



# Niagara Frontier Building Officials Association

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Report of NYSBOC Board of Delegates 9:45 am, March 1, 2024 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Suffern NY.. Dave Metzger, Mike Fields and Rod Cameron represented NFBOA.

This was the first meeting for Sal Pennelle as president. Sal thanked all of the committee members that have indicated that they will stay on their respective committees and welcomed those new committee members for some recently established committees. Sal also stated that he has sent a letter to the Governor requesting that the month of May be designated Building Safety Month. He also indicated that he will attend the Finger Lakes Conference next week and will attend all the other chapter conferences as they come up in an effort to meet as many of the state's code enforcers as possible.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Valerie Scott reported on her and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Mark LaFavor's (who was absent) activities with the new NYSBOC website. 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, she urged the delegates to make certain that their chapter's updated membership lists be submitted to the secretary.

As Treasurer, Doug Scarson, was unable to attend, Past President Marty Mosely provided the Treasurer's report. The Jan-Feb report was not printed, Marty read it from the computer. The report was accepted as submitted as nothing of significance has occurred since the December report.

The reading of the minutes of the December delegates meeting were waived and were approved without amendments. Secretary Alan Gustafson reminded the delegates to have their chapters reports and dues be submitted ASAP for those that have not done so already, most chapters have complied.

John Addario reported on NYS Div. of Bldg. Standards and codes activities. They are working on a replacement for the SLMS system and that should be done by July or so. The department is also working on updated basic and in-service training. He also reported on 15 proposals for code changes submitted to ICC for the next round of code changes.

Kevin Durr-Clark reported on Codes Council updates, the notable changes document and also their work on NYS changes to Chapter 1 of the various ICC codes and that comments to the BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) proposed regulations are due by March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ron Stark provided an update on the basic and in-service training programs. There is a new on-line application for proposing courses. Also they are working on a 6 hour train the trainer course.

Marty Mosely provided the events, association and conferences report. This years ABM will be Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> during the STBOA's educational conference that will be in the Corning area, details still being worked out.

As this was the first delegates meeting of the year there were no reports from many of the committees as they have not met yet this year.

A new committee has been formed – Code Official/Public Safety Adam Peltz Chair, Steve Haramis and Reuben Burros. They are looking into having CEO's designated as peace officers. This would be optional for municipalities. Also this would elevate assaults on CEO's to a class D Felony. This is in legislative proposals now.

The Legislative/Code update committee, chaired by Marty Mosely also discussed the pros and cons of Public Safety Officer status.

Steve McDaniels, Chair of the NYS Home Builders committee provided a report of their presentation at the recent Association of Towns meeting regarding the 1203 report and its importance with respect to CEO's and Building Departments activities. Dottie from ICC also presented at that meeting about the importance of CEO's and helped educate Town representatives on what we do.

Steve McDaniels and Dottie report on the activities of the NYS Codes coalition, ICC and ICC region VI. They are having monthly virtual meetings and noted that there has been significant progress. They are preparing for this years ICC meetings, as the "A" codes proposed changes run to about 2000 pages. There isn't voting this year, but much preparation for the upcoming votes in 2026. The 2026 hearings will be in Hartford Connecticut, check the ICC website for details. Dottie reminded everyone that they need to have their ICC member voting registration in by March 8<sup>th</sup> and noted that it must be done at least once every 3 years but can be changed at any time. So a municipality could alter their representatives when the code cycle changes from the "A" codes to others, etc. Steve also noted he will be running for ICC Secretary/Treasurer at the next ICC meeting.

Ed Cusato commented on Region VI activities and lamented that the other states in the region need to begin to support activities better, NY is the major financial supporter at this point. There was also discussion of the appeal to ICC that the region has submitted regarding the Energy Standards.

There was no old business.

Under new business there was discussion on the cost of the delegates meetings and suggestions on how reduce costs preferably without resorting to virtual meetings, which no one favors. Some effort to possibly schedule them more at regional educational conferences may help.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted by Rod Cameron