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MFBO Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Date: January 24, 2012

Location: Sturbridge Savings Bank

Attendance: Dave Betts; Gary Stubbins; Dan Hellyer; Dave Jensen; Tony Zahariadis; Matt Hakala; Paul Tacy; Dan Walsh; Paul Spiro; Bob Camacho; Don Jordan

Called to Order: 9:34 a.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Dave Betts motion to accept; Matt Hakala second: Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Jensen reported that he will analyze the costs associated with the apparel income and report to the board to perhaps adjust the percentage MFBO profits from sales.

Paul Spiro motioned to accept; Matt Hakala second: Passed

Old Business:

Dan Walsh went over the committee member assignments.

Bob Camacho gave an update on the BFBR, NFPA subcommittee meeting that he attended. He stated that they continue to go through Chapter 1 (Administration). They did not go over the next section, "Buildings and Structures," at this meeting. A lot of the items that they were going over were those that MFBO have already addressed with the fire service groups. The next meeting is on February 2, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in Stowe.

Dan Walsh gave a report on his meeting of January 9, 2012 with the Fire Marshall, FCAM president and Tom Gatzunis regarding the "tension" with FCAM on HB2406. The Fire Marshall took exception to what staff did and he was concerned with the Building Officials not giving the public safety view; but only speaking to the costs of this measure. FCAM and MFBO did not know what staff did with the proposal and Dan wanted to put this forward to Commissioner Gatzunis. Dan suggested to them that we get trained together on certain subjects such as what we would need from each other in case of a fire. Dan stated that the Fire Marshall will work on getting us in the same training room for these certain areas of interest so that we can all think the same and work cooperatively.

Committee Reports:

Legislative: Matt Hakala spoke on two upcoming bills; SB2091 on swimming pool licensing and SB 1566 on Manufactured Homes.

Code Development: Progress. BBRs did not get through a lot of the matters before them.

Fund Raising: Paul Spiro gave an overview of the draft letter before the board seeking member donations. BOWM and SEMBOA have each sent monies to MFBO from their respective associations. Tony Zahariadis stated that the board of directors of MBCIA has no desire to give monies to fund MFBO. Dan Walsh stated that he will make himself available to speak to any of the associations regarding this matter. He stated that MFBO must make an effort to attend a meeting and speak to the members of MBCIA of what MFBO does, the progress that it has made and what we are working on in future months. It was suggested that information be sent to MBCIA for placement in their quarterly newsletter. On top of the \$2,000.00 donation from BOWM, Paul Tacy stated he would look into obtaining an annual donation from his BOWM members. Paul Spiro stated that he would like to receive any comments from board members by the 15th of February so that a final draft could be discussed at the next meeting. Gary Stubbins stated that he would be trying to set up some time to speak with a grant writer and seek some sort of costs associated with this.

Public Relations: Tony Zahariadis spoke on the brochure and the minor edits made and obtaining a new photo for the 1st page. Bob Camacho spoke on Building Safety Month. He stated that ICC has not put anything out as yet and the PR committee was working on updating Mike Foley's PowerPoint presentation. Dan Walsh read some comments made by Mike Mendoza regarding the "Hiring Guide". Comments and some minor edits were discussed and made. Dave Jensen suggested that this be put on the MFBO website. All members were in favor of this.

Other Business:

Bob Camacho spoke on the lunch that he had with Allan Fraser from NFPA where they discussed separate codes. Bob feels that we should invite Allan to one of our meetings for further discussion.

Dan Walsh spoke on development of an operating budget for MFBO. He also spoke on the purchase of "InstaTrac" software. A discussion ensued on establishing amounts for each expense item. These amounts would be further enhanced at the next meeting.

Dan Hellyer spoke on being contacted by NARI for 4-5 building officials to take part in their Appreciation Night.

Dan Walsh stated that BBRs did not undertake matters regarding Chapter 9. It was moving along in the 485 process

The MFBO Boston post office box was discussed.

Dan Walsh spoke regarding the MFBO annual meeting which is scheduled to occur on the 1st Tuesday in March. He stated that the board could move the meeting date, possibly to March 27, 2012. He will go over this with the board at February's meeting.

Association News:

BOWM: Paul Tacy reported that he had a good discussion with his members. They wish to do more in helping MFBO in its endeavors.

The next MFBO meeting is to be held at the same location on Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

Matt Hakala motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bob Camacho second: Passed

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul D. Spiro
Acting Secretary

Board Meeting Date: February 28, 2012
Charlton Rd

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200

Attendance: Michael Mendoza; Dave Betts; Curtis Meskus; Tony Zahariadis; Paul Spiro; Matthew Hakala; Paul Tacy; Tim FitzGerald; Gary Stubbins; Dan Walsh; Dan Hellyer, Robert Camacho and Dave Jensen

Called to Order: 9:30am

Guest: None

Ethics Letter:

The President feels that the issue has been discussed and should be closed.

The President spoke about speaking to MBCIA regarding their presence within this group. Full participation will benefit us greatly.

Minutes:

January minutes were discussed.

Hakala motion to accept the minutes
2nd by FitzGerald

All In Favor

BFPR NFPA 1

The President discussed the meeting in Stow. They are in Chapter 1 now and are reviewing it intently. Due to vacations, Joseph Mikielian is unable to attend, so there will be a coverage issue for the next meeting.

Discussion on the availability of retired building officials to attend meetings like the BFPR NFPA 1. The President suggested that each Association to see if they have any retired building official that would be interested in going to meetings to help out.

Illegal Apartment Training

Walsh was invited to attend the proposed training on Illegal Apartments by DFS. Discussion.

Chapter 1

Mendoza spoke about a concern that under the 8th Edition, Chapter 1, as written has reduced some of our authority. Discussion.

President

The President spoke about the February 14th meeting he had with Commissioner Gatzunis. Discussion about items like the sheet metal board; NFPA1 Subcommittee; future meetings with Sec. Heffernan; follow up meeting with the Sec. of Insurance as well as speaking about several proposed bills.

The President discussed the proposed changes to the AAB and that the Architects are looking for a proposal that they chose who would represent Architects on the committee.

Building Safety month was discussed by the President and Commissioner Gatzunis on the 14th.

During that meeting, Commissioner Gatzunis stated that he would like a list of all local building officials contact information so that he would be able to contact them if they were needed.

Commissioner Gatzunis also discussed a possible program for the training of new building officials.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Raising: Spiro asked if there was a draft letter available on fundraising that he could use to send out more letters to various companies? Spiro would like to put together a donation letter which could be part of MBCIAs' newsletter. Discussion.

The Taunton Training (May 9th & 10th) would be stocked with apparel which Tacy still has on hand.

Spiro motion to secure \$630 for the purchasing of apparel for the Taunton Event
2nd by Hakala

Discussion.

All In Favor

Grants: Mendoza and Stubbins are working on securing corporate grants.

Legislative:

HB 3841. The President talked about going to the hearing with Mendoza. Discussion. The President will draft a letter in opposition to this bill.

SB 1566. Discussion about whether we should send a letter at all.

Betts motion to send a letter of support
2nd by Meskus

Discussion. 10 Yes 2 No

SB 2091. Discussion. The President will send a letter of opposition.

Code Development: Meskus spoke about his attendance at the February 14th BBRS hearing.

PR: Meskus went over the handout brochure that had put together. Meskus and Tacy will work on a picture for the cover. The Board approved the printing of 1,000 once the picture has been selected.

Hiring Guide Line: Discussion of guide ling Tacy put together.

FitzGerald motion to accept the Guide with amendments

2nd by Zahariadis

All In Favor

Develop a Budget:

Discussion. Break down:

Mail Box: \$150 Web Site: \$120 Bank Account: \$192 Cost for Instatrack \$3,280 plus a onetime fee of \$350

Printing: \$400 Postage/Office Supplies: \$300 **Total Annual Budget would be \$4,792**

Treasurers Report:

Jensen discussed the need of more funds for the various accounts to keep us going. Discussion.

NARI:

Hakala spoke about his meeting with them and that the next meeting would be March 7th.

Chapter 9, roll of the Fire Chief:

The President stated that it was going thru the 485 process.

General Meeting:

Tacy made a motion that the March 27th meeting be viewed as our Annual Meeting.

2nd by FitzGerald

All In Favor

Association Presidents

Tacy spoke about the Town of Lenox concern about the proposal by the State Bldg Code to increase the square footage of tents.

Camacho spoke about the need to do something for Building Safety month on next month's meeting. The President stated that he would draft something up for Building Safety month.

It was brought up that when we meet with the Insurance Commission to discuss how some of the insurance companies have been misusing the placards (regarding the tornado incident in western Massachusetts).

Other:

The President spoke about the Fire Marshall had contacted him on two bills SB 1244 and SB 1251. Regarding SB 1244, Walsh stated that he would draft an opinion but that he had yet to see the amended version of this bill.

SB 1251 is for structures constructed after 1975 and the amendment would exclude structures for 5 years after issued CO.

Adjourn: 12:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Mendoza
Secretary

Board Meeting Date: March 27, 2012

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd

Attendance: Michael Mendoza; Dave Betts; Don Jordan ; Curtis Meskus; Tony Zahariadis; Paul Spiro; Matthew Hakala; Paul Tacy; Tim FitzGerald; Gary Stubbins; Dan Walsh; Joseph Mikielian; Dan Hellyer; Robert Camacho and Dave Jensen

Called to Order: 9:30am

Guest: Commissioner Gatzunis

Allen Frazer:

The President stated that Mr. Frazer could not make it today and would re-schedule.

Commissioner Gatzunis:

The Commissioner spoke on the upcoming meeting with ISO. That Undersecretary Wells has called the ISO directly and has scheduled a meeting during the first week of May. Discussion about the fact that the ISO has an issue with Plumbing and Wiring Inspectors not being certified, which will be discussed at the upcoming meeting.

The Commissioner also spoke about 15 bills which are ready to come out of committee. He will forward them to Mr. Walsh when he get them.

Tacy asked the Commissioner as to the status of Mr. Semples' replacement. The Commissioner stated that the problem is at the state house due to people there leaving.

The Commissioner also stated that the BBRS hearing agenda will be posted on the BBRS website which will be done in house.

The Commissioner also had confirmed that the sheet metal code will need to go before the BCCC before it could be released.

Minutes:

February minutes were discussed. Changes to the Budget sections was needed: Total Annual Budge to \$5,712 and add to the line item \$300 for meeting space.

Tacy motion to accept the minutes with the amendments
2nd by FitzGerald

All In Favor

Annual Meeting

In accordance with our by laws, the Annual Meeting was called to Open by the President. There was a discussion about the Annual Meeting by the membership.

Curtis motioned to Close the Annual Meeting
2nd by Spiro

All In Favor

BFPR NFPA 1

The President stated that the next meeting will be on April 5th in Stow.

BFPR NFPA 1/527 Sub-Committees:

The President stated that we have been offered a seat on these committees. By April 15th, the three presidents from each association are to submit the names of 6 people to sit on these committees. As for location, Stow will be the default location.

Illegal Apartment Training

The President spoke on the meeting and that we all have to careful about the peoples' 4th amendment rights. Discussion.

Chapter 1

Mendoza stated that it was ready to go and that all the needs to be done now is to submit the paperwork. Discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Raising: Spiro spoke about a letter he had put together for a contribution drive. The President stated that he has spoken to the BOD of MBCIA about this.

Spiro also spoke about a raffle for the Taunton Training (May 9th & 10th) which he had in mind. All he asked of the MFBO is for them to pay the taxes and for lunch and he would take care of the rest.

Discussion of having about \$100 worth of apparel at the Taunton Training.

PR: The group went over the brochure.

Bldg Safety Month: Commissioner Gatzunis stated that he does have request into the Governor to sign the proclamation. Camacho will also send an eclectic version to the 3 Association presidents.

Hiring Guide: Went over the work Curtis had done for the hiring guide.

Legislative:

SB 1251. The President talked about still not seeing the amendments for this bill. Discussion.

Tacy motion to have the President send a letter of support but based on the amendment.
2nd by Betts

Discussion.

All In Favor

SB 1244. Discussion.

FitzGerald motion to accept with the amendments and add “Chief of Inspections or designee”

2nd by Meskus

Discussion. 13 Yes 1 No

Treasurers Report:

Jensen discussed the tax report for the last year. We had expended \$620 more than what we had taken in. We made a net gain of \$462 in clothing. Discussion.

Meskus motion accept the minutes
2nd by FitzGerald

All In Favor

Develop a Budget:

Our budget will be set at \$5, 712. Discussion.

Tacy motion accept this figure and to review this figure every March at our Annual Meeting.
2nd by FitzGerald

All In Favor

NARI:

Hakala spoke about his meeting with them on March 7th..

Taunton Two Day Training:

Discussion about getting a table for this event on May 9th & 10th. Spiro will work with Mendoza on this.

Other:

Camacho spoke on getting representation at the NEBOA regarding helping in putting together the programs at UMAS Amherst. Discussion. The MFBO will look into what more they can do to help.

Adjourn: 12:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Mendoza
Secretary

Attendance:

Gary Stubbins, Paul Spiro, Dan Walsh, Paul Tacy, Bob Camacho, Curtis Meskus, Joe Mikielian, Tony Zahariadis, Matt Hakala and Dave Jensen.

Meeting called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Dan Walsh stated that we would have a guest at this meeting, Mr. Alan B. Fraser, Sr. Building Code Specialist from NFPA regarding building official involvement with the NFPA and their code process. Dan advised that we should look into NFPA 13 and the ICC version of residential sprinklers to get familiar with the differences in case the use of sprinklers in one and two family residential dwellings comes to fruition.

Minutes of the last meeting were discussed with some amendments made. Changes will be made prior to posting.

Curtis Meskus motioned to accept amended minutes.

Matt Hakala second.

Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Mikielian gave a report on the BFPR/NFPA-1 subcommittee meetings. At this meeting they spoke and went over the issuance of permits and licenses. The next meeting will be held on May 9, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

Dan Walsh handed out amended list of BFPR subcommittee assignments. Dan stated that he will attend the MBCIA meeting on May 22, 2012 and speak to them regarding the BFPR assignments and their involvement .

Paul Tacy motion to endorse amended list to BFPR subcommittee as representatives of MFBO.

Curtis Meskus second.

Passed

Dan Walsh spoke on DFS "illegal" apartment training which will now be known as "Achieving Safe Housing". He went over training dates and asked board members to inform their association members of these training dates.

Dan Walsh discussed the new Agenda format. This format would exclude the committee assignments; these committee assignments would be kept on the Minutes. Also, Minutes and the Agenda would be marked and "titled" at the top of the first page to be more easily distinguishable.

Dan Walsh advised the board on his upcoming meeting between representative(s) of ISO and Association Presidents along with the Insurance Commissioner's office. It was hoped that some information will be given regarding the ISO ratings and the impacts (s) these ratings have on communities.

Dan Walsh stated that he has been asked by Kim Spencer if MFBO requests that Bonnie Weeks and Christopher Clement be re-appointed to the Building Certification Committee or that two new members be proposed. These appointments must meet geographical coverage requirements. Currently, Bonnie is from the Western area of the state while Christopher is from the Northeast/Boston area. Dan suggested that MFBO board members query their association membership for any interest in these appointments and also ask if these current members wish to be re-appointed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund Raising: Paul Spiro spoke on the raffle to be held at SEMBOA two-day training in May. A discussion was held regarding the Scenic Flight to Nantucket or perhaps a raffle for \$100.00 worth of MFBO merchandise. It was suggested that the Scenic Flight be raffled whereas the apparel sells very well during this event without having to raffle any items. A 50/50 raffle would be held each day with a drawing being held at the end of each day's lunch. Paul stated that the Scenic Flight tickets would be sold for \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. He also stated that the maximum cost to MFBO would be \$80.00-\$100.00. Paul requested that any MFBO member interested in covering the table during the day should contact him in the morning so that a schedule may be prepared.

Legislative: Dan Walsh spoke on bills that the board has discussed and where they are in the process. He stated that BSA has an interest to meet with NARI and Building Associations to let them know what these bills entail.

Code Development: Dan Walsh reported that SEMBOA has reached out to BBRS staff to recommend changes for Chapter One. Since Mike Mendoza was not present, the status of this will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Public Relations: Curtis Meskus spoke on the draft banner that he had put together for MFBO members to view. The proclamation for Building Safety Month, signed by the Governor Patrick was to be displayed on the MFBO website. Dan Walsh thanked the committee, especially Tony Zahariadis and Bob Camacho regarding the new brochure.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A discussion commenced regarding the adoption of the annual budget, the end of the fiscal year and the annual meeting. It was suggested by Dave Jensen that these dates, all different, should be considered to be tied together so that any budget adoption didn't start in the middle of the fiscal year. Dave will get a complete list of dates for filings together so that this topic may be discussed at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

BBRS: Curtis Meskus stated that at the last meeting, a discussion of modular homes continued. Chapter One was still being looked at by staff; a lot of items were taken out of Chapter One and there is a move to put those items back into this chapter. On legislative proposals, action (opinions) was taken on several proposals, including; HB2406, SB1251, HB1558 and HB 648 (HD628) and other bills that were discussed at past MFBO meetings.

Mailbox: Dan Walsh stated that he would get the key from Rick Wakem.

GUEST:

Alan B. Fraser, CBI, CPCA spoke to MFBO board members regarding NFPA's desire to recruit Building Officials for placement on NFPA's technical committees. He stated that NFPA would pay 80% of travel and hotel costs for those working on these committees. He explained that of the 225 committees, only 37 of them have Building Officials as a part of these committees. By getting involved, Building Officials can have a "direct say" in Codes and Standards of the NFPA. A discussion ensued regarding this and other items that each board member had a chance to ask Mr. Fraser. He welcomed the opportunity to come back to another meeting with further information he was not able to give during this session. Dan Walsh thanked Mr. Fraser for taking the time to come to Sturbridge to meet with MFBO.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at Southbridge Savings Bank.

Tony Zahariadis motioned to close the meeting.

Bob Camacho second.

Passed

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul D. Spiro, CBO
Acting Secretary

Board Meeting Date: May 22, 2012

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd

Attendance: Michael Mendoza; Dave Betts; Curtis Meskus; Tony Zahariadis; Paul Spiro; Matthew Hakala; Paul Tacy; Tim FitzGerald; Dan Walsh; and Joseph Mikielian

Called to Order: 9:30am

Guest: None

President confirmed that we had a quorum

Treasurers Report:

Jensen could not make the meeting. The President confirmed that \$5,712 is our annual budget figure. Discussion was when do our fiscal year begins? Also, should we be closing on our annual meeting in March? Or should we be going from July 1st to June 30th? Discussion. Decision is to leave it up to Jensen to come back to us with suggestion for dates.

Discussion that the only 2 current funding source was both BOWM and SEMBOA.

Purchase Instatrack:

Discussion on purchasing this service. It was determined that there would be a \$4,100 cost which included the set up fee and then the yearly rate would be around \$3,780 per year. There was a discussion of who would be able to use it once it was purchased and who should it be registered under.

Meskus made a motion to purchase from the Operational Account Instatrack under the MFBO name.
2nd by Zahariadis

Discussion

All inFavor

Minutes:

January minutes were discussed.

Meskus motion to accept the minutes
2nd by Zahariadis

Discussion. It was mentioned that Joseph Mendonca had passed away and the minutes needed to reflect that.

All In Favor

Bldg Official Members At Large:

The President spoke about a letter from the BBRS, dated April 19, 2012; requesting our position of reappointing the following At Large Members: Bonnie Weeks and Christopher Clemente.

Discussion was about the fact that Weeks was currently unemployed and if employment was required to be a Member At Large?

Meskus motion to accept both Clemente and Weeks for reappointment
2nd by Betts

9 In Favor 1 abstention

BFPR NFPA 1

Mikielian discussed the meeting in Stow. He spoke on the issue of clarification for the new 527CMR and its impact to 750CMR regarding permits. Discussion. The members felt that construction should not be part of their maintenance code. There was also the question of getting the proper support during these hearings. Next meeting will be June 8th.

527CMR Sub Committee:

The President spoke on going to the meeting. There may be a meeting late in May or early in June to discuss the formation of the committees. The President also spoke on the need to have one person from each of the committees reply back to the MFBO to keep us informed.

Illegal Apartment Training

Training Dates would be forth coming.

NFPA:

The President stated that Mr. Fraser has not submitted the information that he requested as of this date regarding funding.

ISO:

The President spoke of the meeting he had attended with The President from SEMBOA and Mr. Torrico representing BOWM. He would be collection all of the notes to put together a letter which will be sent out to the building officials.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Raising: Spiro went over the cost and profit for attending the 2 day training at Taunton. Spiro thanked everyone who helped out at the tables and that the 50/50 worked out well and that the best seller was any clothing items that they had on hand went quickly. Discussion. The President authorized \$80 to be given to Spiro for the plane raffle to help in costs.

Grants: Spiro spoke on the latest development regarding the search for grants with him, Mendoza and Stubbins.

Legislative:

The President spoke on the recent SJC hearing decision regarding the building code. Discussion.

The President with the BSA will meet with Senator Timilty to discuss the opposition to the following bills: 2406, 1215, 1558 and 648.

Code Development: Meskus spoke on several proposal by the home builders which will be forwarded to Jensen and Camacho. Discussion.

PR: The President thanked everyone that worked at the 2 day training in Taunton.

Associate Member Request:

Discussion of the application of Christopher R. Noonan as an Association Member.

Mendoza motion to accept the application
2nd by Meskus

All in Favor

Next was the discussion of what to charge for an Associate Membership.

Meskus motion to charge a fee of \$20 per year with the money due on October 1st.
2nd by Tracy

All in Favor

Mail Box:

Discussion of doing away with the mail box in Boston and use either the address of the president and or the one on the website for ordering clothing.

Zahariadis motion to do away with the Boston mail box.
2nd by Meskus

All in Favor

Association Presidents

The President was asked by Kennedy (MBCIA) as to what type of ICC classes would they like to see at the upcoming training in April. Discussion.

Adjourn: 12:05pm
Respectfully submitted,

Michael Mendoza
Secretary

Board Meeting Date: June 26, 2012

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd

Attendance: Michael Mendoza; Dave Betts; Curtis Meskus; Tony Zahariadis; Paul Spiro; Gary Stubbins; Bob Camacho; Paul Tacy; Tim FitzGerald; Dan Walsh; David Jensen and Joseph Mikielian

Called to Order: 9:30am

Guest: None

President opened the meeting by going over parts of today's agenda.

Minutes:

May minutes were discussed.

Meskus motion to accept the minutes
2nd by FitzGerald

All In Favor

FCAM President Meeting

The President spoke on the results of his meeting with the new president from FCAM. The new president is trying to come up to speed with what is going on among the two groups. The President stated that the new president did not know about the residential sprinkler letter (Just for Chiefs) that has been going around. Discussion.

BFPR NFPA 1

Mikielian discussed the meeting in Stow. Next meeting will be July 12th. Discussion.

BFPR NFPA 1/527CMR Sub Committee:

The next meeting will be June 27th and The President will be going to the meeting. Discussion.

NFPA:

The President stated that Mr. Fraser has still not submitted the information that he requested as of this date regarding funding the remaining 20% to attend meetings. Bob Camacho has not heard from Mr. Fraser also. Discussion.

ISO:

The President spoke about a letter which will be sent out to the building officials. Discussion.

Treasurers Report:

Jensen stated that he would have a report for the July meeting. Jensen gave his thoughts on the issue of Associate membership as to when dues in to be paid. Discussed to have it run from July 1st through June 30th.

Meskus motion to have Associate membership run from July 1st through June 30th
2nd by Betts

Discussion.

Meskus removed his motion.

Jensen stated that the Fiscal Year for the Budget is to run from October 1st through September 30th.

FitzGerald Motioned to have the Fiscal Year/Association Dues to run/Budget Year from October 1st through September 30th of each year.

Meskus seconded

Discussion

All In Favor

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Raising: The President presented a letter, which will be sent to UMAS, to see if MFBO can have a table setup to do raffles and other items in October. Discussion.

Spiro Motioned to submit the corrected letter to UMAS
Tacy Seconded it.

Discussion

All In Favor

Grants: Spiro stated that he and Stubbins are working on it.

Legislative: The President stated that HB2406, SB1251, HB1558 and HB648 have been sent to study.

Code Development:

Tacy Motioned that the minutes reflect the BOD final decisions on the following code change proposals

Betts Seconded it.

Discussion

All In Favor

2012-09 Would be consistent with past MA building Code. Yes

2012-10 It appears to apply only to Special Inspections per R109. It would be consistent but question what section to put it in.

2012-11 It would be a bad idea.

2012-12 Camacho will check what MGL states to see if it is already addressed there.

2012-13,14,15,16 No on Stretch; adopt as is.

IECC Stretch Code: Discussion. No final position decided upon.

Chapter 1 Mendoza spoke on the current position of it being ready to be filed.

PR: The President spoke about the MMA Conference workshop panel dealing with the subject of hiring building officials. Discussion.

BBRS update

Meskus spoke on the various subjects that was discussed at the hearing. The next hearing will be on July 21st in Taunton.

Mail Box:

The President will look into the mail box issue of doing away with the Boston PO

Association Presidents

No issues

Next Meeting:

Due to the fact that many will be at an ICC conference in October, the President suggested a change of date.

FitzGerald Motioned to have the October date changed to October 30th
Meskus seconded

Discussion

All In Favor

Adjourn: 12:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Mendoza
Secretary

Board Meeting Date: July 26, 2012

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd

Attendance: Michael Mendoza; Dave Betts; Curtis Meskus; Paul Spiro; Matthew Hakala; Paul Tacy; Tim FitzGerald; Dan Walsh; David Jensen and Joseph Mikielian

Called to Order: 9:30am

Guest: None

President opened the meeting by going over parts of today's agenda.

Treasurers Report:

Jensen stated that he would budget \$5, 712 as our operating budget. Discussion as to where the money from the 2 day Taunton training is to be placed in. Operating Account was determined to be the place for it.

Spiro Motioned to approve the Treasurers Report.
Tacy Seconded

All In Favor

October Meeting:

Meeting will be moved to October 30th.

Associate Membership/Dues:

The issue of where to place the changes regarding Associate Membership was discussed. Discussion of making it part of the By Laws but only as a Record. Discussion. Members decided that it will be listed under "Commentary" but place it under "Appendix".

FitzGerald Motioned to create an Appendix with a Commentary.
Hakala Seconded

All In Favor

Minutes:

June minutes were discussed.

Meskus motion to accept the minutes
2nd by Betts

All In Favor

FCAM President Meeting

The President spoke on the results of his meeting with the new president from FCAM. Discussion.

BFPR NFPA 1

Mikielian discussed the meeting in Stow. The 1st draft on Chapter 1 was back from Legal. All Appeals would be going to Fire Prevention. Next meeting will be August 9th.

BFPR NFPA 1/527CMR Sub Committee:

The President spoke on the issue about 4 names not on the submitted list being placed on committees. Walsh had told the Chair of the Committee that the process was not followed and that those 4 individuals do not report back to MFBO, so there may be unforeseen issues. The President stated that we need to know who is attending the meetings. Discussion.

NFPA:

The President stated that Bob Camacho had emailed him some information that will be forwarded to the group.

ISO:

The President was expecting some information to be coming soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Raising: Spiro stated that both he and Stubbins are working on it. They are also working on a donation letter.

Legislative: The President will work with FitzGerald regarding access to Instatrack. Discussion.

The President spoke that now is the time to file some simple legislation before the end of the year. Discussion. Anyone with ideas should send them to FitzGerald.

Code Development:

The President spoke on the following drafts and wanted to get a feeling of our position.

2012-09 Would be consistent with past MA building Code. Yes

2012-10 It appears to apply only to Special Inspections per R109. It would be consistent but question what section to put it in. Yes

2012-11 It would be a bad idea. No

2012-12 Votes: 6 Yes, 2 No and 1 No Position. Will Support

2012-13 Vote: No

Discussed the 1995 report.

Members already have a No position regarding Stretch.

President will draft a letter accordingly.

PR: Discussed different PR ideas to send to newspapers. Looking for a power point presentation. Mendoza will talk to someone about it.

BBRS update

Meskus spoke on the various subjects that were discussed at the hearing.

Mail Box:

The last bill was being paid before it is no longer ours.

Association Presidents

Tacy spoke on an article written by Harry Smith regarding being a building official.

Next Meeting:

August 28th.

Adjourn: 12:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Mendoza
Secretary

Attendance:

Gary Stubbins, Paul Spiro, Dan Walsh, Paul Tacy, Arthur J. Lawler, Curtis Meskus, Joe Mikielian, Matt Hakala and Dave Jensen.

Meeting called to order at 9:40 a.m.

Paul Tacy introduced Arthur J. Lawler to the directors as a new board member representing BOWM. Arthur is the Building Commissioner of Ware, MA.

Dan Walsh introduced Dottie Harris from ICC. Dottie spoke on the scholarship for the upcoming ICC meeting; the “remote voting via email” pilot of which we should be receiving a brochure from ICC with details. She also spoke on grants conference for money available through FEMA/Community Development Block Grants to support building code administration, which would include staffing, training, equipment purchases, etc. Dottie talked of the relationship between ICC and NFPA and the information given to MFBO from Alan Fraser of NFPA and spoke briefly about the committees of each group. She stated that ICC pays all expenses for committee membership and that ICC posts positions of committees on their website. She also stated that any requests for changes to the IRC code for 2015 should be in by the end of January 2013.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Dan Walsh made note of a small correction in the budget to be listed as \$5,712 from \$5,710.

Curtis Meskus motioned to accept the correction and the Treasurer’s Report.
Paul Tacy second.
Passed

MINUTES:

Minutes of the last meeting were discussed.

Curtis Meskus motioned to accept minutes.
Paul Tacy second.
Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan Walsh spoke on the meeting with the Homebuilder’s Association regarding code proposals. He stated that we have the same objectives but different motives. It was the consensus of the board to continue with these meetings for the benefit of both the Homebuilder’s Association and MFBO.

Dan Walsh went over the meeting that he had with Commissioner Gatzunis, Scott Lambiase and Eladio Gore regarding ISO. They expect a future, follow-up meeting with Commissioner Heffernan.

Dan Walsh spoke on his contact with BBRS staff for the standards of construction control. There was a discussion about this matter and it was brought up that MFBO has not been involved with this process. Dan stated that he will attend a meeting when scheduled in this regard.

Dan Walsh stated that he met with FCAM President, Orangio, regarding where both groups were with code proposals currently under discussion. Mr. Orangio stated that two code proposals will be withdrawn. They will meet again on the second Tuesday in September.

Joe Mikielian gave a report on the BFPR/NFPA-1 subcommittee meetings. They continue with discussions on conflicts with state building codes. The next meeting is September 6, 2012.

Dan Walsh handed out BFPR/NFPA subcommittee web addresses for those who wanted to get involved along with committee meeting notices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund Raising: A report will be given at the next meeting.

Legislative: Dan Walsh spoke on the purchase of InstaTrac and the training session that some board members went through to learn its use. Curtis Meskus gave an overview on its setup and daily use. Matt Hakala spoke on the amount of information that can be gleaned from the software.

Code Development: Dan Walsh spoke on the drafts 2012-13; 14; 15 and 16. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding these proposals. Paul Tacy stated that MFBO should ensure that its mission statement be addressed in any letter regarding MFBO's input to any proposals. Paul also stated that uniform and reasonable code proposals should be continually stated to attain MFBO consistency. Dave Jensen stated that he would send more data to Dan Walsh to be added to Dan's letter regarding these issues.

Joe Mikielian motioned to accept draft letter as written with the president given the right to change the letter, with facts provided, by September 4, 2012, and that MFBO does not oppose sprinklers, however, currently the time is not right.

Matt Hakala second.

Passed

Public Relations: A full report will be given at the next meeting. Dan Walsh spoke on the MMA Conference and having a workshop for introduction to MFBO's Hiring Guide.

Board Meeting Date: September 25, 2012

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd

Attendance: Michael Mendoza; Dave Betts; Curtis Meskus; Robert Camacho; Tony Zahariadis; Matthew Hakala; Paul Tacy; Tim FitzGerald; Dan Walsh; and David Jensen

Called to Order: 9:30am

Guest: Commissioner Gatzunis; Christopher Noonan

Commissioner Gatzunis spoke on the status of the BBRS budget. The Commissioner stated that Kim Spencer is the point person in regards to training.

Minutes:

August minutes were discussed. Noted that there is a new BOWM member and some minor changes to the minutes.

Meskus motion to accept the minutes with the changes
2nd by Tacy

All In Favor

Presidents Report:

Walsh spoke about being contacted by the Assistant Town Administrator regarding a job opening in Northborough. Curtis stated that he would re-post it on the website.

Walsh also spoke about the meeting with Secretary of Public Safety on October the 3rd with the Commissioner and the three Association Presidents. Discussion. Some items to bring to the Secretary attention would be school for building officials; removing home owner exemption; college intern; help with grants and the issue with ISO.

Walsh also spoke about a conversation with Dottie Harris regarding code proposals. She stated that they do not disclose what code proposals have been filed. Discussion of the value of having the sprinkler code put in the appendices, which may help states adopt it if they choose. Discussion. FitzGerald would be asked to bring these ideas to the District 6 Group to consider for the 15th and 18th cycle. Also discussed the idea of removing the sprinkler portion from the IRC and making it a stand alone code for adoption.

Walsh also discussed his meeting with John Nummari regarding the proposed control construction affidavits. Discussion.

Walsh discussed his meeting with FCAM's President on September 10th.

BFPR NFPA 1/527CMR Sub Committee:

The President spoke about the progress of this committee to date.

ISO:

The President stated that he was still waiting for some more information and that he would bring this subject up when he would meet with the Secretary in October.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Raising: Mendoza spoke on the current status. Discussion lead to the idea of asking the grant writer to see would charge to search out the grants. FitzGerald stated that he would ask District 6 if they have any grant ideas.

Legislative: Discussion on proposing changes to 148 and the make up of the BFPR. Tacy was interested in changes to 143Y and anyone with thoughts on this should contact Paul.

Curtis spoke on the progress of using the Instatrack. Discussion about billing for this was brought up by Mendoza. Discussion.

Code Development:

The President spoke on the proposed changes to the Manufacturing buildings regarding administration. Jensen will look into 4 code proposals.

The following votes were taken and compared to the votes taken at the July 2012 meeting as requested at this meeting.

2012-18 No Position Motion by Mendoza not to have a position. Seconded by FitzGerald. All in Favor with one Opposed

2012-09 We would support

Past vote: (July 2012) Would support

2012-10 We would support it.

Past vote: (July 2012) Would support

2012-11 FitzGerald would speak with the Home Builders about this.

Past vote: (July 2012) Would NOT support

2012-12 Will revisit in October

Past vote: (July 2012) Votes: 6 Yes, 2 No and 1 No Position. Will Support

2012-14 No Support

2012-16 No Support

Chapter 1: Mendoza stated that there has been no activity.

PR:

The President spoke on two requests: one from the MMA to participate in a project called “billboards”. They would like to have a building official on this panel.

The other request was for putting together a workshop regarding hiring a building official; but they are not going forward with this at this time.

Request from the PHCC for a building official to speak on the subject of sheet metal at their meeting in November in Malden.

Regarding Building Safety month, Zahariadis is working on something and Camacho is working on a power point presentation which can be used on local cable. Suggestion was made to contact Eladio Gore for ideas.

Zahariadis spoke on subjects that he is working on and the President stated that he would contact Torrico to put together stuff for building officials.

BBRS update

Commissioner Gatzunis spoke about the subject of civil fines and proposed changes to the pipe fitters license. Regarding the pipe fitters license change: that any piping through a building will need a pipe fitters license which will be regulated through the DPS.

Curtis asked the Commissioner about the current progress of the sheet metal code; which the Commissioner stated was still in the works.

Mail Box:

Boston mail box will be canceled.

Association Presidents

No comments.

Next Meeting:

October Meeting:

Meeting will be moved to **October 30th**.

Adjourn: 12:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Mendoza
Secretary

October 23, 2012

Federation Board of Directors meeting

Canceled due to Supper Storm Sandy

Board Meeting Date: November 27, 2012
Charlton Rd

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200

Attendance: Michael Mendoza; Dave Betts; Gary Stubbins; Curtis Meskus; Robert Camacho; Tony Zahariadis; Matthew Hakala; Joseph Mikielian; Tim FitzGerald; Dan Walsh; and Art Lawler

Called to Order: 9:30am

Guest: Jeff Putman

Treasurers Report:

Walsh read the report sent in by Jensen.

Minutes:

October minutes were discussed.

Meskus motion to accept the minutes with the changes
2nd by Hakala

All In Favor

Presidents Report:

Walsh spoke about the upcoming training for Eastern States which will be held on March 24, 2013. More information can be found on the MBCIA web site.

Walsh also spoke about a discussion with Anderson (BBRS) concerning the type of training the Building officials would like to see. Walsh also spoke about the need for a training facility and the idea of using colleges and their professors to teach.

Walsh spoke about the meeting with the Secretary of Public Safety on October 3rd. Topics discussed:

- The fact that ISO still have not gotten back to us with the information requested. Discussion.
- Providing help in regards to sprinklering 1 & 2 family homes.
- We had informed her that we were planning to file our own legislation.
- The need for a training facility.

Walsh spoke on his meeting regarding the discussion of the BFPR Code Committee Process.

Walsh spoke on the newly created control construction document which is for voluntary use at this time. The document can be found on the states' web site.

Walsh read an email that he had gotten from FCAM's President on Sept 10th. Discussion.

ICC District 6:

FitzGerald spoke on his discussions with them and that they do not file legislation; legislation comes from independent people. Discussion.

BFPR NFPA 1/527CMR Sub Committee:

The President spoke about the progress of this committee to date.

ISO:

The President stated that he had spoken with an ISO representative at the ICC Portland Conference. Discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Raising: Stubbins spoke on his problems with his contact regarding grants. It was discussed that Cape Cod Foundation may help us or we should talk with Dottie Harris on grant writing. Camacho will contact her. Discussion.

Legislative: Curtis stated that Instatrac is up and running. Discussion on MGL Ch. 22D Sec. 4 – President spoke on the proposed legislation on amending SB 1244. Walsh read a letter to Senator Timilty of this proposal. This same letter was shown to State Fire Marshal Coan.

Walsh spoke on the sub-committee re-alignment issue. Discussion on having the President going the next BBRS meeting, regarding having 2 seats for building officials on the FPDF. The President will do a letter along with going to the next meeting.

Code Development:

OLD:

2012-11 Discussion. Home Builders should bring this to the ICC to change. Decision was to have NO Comment.

Chapter 1: Mendoza stated that there has been no activity and awaiting position from the Home Builders.

PR:

The President spoke on workshop status. Discussion.

Regarding Building Safety month, Zahariadis gave the President a cd of the project he worked on.

Torrice is still working on a series of articles for the media.

President spoke on having a table at Eastern States. Discussion.

BBRS update:

Curtis spoke on some of the issues discussed. He stated that the BBRS would be carrying over the discussion of Temporary shelters into the December meeting. The control construction documents were discussed and it appears that they will be extending the trial period for 1 year. Also, the Board had discussed the issue of the impact of the upcoming energy code on small businesses.

Mail Box:

The President will verify that the mailbox has been canceled.

Funding:

The President spoke about the meeting at the Portland Conference with the associations concerning funding for the MFBO.

Association Presidents

The President of SEMBOA turned over a check for \$2,980, from its members, to help fund the MFBO.

Next Meeting:**October Meeting:**

Meeting will be moved to **December 18th**.

Adjourn: 12:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Mendoza
Secretary

Board Meeting Date: December 18, 2012
Charlton Rd

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200

Attendance: BOWM – Paul Tacy, Curtis Meskus, Robert Camacho, MBCIA – Joseph Mikielian, Matthew Hakala, Tony Zahariadis, SEMBOA – Dan Walsh, David Betts, Gary Stubbins, Paul Spiro
Assoc. Member – Chris Noonan also in attendance

No treasurer's report

Matt H. – taking notes for Mike M. Letter submitted regarding grants (Gary S.)

Minutes read and accepted with corrections.

Paul T. – Issue discussed about credit cards and who should have them (Dave J. contacted bank about this already) Dan W. will check on it.

Dan W. - Jim Kennedy asked to meet on ESBOF - Jim K. offered a table for apparel and a 50/50 raffle – for one of the days. Curtis M. motion to explore moving meeting to ESBOF (2nd by Paul S.) - Discussion on whether to move the meeting to Coincide with ESBOF meeting in March (Quincy MA) Discuss more next month Dan W. to check on availability of a room for meeting. (Mar. 25-27).

Possibly need to print up more brochures (as supplies are getting low and addresses are now not current).

Dan W - Talked with R. Anderson regarding; Training for BI from the state – one suggestion was what the public expects of us;

Dan W -Talked to Commissioner G. re: ISO, FCAM, FPDF, (also was notified of new Sec. of Dept. of Public Safety) N. J. asked for 30 Inspectors to be sent down from MA re: Hurricane Sandy; Construction Control Doc

BBRS advisory committee realignment – Letter sent 12-6-2012 to Chairman Gale – Discussion.

Bob C -ICC Code Development (2013) group B Spring Hearings Apr. 21-30, Dallas TX. – Deadline for code change proposals are Jan. 3rd

Joe M – BFPR; discussions around Certificate of Occupancy issues, FD plan review, also lawyers informed that performance based codes may not be legal in MA., also discussed mutual responsibility.
Committee Reports

Fund Raising – Gary S. discussed letter submitted regarding grants, discussed corporate donations.

Legislative – Instatrack purchase will help prepare for January Bill filings for new legislative session. Possibly submit bill for next session from MFBO (discussed MGL 22D Sec. 4 –Senator Timilty; Senate bill 2268?)

Code Development – BBRs, recent hearings disposed of current code change proposals, others already stuck in the 485 process with very little movement. Discussion about bringing forward any code change proposals that are unique to MA otherwise should go through ICC process. At BBRs meeting Fire Chief Gallagher asked what is plan B if current code changes do not come out of 485 process? Bob C – should address current code change proposals by bringing them to ICC for the 2015 codes. Note: MFBO positions on current code proposals are on website.

Public Relations - Power Point being tweaked, need to create a series of articles for publication, (Check with others for assistance with this – maybe retired bldg officials could help).

BBRS Updates - Curtis M. – Jeff Putnam has been putting together a very good synopsis of the meeting;

Subcommittees – 11 members each.

Temp. Overnight Shelters – Jan 1st full force; BBRs will send out info. Sheet Metal Code – Documents being sent to BCCC – discussions on multiple issues regarding sheet metal board and codes. Dave B – suggested that BBRs should post on their website all codes that are in play currently. Discussion about what the current code states and whether that is enough info on the website

Bob C – talked with Dottie H. re: ICC Grant webinar program;

Talked about Fines for elevator inspections and amusement rides etc.; also brought up potential Swimming pool installation licenses. Dan W – met at Peabody Properties re: fines – DPS is now able to issue.

Paul S. motion to adjourn, Joe M. 2nd.

Adjourned 11:40am

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Hakala