

**VBCOA REGION V
MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2010**

**Region V Officers: Syndee Grace, Chair
Greg Fields, Vice Chair
Ellis McKinney, Secretary**

Meeting was Call to Order

Required attendance for a Quorum was established

Introduction of quests from the floor

**Reading of Minutes: There was a motion on the floor, and a second to dispense with the reading of the minutes; there was discussion concerning content of minutes;
There was motion to accept the minutes with some corrections; a second ; motion passed.**

**Treasurer's Report: \$10,462.10 in savings account
\$ 3,035.75 in checking account**

There was a motion on the floor and a second to accept the treasurer' s report; no discussion; motion pass.

Chair's Report: Syndee Grace introduced VBCOA President Jim Collins, and Jim shared the events and awards presented to the Virginia ICC Chapter by the ICC, the awards include a Merit Award at the Baltimore Conference, that was displayed for the meeting , and Jim also shared the history of awards that have been received by the State ICC Chapter from the ICC, such other Merit Awards, and Chapter of the year a few years ago. Jim expressed pride and gratitude in the State Chapter and Region V for our success in being chosen Region of the Year two years in a row and other leadership accomplishments. He mentioned that Syndee would be attending ameeting of the Region Chairs the next day on January 22nd, and also extended an invitation to members to attend the Mid Year Annual Conference in Charlottesville, Virginia on April 26th.

The Region Chair presented an well earned Service Award to former Region V Chair , Sean Ferrell, of Prince William County, for his distinguished leadership of Region V in accomplishing to be chosen Region Chapter of the Year by the VBCOA BOD, two years in a row. In accepting the award , Sean thanked the membership for all our contributions in earning Chapter of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Resolution: Murli Dhage & Gregg Fields; no report

Education: State- Gary Greene; Traveling out of area on business, wanted to get you the official report, albeit brief.

The region representatives for the VBCOA Education Committee met on January 13, 2010 by conference call. The meeting was pretty productive for a start, especially given the new representation.

A 2007 VBCOA Membership Survey was shared with representatives concerning the education needs of the organization. The survey results present a pretty detailed and unedited assessment of needs seen through the eyes and experiences of our membership and will be focusing our work to define alternatives for training. I believe there was consensus that DHCD, though a desirable common point of service may not be staffed or funded to meet all the expectations from training, as a solution, E-training or DVD Learning modules may be desirable. I offered that there are software packages available to host our training, once developed (Adobe Connect http://www.adobe.com/products/arcobatconnectpro/solutions/rapid_training/overview/). We talked about the use free training, around the region or offered by ICC as a resource for our membership in the short term. We also agreed that if we provide training exclusive of DHC, we would be highly interested in DHCD tracking CEU's.

The conference call technology used for the meeting was new for some, but the overall interaction was good. Moving forward, we talked about the use for Netmeeting or Skype technology can be used for no cost and little investment, and offers considerable savings to municipalities relative to time costs for their staff to be out office.

We concluded by discussing topics that we want to develop and offer for our mid-year conference, although we did not determine final subject matter. If Region V members have topics they'd like to see presented at mid-year, please have them email the topics to me at GGreene@Arlingtonva.us.

Region- Education; Audrey Clark stated the training schedule is available on the web, and the Education Committee had a whole lot of training plan for this year, and that we broke an attendance record with attendance of 140 people in attendance for training today. She also stated, the only gap the training schedule was the November Meeting, but she stated the Property Maintenance Committee was working on presenting training on property maintenance, and she announced the next training opportunity in Dumfries Va., an Accessibility Training Class that will be focused on the minimum requirements for Accessibility at Residential and Institutional Occupancies as set forth in the 2006 USBC/IBC, on March 18th, to be taught by Pernell Wheeler and John Walters, and shared that the committee would welcome suggestions regarding training and meeting facilities and possible locations that would be able to accommodate at least 100 people and provide parking as well.

There was a response and suggestion from the floor about the availability of a facility in Manassas Va. After which the chair stated the education committee does outstanding work!

Building Code: Bill Ertumen & Elmagrab: no report

Fire Safety: Maurice Jones;

1) USBC workgroup 3 continues to evaluate fire sprinkler issue. Mandate for sprinklers sustained by the IRC Committee.

2) Possible impact on ISO rating identified if a jurisdiction does not adopt 2009 model I Codes that include IRC sprinkler requirements. View letter sent by ISO to a Fire Marshal/ Building Official in Florida on VFPA web site.

3) FM Global and the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition joined forces to perform fire tests on identical rooms to determine the impact of a fire on a room with no fire sprinkler protection verse a room with fire sprinkler protection. According to FM engineers, installation of fire sprinkler systems were proven to protect the environment by:

- a) Reducing room damage from 100% to 3%- less material to dump**
- b) Reducing greenhouse gases (co2) by 99%**
- c) Reducing the amount of water usage by 50%**

Energy; Steve Turchen; Steve shared the topics discussed at his last meeting, which included current code adoption issues and RE-4 proposal presented at ICC Hearings in Baltimore. He also is requesting input from region membership concerning proposals about duct testing of duct work that will be required , and door blower test in residences that is currently under consideration for code adoption.

In addition he talked about RE-4 that was presented at ICC Hearings in Baltimore to IRC Committee, that proposal in essence would remove the IRC Committee from voting on proposals concerning energy requirements for residential buildings.

Steve stated he would welcome your comments, and please forward them by email to his email address.

Egress: Carolyn Majowka ; no report

IRC: John Orrison & Lei Fei ; no report

Legislation: Ellis McKinney ; It was reported that there would a final public hearing on VUSBC Code adoption on January 25th 2010, after which the review of the work group sessions would continue until final code adoption.

Plumbing /Mechanical: John Walters & Dan Boylan; There was meeting of VBCOA Plumbing and Mechanical with members of VPMIA present and both will jointly participate in the review of up coming code adoption and code change proposals.

Membership: Linda Frye/ Jay Patton ; Had not met , but did receive an email from state chapter chair concerning next meeting location, and they will establish a standard brochure for use and they have given out twenty applications so far.

Property Maintenance: Sean Ferrell ;

Education: The Advanced Building Maintenance Official's Module development kick - off meeting with DHCD was held on November 20, 2009 in the City of Fredericksburg. The sub-committee drafted a list of potential training topics and drilled down into specific training objectives within those topic areas.

Gary Mitchell with Colonial Beach has expressed interest in leading the effort.

Performance Measurement: Co-Chair Farrell announced that Harold Roach from Newport News is wrapping up the draft performance model for committee approval.

Rental Housing Program: Tom Regan provided an update on the sub-committee's actions. The sub-committee is currently seeking additional membership and is collecting data from around the state to establish baselines and benchmarks for performance outputs and resource

requirements. This effort will result in creating a start up package to assist localities in understanding program demands and requirements, in an effort to secure and allocate appropriate resources to commence and carry out program objectives successfully. This proposal is currently on the agenda for the January 25th public hearing.

2012 IPMC Development: Committee reviewed the Baltimore hearing results and concluded that two or three public comments were needed **2009 USBC Process:** Committee reviewed the changes moving forward under consensus and discussed at great length the unsafe provisions proposed to be brought forward (as modified) from the 2009 IPMC to the 2009 USBC. This proposal is currently on the agenda for the January 25th public hearing.

Legislative Items; 19.2-8 Statue of limitations has been picked up by our legislative committee but was not timely enough to collect a sponsor so as to move forward under this next cycle. The bill will try gain consensus over the next cycle. 36-106 civil fine legislative initiative was discussed-item is moving forward with several with several sponsors. Fairfax has proposed fixing a loophole in civil court order abatement by adding commercial properties to those eligible. Failure to comply initiative will be tabled until be tabled until next cycle.

Public Information: Lorenzo Harris no report, but did introduced himself and offered his assistance with other services as needed.

Nomination: Syndee Grace ; no report

Unfinished Business: Sean Ferrell returned un-used scholarship funds in the amount of \$500.00 dollars to the region . Audrey stated that they had a good time at SERVE, they 16 to 18 people participating, they divided up and distributed food, and she encouraged membership participation this year.

New Business: Chair stated that is bylaw change proposal for the Energy Ad HOC Committee into a Standing Committee, at the Mid Year Meeting Charlottesville, Va. On April 26th. The chair also got input from the membership concerning whether the BOD/ VBCOA Strategic Plan was being fulfilled?. There were many comments from the floor from the membership and the chair.

Announcements/Dates of Events:

Adjourn