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Report of NYSBOC Board of Delegates 9:30 am, December 8, 2023 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Syracuse NY. Dave Metzger, Mike Fields and Rod Cameron represented NFBOA.

This was the last meeting for Marty Mosely as president. Marty provided a report on NYSBOC activities since the September ABM at Chautauqua and the ICC meeting in St. Louis MO October 8th-11th. There were some concerns with events at ICC that prompted Marty to write a letter to ICC with respect to the chapter of the year award for BIANCO that was done at the chapter meeting and not at the general session as was done in past years.

2nd VP Valerie Scott reported on her activities primarily the new NYSBOC website and its current status, more work will be done going forward including a private section for delegates to be kept up to date on NYS legislative actions. The current mailing list is being updated.

Doug Scarson provided the treasurer's report, all accounts are in order and the budget for 2024 was presented and approved. Some increases were necessary to augment the activities of the lobbyist as there is a great many issues in progress.

The minutes of the September ABM were submitted and approved without amendments.

Next the president elect, Sal Pennelle, from the Westchester chapter spoke on what he wishes to accomplish going forward and how he hopes to keep up the great job that Marty has been doing during his presidency. He then requested volunteers for various existing committees and spoke of some possible new committees.

Next John Addario reported on the activities of the codes division. The most significant item was the Summary of Notable Changes to the 2021 and 2024 ICC Model Code books.

This document (available on line at <https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/11/uniform-code-notable-changes-decemer-01-2023-meeting.pdf>) covers the changes that will impact the new code due next year.

There are 62 changes to the Building Code, 33 are new sections, there are 60 changes to the fire code, 13 are new, there are 73 changes to the residential code, 31 are new, there are 25 changes to the existing building code, 15 are new, there are 18 changes to the plumbing code, 12 are new, there are 15 changes to the mechanical code, 9 are new, there are 5 changes to the fuel gas code, 1 is new and there are 6 changes to the property maintenance code, 3 of which are new.

This report should not be considered an endorsement of these provisions, the report only details the difference. Note that the report is only a summary so in order to fully understand the impact of these provisions one must compare the complete sections, a daunting task to say the least!

Next John spoke on the energy code updates that will not occur at the same time as the other codes. NYSERDA is performing a cost effective analysis of the new code. One problem with the analysis is that it does not compare fossil fuel systems to electrical systems but only compares various electrical systems to each other since fossil fuel use in new construction will not be permitted.

Kevin for Code Division reported on the Codes Council activities and current and upcoming comment periods. He also spoke about CEDAR and updates to that program. Basic training is being revised in order to accommodate the 2024 code updates. In service training will provide 18 hours of training in both the first and second halves of the year. He also spoke about needing to update the email lists, updates to training at conferences and outside credits such as ICC, FEMA, etc.

Region VI code development activities was discussed by Marty and the ongoing effort to address the energy code requirements that are in progress since the ICC Energy Code is not being promulgated in the same manner as previously. There are online weekly meetings of Region VI if anyone is interested in attending. Ed Cusato reported on Eastern States meeting next April and that training is available from ICC. Also noted that Steve McDaniels was reelected to the Board of ICC and that he is planning on running for ICC Secretary next year.

The Legislative and Technical Committee reported on (1) a letter to NYSERDA regarding the cost effective analysis, (2) a letter to ICC regarding various issues, (3) a review of Codes Council activities and (4) the legislative schedule that will be available in January that will cover approximately 195 potential bills.

As neither Steve McDaniels nor Dottie were available in person Dottie provided a brief report via Zoom. The ICC process is changing so there will not be any code hearings at the Orlando meeting. See the ICC website for more information on the new process for code changes. The next votes on code changes will be in 3 years. The ICC meeting in 2026 will be in Hartford Connecticut.

Under new business the dates for Delegates meetings in 2024 are March 1 in Rockland Co., June 7 in Capital District, September 20 ABM in Corning and December 13 in Finger Lakes.

The contract of the lobbyist for 2024 was approved.

Finally Marty thanked the group for all the support and assistance he has received during his time in office.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted by Rod Cameron