

VBCOA REGION V MEETING MINUTES



May 13, 2010

Region V Officers: Syndee Grace, Chair
Greg Fields, Vice Chair
Linda Frye, Treasurer
Ellis McKinney, Secretary absent (Eric Rice-Johnston recorded the minutes)

Meeting was Called to Order @ 1:05.
Required attendance for a Quorum was established:
13 members attended, representing 7 jurisdictions.

Reading of Minutes: Minutes from the March meeting were not available, and were deferred to the July meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chair's Report: Syndee Grace:

- Three By-law changes made at the MidYear Meeting in Charlottesville have now been posted on the website.
- The Energy Conservation Committee is now a Standing committee.
- The Nomination Committee is now a Special committee, chaired by the Past President, with a representative from each Region.
- Region Chairs have cut the budget to the Board of Directors. This will affect our retainer for a lobbyist; previously budgeted at \$18,000/year. Can this retainer be reduced without losing the lobbyist's clout? Also, there is no State-level funding for scholarships.
- Building Safety Month, May, had a good kick-off in Alexandria, with 'Sophisticated Buildings'.
- VBCOA is developing a Speaker's Bureau, a traveling 'show' to localities:
 - topics need to be outlined and scripts developed.
Green buildings; pool & spa safety; Architect's role, etc. etc.
 - looking for people willing to speak publicly on behalf of VBCOA and building code management.
 - speaker fees go to VBCOA: half to Chapter, half to State.

Treasurer's Report: \$10,493.42 in savings account ; \$ 3,147.75 in checking account. There was a motion on the floor and a second to accept the treasurer's report; no discussion; motion passed.
Moved, Seconded, Approved (MSA)

- Awards Resolution: Murli Dhage & Gregg Fields: Need to evaluate & decide by July meeting how to apportion scholarship funds. VBCOA Fall Meeting moved to Williamsburg.
- Education:
 - State - Gary Greene: No report
 - Region - Audrey Clark: No report
- Building Code: Bill Ertumen & Elmagraby: No report
- Fire Safety: Maurice Jones: No report
- Egress: Carolyn Majowka: No report
- IRC : John Orrison & Lei Fei : No report

- **Energy Conservation: Steve Turchen & Ellen Eggerton:** No report
- **Legislation: Ellis McKinney:** No report
- **Plumbing /Mechanical: John Walters & Dan Boylan:** No report
- **Membership: Linda Frye/ Jay Patton:** No report
- **Property Maintenance: Sean Ferrell:** No report

- **Public Information: Lorenzo Harris:** May is Building Safety Month. Northern Virginia Building Officials kickoff was on May 10, featuring Sophisticated Buildings. State Technical Review Board; authority from Code of Virginia: §36-105 and §36-114.
- **Time & Place: Audrey Clark:** Still looking for help from jurisdictions to offer prospects for consideration. Arlington will be hosting our July class on Ethics.
- **Nomination: Syndee Grace:** There is one more meeting before the Fall Meeting to select prospective officers. Looking for a new Secretary.
- **Interjurisdiction:: Audrey Clark:** This was hosted by Arlington, which has been developing a new plans tracking system to smooth the permit review operations. Also, looked at applications for damage assessment and use of GIS software.

- **Past Presidents: Guy Tomberlin / Jon Catlett:** No report

Unfinished Business:

- discussion on promoting new membership in VBCOA
- Pins are available, \$2 each, to promote VBCOA
- We have dedicated a funding of \$750 to support Guy Tomberlin in ICC, per May meeting.
- Question was raised—did we move, last May or March, to maintain \$5,000 in our checking acct.? Note that we presently have ~\$3,150, per Treasurer’s report.

New Business:

- **From Guy Tomberlin:** Requested consideration of support for advertising in ICC Region 7 brochure for the ICC Charlottesville Conference, October 24-31, 2010. This will jointly involve VFPA(~?), VPMIA and VBCOA with a total cost of \$1,200. MSA support for \$300 for this.
- **June 6: Ventilation Air class (presented by Richard Grace) promoted as a fundraiser.** Hand out flyers to jobsites, email contacts, web page to help spread the word.
- **Dumfries has been very gracious to let us use their facilities for training and meeting.** MSA to donate \$300 to the Dumfries Fire Department for this blessing.
- **Can we put together a class on ‘Code Change’, to be offered sometime following Williamsburg? Discussion.**
- **Brian Foley is willing to provide 2009 VRC wall bracing training.**
- **Promotional opportunities:**
 - 10-15 minute YouTube segments to be displayed at jurisdictions with monitors in the permit waiting areas.
 - Facebook
 - Public Access local TV
- **DPOR is not requiring Contractors to be familiar with code changes. Is this a situation VBCOA might reach out for? (think, paid training classes)**

- **Further discussion of development a Speaker's Bureau (see Chair's Report, above)**
 - **Materials & scripting**
 - **Times & places**
 - **Target audiences**
 - **Promotion ways and means.**

Announcements/Dates of Events: July 15, Class on Ethics and on Blight, in Arlington.

Adjourn @ 2:25

**Respectfully Submitted
Eric Rice-Johnston**