more participation in the Region VI online calls, they are very informative.

Steve then reported on the Legislative/technical committee's activities. On lobby day they met with numerous representatives. Information on the legislative actions and the work of our lobbyist was reported on and handouts were provided on the various bills and our positions on them. Steve also discussed Part 1205 and 1208 (effective April 27th).

Dottie and Steve reported on ICC activities. Steve is running for reelection to ICC at the upcoming St Louis meeting and is planning on running for Secretary/Treasurer of ICC in 2024. Dottie asked for people to apply for ICC committees, application deadline is June 28th. Steve related that a NY chapter will be awarded chapter of the year at the ICC meeting. Dottie reminded us all to apply for ICC grants for code activities and that the City of Rye NY has received a large award from FEMA.

Under Old/New Business the shirts for the ICC conference were discussed as to the color and the cost as it has increased slightly. The increased cost was approved, note that requests for the shirts must be sent in by July 1st. NYSBOC will pay for the shirts for attendees.

The codes council "redline" of the 2024 code was discussed and is being reviewed, expect adoption in 2025.

A budget of \$5,000 was approved for reimbursements of some expenses for Stev McDaniels and other delegates. (Note that BIANCO pledged \$1,000 for support Steve's election at ICC.)

The next NYSBOC meeting will be the Annual Business Meeting Tuesday, September 12th, 2023 at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel.

Respectfully submitted by Rod Cameron