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Report of NYSBOC Delegates Meeting 9:30 am, June 6th, 2025, held at Westchester County Building, White Plains NY. Due to the location and schedules Anne Dafchik (acting Delegate) and Rod Cameron attended via Microsoft Teams. (Dave Metzger and Mike Fields were unable to attend).

After roll call determined there was a quorum (21 in person, 14 remote) president Sal Pennelle gave his report. He indicated that NYSBOC membership in 2024 was 1626 and in the current year 1387. He also reported on a very successful lobby day (May 7th) with Mart Mosely, Ed Cursato, Dotty Mazzarella and Marc Lafaver meeting with several legislators.

1st VP Valerie Scott reported that the Building Log has been rebranded and will be sent out soon. There will be a survey to determine the number of potential attendees for the Cleveland OH ICC ABM in October. There will be a peer group survey for women in code enforcement. There is also a request for nominations for CEO of the year award at our ABM. NYSBOC electronic membership cards will be sent out soon. Also reminded the membership that the scholarship deadline is July 1st.

Treasurer Doug Scarson provided his report a motion was made and approved to accept the report. Secretary Alan Gustafson's report of the last meeting was accepted.

Next Codes division's Ron Stark reported on the Code updates. There is a Codes Council meeting 6/27 and a final one on 7/25 after which, if all goes as anticipated the new code should be adopted with a start date of 1/1/2026. Until the 7/25 meeting we won't know for certain if there will be a transition period. There were thousands of comments provided at the past hearings, many of which were redundant but all had to be evaluated.

Ron also reported on Disaster preparedness and CEDAR, info to be sent out soon. Advanced in-service training will be at least 10 hours but may get to 18 to 24 hours. Basic training will also be adjusted.

John Addario (remote) commented that the recent CEO survey went well. Also there was a lot of discussion regarding Code books and electronic access. At this point each municipality will receive one copy, either hard copy or digital. Subsidized subscriptions to ICC digital codes online is expiring soon / individual Towns will be invoiced. NYSERDA is providing \$1.6M for new books, etc.

Events & conferences committee is requesting locations for the 2026 ABM and delegates meetings. They are considering Batavia Downs as next years ABM is in our area. Note that fund raising received \$1700 from the raffle.

There was no report from the nominations committee as the election isn't until next year however they indicated that there is a new form for nominations. These must be in 60 days in advance of election, typically 7/1.

Marty Mosely reported on the legislative outreach and lobby day and that the response was generally positive. The committee's actions have begun to have a positive impact on not "legislating the code" and that legislators have begun to contact NYSBOC prior to drafting legislation. Questions on "short term rentals" were discussed as they were approved legislatively but not in the code. Any municipality that already had a Short Term Rental local law gets to keep it, NYS does not override it

Steve McDaniels reported on the actions of the NYS Home Builders where there have been several

meetings.

Dan Sherman reported on the Peer Support committee, and they are working on an online form for information. They have a meeting 7/11/2025 regarding wetlands and they expect 25 attendees.

Steve McDaniels reported on the Codes Coalition and Codes Development committees. He indicated that there is a lot of activity, there are in excess of 100 code change proposals for just the existing building code. In 2024 NYSBOC submitted 600 pgs of comments on the code update by the 5/27 deadline. There is concern with respect to numerous items in the updated code that CEO's have not previously had to enforce, such as some issues with flood regulations. The energy code also has many potential problems for us as some issues are not clearly defined such as what constitutes "substantial improvement".

Dotty provided a lengthy report on ICC activities, the most prominent is the Cleveland code hearings meeting 19-30 2025. Member Chapters that submitted a report received conference attendance. There is an opening in the Training and Qualifications Committee. Steve McDaniels reported that the appeals process has been updated and that they are working on a strategic plan for 2030. They are looking at affordability in the residential code.

Marty Mosely reported on the ICC region VI activities and Eastern States Building Officials spring meeting in Hartford Conn.

Under Old Business Venue procedures for delegates meetings and the possibility of purchasing some new AV equipment were discussed. Note that the NYSBOC ABM is October 16th in Albany.

St. Lawrence chapter and Tri-County chapters have both communicated that they no want to participate (memberships overdue). Vote to remove chapters from NYSBOC tabled until next month, pending official correspondence between NYSBOC Treasurer to chapter.

We reported that NFBOA's educational conference is January 26-28, 2026, and hope to include new code training / adoption updates.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Dafchik & Rod Cameron