Ohio Building Officials Association

Secretary’s Report

Board of Directors Meeting

December 17, 2010

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Rudey at 10:07 am

Roll Call:

The following members were present:

Mike Rudey, Guy Fursdon, Renee’ Snodgrass, Mike Spry, Philip Seyboldt, Charles Huber, Mike Boso, Paul Kowalczyk, Jene Gaver, John Cheatham, Ray Sack, Rick Helsinger, Roy Baver, Michael Mihalisin, Regina Hanshaw, Jack Pryor, Kris Klaus, Jeff Bechtold, Chet Hopper, Mary Sampsel, Jan Sokolnicki

Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as written. Motion: Spry; Second: Fursdon

Treasurer’s Report (Spry)

The treasurer’s report was approved as submitted. Motion: Snodgrass; Second: Gaver. There was then discussion regarding a request received from Tim Payne for ICC Conference reimbursement that was not on the original approved attendee list. Phil Seyboldt reported that he would give Mike Spry a contact for the IRS tax exemption form

Secretary’s Report

The secretary’s report was given by Renee’ Snodgrass and approved as submitted. Motion: Fursdon; Second: Spry. Renee’ thanked Mike Spry and Guy Fursdon for covering the minutes during her excused absence.

Committee Reports:
Legislative (Huber)

Charles Huber is continuing to watch three bills which are moving slowly. The Bureau of Indian Affairs funded the process for NFPA 5000. ICC sees a conflict with it. This would reverse policy and grant tribes the ability to select their own code. You may refer to the email campaign on ICC’s website for more information.

Mike Rudey commented that HB 289 may be moving forward which is a residential licensing program.

Audit (Seyboldt)

No Report

Education (Kowalczyk)

BOCONEO reported that they sponsored a course which had a positive turnout. Many of their members cannot attend the conference for credit due to budget constraints. Ray Sack reported that they had 137 attendees the first day and 97 the second day. The two day course offered 12 CEU’s and the price was $200 for both days and $120 for one day which included lunch. There were many fire officials in attendance since one of the courses was on fire protection. There are plans for a spring course as well. Mr. Sack further reported that the proceeds are going toward scholarships for members to attend the conference.

Renee’ Snodgrass discussed an opportunity for OBOA to partner with OSHA for cross training. This would benefit OBOA members when OSHA is inspecting a factory and notice construction taking place without permits. They could then contact the building official to let them know about the project. Vice versa, we could contact OSHA if we think there may be an OSHA violation.

NWBOOA is working on completion of a mechanical course with updated numbers.

EMA Ohio.gov just put out a list of available courses.
**Publication (Boso)**

The deadline for the next OBOA angle is December 31, 2010. We need chapter updates, new officers, awards, etc.

Regina Henshaw then discussed the Dave Smith award which was awarded to Mike Boso’s jurisdiction, Grove City. Jerry Holland created the award in recognition of Dave Smith who retired. Grove City has the support of their elected officials. The Board congratulated Mike repeatedly on his Department’s accomplishment.

**Disaster (Mihalisin)**

Mike Mihalisin reported that the disaster response information is nearing completion. Mike Rudey commented that OBOA needs to improve their relationship with the EMA. Jack Pryor suggested inviting a representative from EMA to the OBOA meetings. There are disaster courses scheduled at the conference. A disaster response form was then presented to the group.

**Past Presidents (Seyboldt)**

No Report

**By-Laws (Huber)**

Mike Rudey reported that we will look at changing the bylaws to incorporate the conference training guideline.

**Region V**

Jeff Bechtold requested a meeting room at the joint conference for a Region V meeting. Cash Olzowy could not attend the meeting due to weather but Mr. Bechtold forwarded his sincere appreciation for supporting him during his successful campaign as Region V Board of Directors.
Membership (Snodgrass)

Renee’ Snodgrass reported that she completed and submitted the Chapter Rewards application. OBOA scored enough points to provide eight conference registrations. Ms. Snodgrass further stated that she needs chapter rosters for the annual report and to be used as a mailing list for conference registrations.

Joint Conference (Fursdon)

Mary Sampsel reported that on-line conference registration will be available next week. The conference fee is $250.00 for early-bird registration. Early bird registration cut off is February 1, 2011 and then the price goes to $300.00. Some courses are pending approval. Regina Henshaw requested that they obtain new approval numbers. There will be courses offered for elevator, daycare. There are 2 half day bus tours being offered. There are over 70 hours of education being offered and there will be Sunday classes as well. The Green Tags Band will perform at the social event.

Mike Rudey requested that the information be posted on the OBOA website. Ms Sampsel reported that there is plenty of booth space still available. OAPI requested a booth. There was then discussion regarding the invitation list.

ICC Code Change (Myers)

No Report

Promotion (Snodgrass)

Renee’ Snodgrass reported that she has all of the contents needed for the welcome packet but needs to get the folders. Mike Rudey stated that he would contact Rob Cendol to order the folders.

Program (Fursdon)

No report
Residential Code Interpretations (Gaver)

No report

Residential Code of Ohio (Fursdon)

No Report

Website Update

OBOA received 32,000 hits for the month of November.

Old Business:

Education Ad Hoc Committee

Mike Rudey reported that the committee is divided into three groups; Plans Examiner, Building Official, and Building Inspectors. Jan Sokolnicki and Debbie Ohler are working with the groups. The Code Academy will be broken into 14 or 15 courses. All courses are Ohioized.

Nomination Committee Appointment

Nominations are due by December 31st. Applications are available on the website. Rick Helsinger reported that resolutions are needed for the joint conference thanking the host chapter. Renee’ Snodgrass needs names of deceased members. We also need chapter ads for the joint conference and the ad advertising the next conference.

Nominations/Awards/Scholarships

Mike Rudey announced the names for the Nominations Committee which includes Past President, Phil Seyboldt; Stephen Moore; Bruce Wholf, Mary Sampsel, and Mike Mihalisin. This committee will also review scholarship applicants.
Conference Reimbursements

COCOA needs OBOA’s 5013C form. Mike Spry is setting up a separate conference account and will be in charge of the accounting. Guy Fursdon will oversee the activities.

New Business

RCAC Code Amendments/Sprinklers

Mike Rudey reported that organizations were not aware of the 2012 IRC updates going into the Residential Code of Ohio. Information regarding the implementation was not distributed ahead of time therefore OBOA did not have the opportunity to prepare a response. He would like for the RCAC to reconsider their approval. These changes leave a lot of voids for different scenarios in construction. For example; if a basement is unfinished how is this covered with the changes that require drywall for fire protection? We also do not have a cost impact study. Phil Seyboldt suggested that we make a stance that we are not against the code changes but take issue with the process that was not followed. We do not have proper cost analysis. These changes could significantly affect the cost of construction to support the required drywall as well.

Rick Helsinger stated that we need to look at the safety issue. It was recorded that in July this issue was brought up and testified on at the RCAC meeting.

Regina Henshaw stated the RCAC operations have changed and are more procedural now and the process was followed in accordance with “Roberts Rules of Order” and that costs were discussed.

Jan Sokolnicki further stated that OBBS does not advocate to the RCAC. Safety, costs, and other variables are taken into consideration. The RCAC has the responsibility to give recommendations to OBBS on the code. Jan then discussed the way that OBOA presented the post and beam standards to be incorporated into the code. Jan further stated that the RCAC is not ready to make recommendation to OBBS at this point and it has not been concluded. Jan concluded with stating that OBOA needs to be more engaged with the process since we no longer have a code committee.

Mike Spry defended the post frame standards process and stated that the post and frame guidelines were sent to everyone in advance and that Mike Brady from OBBS was part of the
post and frame committee. Mike further agreed that OBOA should not have dissolved the code review committee.

It was decided that Mike Rudey would send a letter to the RCAC for review and be present for the January 5th meeting.

**Adopting Conference Manual/amending BDP 4-1996**

The conference manual guideline was then approved to be incorporated into the BDP. Motion: Boso; 2nd Spry.

**Proposed Board Position for OFOA**

Corey Robley was not able to attend but was going to bring Dan Fitzpatrick from the Ohio Fire Official’s Association for the ICC Chapter standing seat on the Board. The position is non-voting. A bylaw change needs to be made so that we can add the position. The item was tabled until the January meeting. Mike Rudey stated that he would also like to have the OBOA past president as part of OFOA’s Board as well. Charles Huber will bring proposal to the next meeting.

**Director at Large/Marcus Eudell Resignation**

Mike Rudey stated that he received a letter from Marcus Eudell resigning his position as Board of Director. BOCONEO will present a name to fill Marcus’ seat. Phil recommended Ray Sack to fill the position. Motion: Spry; Boso: 2nd.

**OBBS UPDATE:**

Regina Henshaw discussed the referenced standards update that will be incorporated into the 2011 NEC. Regina distributed the BBS 2010 Year End Report.

Peter Korda is the new structural engineer.

OBBS is looking at the commercial codes. The Educational Advisory Group is modeled after FEMA’s program.
November’s Code Academy was presented by BBS staff. This year, lodging was offered and they provided code books to attendees.

Ms. Henshaw then discussed recertification for training courses. Courses need to be submitted for approval on an annual basis. This will also help to eliminate one time courses and will shorten the list. This will include conference courses.

There has been a change in that you don’t have to wait for a board meeting to get department certification changes.

Mandatory courses this year may be handled on-line.

**ICC Update**

Laura Scott reported that raising the Profile deadline is January 10th. The Chapter Rewards deadline was extended. Chapter benefits can now be combined. For example, two chapters can a day of training together and receive 50% off of seminars and books. The rewards will no longer carry over and must be used the year received.

**Open Discussion**

Region V President Jeff Bechtold discussed the National Association of Building Officials which would be a separate organization from an ICC chapter that would assist with scholarships to attend conferences. The program is similar to one that the fire service has. The idea is preliminary and Jeff has been selected as part of the initial group to research to either promote or disapprove the program. The goal is to get more officials involved with the code change process.

**Next OBOA Meeting will be January 21 at the BBS offices in Reynoldsburg at 9:00 am.**

**Meeting Adjournment at 1: 40 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Renee’ Snodgrass

OBOA Secretary