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Board Meeting Date: March 24, 2015
200 Charlton Rd.

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank,

Attendance: Dan Walsh, Gary Stubbins, Curtis Meskus, Richard Leibowitz, Patrick Franey, Dave Jensen, Tim Fitzgerald, Joe Mikielian, Paul Tacy, Robert Bordon, Jeff Clemons, Robert Camacho, Michael Giampietro, and Richard Hanks

Called to Order: 9:30 a.m.

Guests: Tony Zahariadis, Matt Hakala, Louis Hasbrouk, Tim Htway

President:

Interview of Mike Giampietro and Louis Hasbrouk for recommendation to serve on the AAB Building Inspectors seat. Separate interviews followed by Board Member discussion.

Meskus proposes motion to vote on a first recommendation and then a second recommendation with both candidates being equally qualified. Second by Tacy.

Mikielian proposes motion to vote on a straight first recommendation second recommendation. Second by Jensen.

President states that Meskus motion would trump Mikielian motion if passed. Meskus motion passes: 9 yea 3 nay.

Treasurers Report:

Jenson reports a computer crash. He had to reconstruct the treasurer's report. Clothing sales were at 7.8%, below the 20% projected. Tacy states most of the merchandise is in inventory. Dramatic decrease in projected printing and supply costs.

Fitzgerald motion to accept the Treasurers report. Second by Tacy. All in favor.

Minutes:

Discussed of December minutes. President asks to accept the minutes.

Meskus motions to accept. Second by Hanks. All in favor.

President:

Signed Building safety month Proclamation.

H.B. 2143 - Sprinklers under the Fire Code - President will e-mail the bill to the members

President requested that the Board members take on several bills each to review, present to the Board to be voted on.

Code Development:

Sheet metal: A.G. did not give opinion. Will go through the 485 process.

26G: no development.

BBRS: D.F.S. cannot do 26G local impact study because of jurisdictional authority.

BBRS voted to do study.

Fund Raising:

Stubbins presented letter from Stubbins, Mendoza and Spiro requesting the Federation tax status and what would the Federation would like to use the funds for. Jenson stated Federation is a 501 c (6) and Tacy refers to a "what would we do with \$100,000" letter. Copy of letter given to the President to be e-mailed to the members. Stubbins asked if the letter was the consensus of the Federation and the President stated that it was.

Meskus motions to authorize \$1500.00 for apparel. Second by Fitzgerald. All in favor.

Meskus motions to round apparel prices up to the next dollar. Second by Fitzgerald.
13 Yea 1 Nay (Jensen)

Public Relations:

Meskus motions to have "Homeowner and Contractors" page and the Building safety month video linked to the Federation web page. Second by Mikielian. All in favor.

Mikielian motions to have the "A two bedroom ranch in g minor" plans, with attachments, put on web site. Second by Fitzgerald. All in favor.

BBRS Updates: No discussion.

Elections:

Nominations: Secretary: Mike Mendoza - Winner - all in favor

Vice President: Tim Fitzgerald - Winner - all in favor

President: Dave Jenson

Curtis Meskus - Winner - all in favor

Treasurer: Dave Jenson - Winner - all in favor

President:

Introduction of Tim Htway, Vice President of the Metro West Building Official Association.

Discussion: They are an ICC chapter. Currently working on merging Metro West and Wachussett by-laws; need to bring to their membership for a vote. They currently have 112 members within 66 communities with 95% being Building Officials. They have a tax I.D. number.

Officers determine what will be discussed at the regional meetings. They welcome non-members to attend the meetings. They will provide 7 possible board member names to the Federation.

President states that Metro West must present items discussed, implementing By-laws and providing list of 7 members, and resubmit them to the Board for final membership approval.

President:

Names interested for BBRS: Matt Hakala, Dan Walsh, Jerry O'Neil, Dave Jensen. Curtis Meskus withdraws name.

President:

MGL Chapter 175 section 195 - General Law that has insurance companies providing funding to Fire Service. Discussion: President will follow up.

President:

ACCA working group items: Appointments, legislative issues, problematic issues at a local level

President reports 2 ACCA members could be appointed to sheet metal board Franey will work on local issues and present them to the federation. (FAQ's)

President:

BOCC: Discussion: ICC requirements for the BOCC to become a preferred vender. Certification Committee cannot be a preferred vender. Requirements for B.O. to complete C.B.O. tests; was 2 now 3 tests. Extensions for C.B.O exams.

Legislative:

2015-2016 Legislative session: nothing

AIA - President confirmed per email vote that we support affirmative vote by the BCCC.

Association Presidents: No issues to discuss

Other:

Coffee with Commissioner: No change in the undersecretary. Cerelli's position has not been filled. BOCC would support being a preferred vender. No sheet metal code promulgation. Try to move Sprinkler white paper through the Secretary.

Zahariadis states MMA would like to meet with the Federation regarding sheet metal.

Next Meeting: April 28, 2015, Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd. 01566

Adjourned: 12:06

Respectively submitted,

Gary Stubbins

Fill-in Secretary

April 28, 2015

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd.

Attendees: David Jensen, Paul Tacy, , Curtis Meskus,, Joseph Mikielian, Jeff Clemons, Richard Hanks, Dan Walsh, Tim FitzGerald, Richard Leibowitz, Robert Borden, Patrick Frayne.

Guest: Tony Zahariadis, Matthew Hakala, and John Couture

Called to order at 9:30am

930 call to order

John Couture Building Commissioner for Sutton, introduction, he has been appointed to the BBRS as building official of a town by the Governor. John talked about his being a BO for 15 years and his code philosophy being “less is more” and his feeling is the BBRS does not use common sense. He expressed interest with having a code that “Joe six pack” out in the field can interpret. He also spoke of interest to work arm and arm with MFBO. Paul T. asked John if he has met Brian Gale and he said “yes”. Paul went on to say that Brian has represented Massachusetts BO’s well. John spoke about his interest in amending the code to make simpler. He indicated he does not support fire sprinklers in single and two family structures. D. Walsh asked if he supports the Federation’s code change proposal which propose MGL 48 26G language in the 9th edition commercial code and the Federation’s request to have DPS and DFS seek intelligence about how the requirements in 26G are being applied to building projects. John replied he would need to understand more before giving his position.

Minutes: March 24, 2015 minutes distributed: R. Hanks motion as submitted, second T. FitzGerald: unanimous.

Treasurers Report: Dave J distributed his report and explained it was a draft because unavailable information is not included. P. Tacy motioned to accept as working draft, second B. Borden, unanimous.

President: Recommend building official to serve on AAB, D. Walsh reported the recommendations voted during the March 24, 2015 meeting have been submitted.

Building safety month, D. Walsh reported the Governor had not signed a Proclamation yet but expected this will happen soon. Curtis M. said all the information is available on the website.

Metro West Building Officials Association; Curtis M. said they are working on their by-laws; Tony Z. gave further details about the Metro West group

Fire service funding General Law that has insurance companies providing fire services with funding. Section 195 of chapter 175; D. Walsh read the questions poised to the Commissioner on this matter and the answers provided by Rob Anderson. Some answers included seeking public request to DFS. Bob B. gave his understanding of how the statute works and how public records requests work. Bob suggested 3 of the question be sent to DFS in a public records request. Dave J. cautioned that a public records request can be tricky as information seeking may not come if questions are not properly framed. Richard H. has a friend who may be able to help.

ACCA working group; Patrick F. gave overview of April 16th conference call. He spoke about looking for the group to endorse three questions which address BO concerns. Future ACCA working group meetings

will work to answer: 1. Permitting; is separate sheet metal permit needed when a project has been issues a building permit, 2. Sheet metal law relevance to 1 and 2 family structures (residential), 3.inspections; some do not inspect sheet metal progress and rely upon duct test; no standardized inspection program.

BOCC two issues; the ICC preferred provider requirement and the other is the ICC exam for certification for CBO. Matt H. reported nothing more on this matter. President asked Matt to request the BOCC pursue.

Legislative: hot bills and re-files; Report, D. Walsh provided an overview of our bills. Also gave an overview of the following: HB 2143 transfers regulation and inspection of fire safety code..., SB1315 SD1277Change authority from MGL 148 §26G to MGL. 143, HD1920_HB2798 MGL 143 §94 allow “to provide testimony regarding any bill pending which impact the state building code”. Representative Harold Norton’s office said he would file office said would file, SD389 SB1308 Re-file change the composition of the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations adding the” the commissioner of the department of public safety or his designee.”, HB2196 MFBO co-sponsored legislation which close the loophole in the Building Code Coordinating Council (BCCC) process which allows for a construction code promulgating Board to ignore the concerns raised by review.

President asked Matt H. to take lead next month on bills MFBO may have interest. MFBO’s guiding principals will be resurrected.

Code Development: President talked about new EO 562 signed by Governor March 31, 2015 which initiates comprehensive review process for all regulations enforced by the Executive Department and leaving in place the regulatory pause announced by the administration earlier this year. It requires a sunset of all regulations that do not meet the standards and EO 562 sunsets March 31, 2016.

Sheet Metal/BCCC, President informed the group that the matter is in limbo.

Code proposal to amend the IBC and IEBC during the 2015 code adoption cycle to capture fire sprinkler when requires in MGL 148 §26G? D. Walsh said the proposal is with the BBRS and that nothing new to report at this point.

BBRS voted Sep. 9 to request DPS and DFS to seek intelligence from local building department records and fire chief records to ascertain how 26G is utilized at the local level was presented to BBRS at the September 9, 2014 meeting. The Board voted to move it forward. DPS staff is working with stakeholders. DPS staff will be reaching out to the sprinkler appeals board for input.

Fund raising: no report provided

Selling apparel at BOWM meetings, Art Lawler, Paul Tacy. Paul T. reported credit card system is working,

Apparel order to sell during SEMBOA training, Paul Tacy reported items ordered have arrived.

SEMBO training May 13, 14, President said apparel, banner, 50/50 raffle, need help with all. Paul T. reported we have a new banner and the cost was \$103.00, the President authorized under his authority.

Public Relations: Paul T. distributed a draft letter to the editor relating to wood stoves, he is looking for feedback ASAP.

President: Building Safety Month information is available on the MFBO webpage.

BBRS update: Curtis M., Dan W. gave an update.

Other:

President Ability to write letters without board approval, e-mail poles not timely, response less than %50. President gave some examples when sending letters would allow him to engage in matters when the Board is slow to reply with their opinion. The discussion implied the President should seek Board approval prior to sending letters on subject matters. It was suggested that the President could seek approval from the regional building official Presidents in consultation with the Vice President on time sensitive matters. Also discussed was using email list for distributing Federation information which includes Mass. building officials beyond BOWM and SEMBOA.

Adjourn 12:04 pm

Dan Walsh respectfully submit

MASSACHUSETTS FEDERATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS, Inc.

President – Dan Walsh
 Vice-President – Curtis Meskus
 Treasurer – Dave Jensen
 Secretary - Michael Mendoza

PAST PRESIDENTS
 David Moore, Steve Frederickson, Paul Tacy
 Robert Camacho

FEDERATION BOARD MEMBERS

BOWM Representatives

David Jensen, Paul Tacy, Don Torrico, Curtis Meskus, Joseph Mikielian, Richard Hanks, Art Lawler

MBCIA Representatives

SEMBOA Representatives

Dan Walsh, Robert Borden, Michael Giampietro, Patrick Franey, Gary Stubbins, Tim FitzGerald, Richard Leibowitz, Michael Mendoza

COMMITTEES

Legislative: Chair: Tim FitzGerald, Co-Chair: Matthew Hakala David Jensen, Paul Tacy, Open	Fund Raising: Chair: Open, Co-Chair: Gary Stubbins Donald Torrico, Michael Mendoza
Code Development: Chair: David Jensen, Co-Chair: Open, Dan Walsh	Public Relations: Chair: Open, Co-Chair: Tony Zahariadis, Joseph Mikielian, Paul Tacy, Curtis Meskus, Mike Mendoza, , Richard Leibowitz

Directors unassigned: Michael Giampietro, Art Lawler, Dan Hellyer

Director Representative to Professional Groups

Massachusetts Construction Industry Council, MASS CIC: Dan Walsh	Board Building Regulations and Standards, BBRS: Dan Walsh	Building Construction Coordinating Council, BCCC: Pat Franey, Tim FitzGerald,
Sheet Metal Board: Open	Home Builders Association: Tim FitzGerald	Building Official Certification Committee: Donald Torrico

Board Meeting Date: June 23, 2015

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd

Attendance: Michael Mendoza; Curtis Meskus; Michael Giampietro; Gary Stubbins; Richard Leibowitz; Robert Borden; Jeff Clemons; Patrick Franey; and Richard Hanks

Called to Order: 9:30am

Guest: Robert Burger; Tin Htway; Joe Mikielian

Minutes:

Giampietro made a motion to accept May minutes
 2nd by Clemons
 All In Favor

Treasurers Report:

Jensen not present.

OLD BUSINESS

Recommend building official to serve on AAB: Walsh was not present to give an update

Fire Service Funding: Borden had nothing new to report. Borden will draft a letter to the Insurance Commissioner seeking information regarding how the insurance industry is funding fire services. Discussion.

ACCA Working Group: Franey spoke on recommending that we pursue a sun setting position for the sheet metal code. Discussion.

BOCC: Matthew Hakala not present to make a report.

Recognition of Metro West Building Officials Association: Mr. Robert Berger introduced himself as the new president of the association. He presented the group with the following information for submission into the MFBO:

- 125 members on record with 85 paid members
- The elected officers
- The bylaws for the association
- Bank account
- Federal tax ID number
- They meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month
- Website www.mwboa.org

Mendoza made a motion to accept Metro Wests' application into the MFBO
2nd by Giampietro
All In Favor

Legislative:

The President discussed the hearing on proposed legislative bills (June 18th) that he and some other members of the MFBO had attended at the State House. Discussion.

Discussed SB 1704. Vote: 4 YES 3 NO

Code Development: Nothing new to report

Sheet Metal/BCC: Has not had a meeting

Code Proposal: Walsh not available

Request DPS and DFS BBRs: Walsh not available

Fund Raising:

Mendoza spoke about his work with both Spiro and Stubbins regarding looking into a program like kick starter to see if it could be of some use. Discussion.

Selling Apparel: Tacy not available

SEMBOA Training: The President suggested to give Mrs. Tacy a gift certificate for the work she had done- manning the table at the May 2 day training. Everyone agreed.

President Meskus: The President stated that UMAS would not approve the MFBO having a table at their event in October.

Public Relations: No further info.

BBRS Meeting: No updates

NEW BUSINESS

SEMBOA Request: The President of SEMBOA suggested that at the bottom of the triangle, on the logo, have the date when the MFBO was formed, placed on it. Discussion. Approved.

Association Presidents: No one had anything to add

Next Meeting

July 28th at the Southbridge Savings Bank

Adjourn: 12:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Mendoza
Secretary

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: August 25, 2015

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd

Attendance: Curtis Meskus; Tim FitzGerald; Gary Stubbins; Patrick Franey; Dan Walsh; Michael Giampietro; Jeffery Clemons; Robert Borden; Paul Tacy; David Janson, Richard Leibowitz

Called to Order: 9:30 AM

Minutes:

Fitzgerald made a motion to accept July's minutes
2nd by Giampietro
All in Favor

Fitzgerald made a motion to pay Instatrak as part of the budget
2nd by Giampietro
Vote 9-0 motion carries

Discussion regarding person to fill AAB appointee... inconclusive

Curtis to report on meeting with Rep. Norton's office at next board meeting

Discussion regarding Bob Borden's letter to Division of Insurance re: M.G.L. Chapter 175 Section 195 providing funds to the commonwealth from insurance companies to fire departments. Letter to be hand delivered by Curtis.

Fitzgerald motion to support letter
2nd Giampietro
Motion carries

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Q2 Are permits required for single family dwellings?

Dan Walsh reported on BBRS meeting
Updates for 26G
Chapters 4,9,34,51 sent forward *to FPPA*
Air conditioners in egress windows...

Dave Janson~ treasurers report
Paul Tacy motion to accept
2nd Fitzgerald
Motion carries

Garry Stubbins report on Fund raising, on going

* Discussion regarding selling clothing at individual meetings, including UMass table. *NO UMASS*

Discussion about web-site graphics motion to accept... then amended to enhance background to be more pronounced, clearer, and less fuzzy.

Dan Walsh motion to accept
2nd Tim Fitzgerald
Motion carries

Amended

Discussed various legislative proposals 2088, 2089, 2095, 2096, 2091 etc etc to be supported or not
Review of proposed legislation by the board members...board members to report back.

2112 Dave Janson

2114 Bob Borden

2124 Patrick Franey

2186 Tim Fitzgerald

3484 Tim Fitzgerald

1284 Richard Leibowitz

1278 Mike Giampietro

Motion to adjourn, second, all in favor

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: August 25, 2015

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd

Attendance: **Curtis Meskus;** Tim FitzGerald; Gary Stubbins; Patrick Franey; Dan Walsh; Michael Giampietro; Jeffery Clemons; Robert Borden; Paul Tacy; David Janson, Richard Leibowitz

Called to Order: 9:30 AM

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Motion to adjourn, second, all in favor

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: September 21, 2015
Charlton Rd

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200

Attendance: Curtis Meskus; Tim FitzGerald; Gary Stubbins; Patrick Franey; Dan Walsh; Jeffery Clemons; Robert Borden; David Janson, Richard Leibowitz, Robert Lanciam, Tin Htway, Matthew Hakala, Joe Atchue

Called to Order: 9:30 AM

Minutes:

Leibowitz made a motion to accept August minutes
2nd by Franey
All in Favor

Guest from Metro West introduced themselves

Treasures report from Dave Janson, Dan Walsh suggested change to budget from dues to contributions.

Motion to accept change Borden
Second Jeff Clemons

The annual meeting was discussed in relation to budget and it was decided to discuss budget at that time...this years budget \$6,480.00

Old Business

No new information regarding a Building Official to serve on the AAB

Welcome to Metro West board members list of members to follow

Bob Borden provided his resurch on MGL 175 section 195,

The DFS received in 2014 \$21,356,87 in 2015 \$24,599,474 from the insurance companies for equipment and training. The budget for Building Code training for 2015 was \$98,035 but was unable to determine how the funds were spent.

Dan Walsh pointed out purpose #2 that we should ask DPS Commissioner about chapter 304 training W/funds from MGL 175, 195

Patrick Franey reported ACCA board would discuss the two questions asked by MFBO at next meeting; we are waiting to hear back from them.

The board discussed ICC preferred provider training, it was mentioned that DOER provided energy training but ICC would not recognize those credits without preferred provider credits.

Legislative Assignments

Bill 1292 & 2114 Borden

2114 is a bill to amend the definition to include occupants under sprinkler protection.

Dan Walsh made a motion to take no position.

Vote, 4 in favor, 5 against, motion fails

Bob Borden made a motion to support 2114.

Vote, 4 in favor, 5 against, motion fails

Bill 2112 Dave Janson, An Act relative to fire safety

Reported to take no position, all agreed

Bill 2124 Patrick Franey, An Act relative to Propane detection,

If bill were to pass fire chief would do inspections at transfer of building.

Dave Janson made a motion to oppose bill because of dual codes.

It was decided to oppose bill but to re-write the bill that we could support.

Bill 2186 Tim Fitzgerald, An Act relative to standards and qualifications for the position of fire chief or chief engineer in cities, towns, fire districts, or authorities An Act relative

Dan Walsh motion to support as amended,

Second Joe Atchue,

Motion carries.

Bill 3484 Tim Fitzgerald, An Act relative to the creation of the Commonwealth Technical Rescue Regions and Coordinating Council,

Dan Walsh motion to support, will rewrite

Second Bob Borden, motion carries

Bill 1284 Richard Leibowitz, An Act relative to Window Guards in residential rental properties.

Discussion regarding practical application,

Motion Bob Borden, not to support as written

Second Jeff Clemons, Follow up RL

Bill 3277 Fitzgerald, Hotel and Motel Safety, Exit signs

Motion Bob Borden to oppose bill as proposed

Second Fitzgerald Reach out to Rep.

Motion carries

Bill 1323 Jeff Clemons, An Act relative to the Architectural Access Board

Discussion exclude access to employee domain

No Motion

Report from Dan Walsh on DPS and DFS, BBRS vote of Sept. 9 to seek intelligence from local Building Department records and local Fire Chief records to see how 26G is utilized at local level. Study opposed by Fire Marshall.

Motion from Dan Walsh,
Motion to have MFBO President reach out to Fire Marshall to see why he opposes study.
(BBRS board has the authority to study building systems)
Second Tim Fitzgerald
Motion carries

Fund Raising

Discussion to send someone to grant writing seminar...

Motion by Tim Fitzgerald,
Motion to have fund raising committee to review seminar educational opportunity and report back to board.
Second Bob Borden
Motion carries.

Motion Bob Borden, To have fund raising committee to spend up to \$1000 for a grant writing seminar.
Second Tim Fitzgerald
Motion carries

Public Relations

Table PR until next month when web sample will be ready for view

Dan Walsh reported on BBRS visit discuss rumor that one secretary may consolidate all codes

New Business

Motion by Dan Walsh to draft letter from Association Presidents regarding lack of staffing at BBRS
Second Tim Fitzgerald
Motion carries

Motion to adjourn, 12:10
Motion carries

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: October 27, 2015
Charlton Rd

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200

Attendance: Tim FitzGerald; Richard Hanks; Michael Giampietro; Dan Walsh; Jeffery Clemons; Robert Borden; Joseeph M. Atchue; Richard Leibowitz; Matthew Hakla; Robert Lanciam; Fred Lonardo; Tin Htway; Paul Tacy

Called to Order by VP Tim Fitzgerald: 9:33 AM

Minutes:

Motion to amend minuets by Dan Walsh to have MFBO President draft a letter regarding lack of staffing @ BBRS to be reviewed by board before being sent.

Second Bob Borden
Motion carried.

Minuets from September 21 accepted

Old Business

Jeff Clemons spoke on AAB Senate Bill 1323 regarding appointment of a building official to the AAB board. Jeff was in receipt of an email shedding light on the situation.

Motion Dan Walsh to email send SB 1323 to all MFBO board members

Second Giampietro
Motion carries

Metro West update...email list of board members forwarded to Curtis, Question can a State inspector serve on MFBO board? Some said Yes some said No, stay tuned

Fire Service Update...from Bob Borden rehash of MGL 175 section 195...any change to law that would benefit Building officials would need Legislative approval.

Motion Dan Walsh to have President investigate the DPS Commissioner and ask where the money goes to train Building Officials for 304 Inspections

Motion fails

Discussion about where the funds for fire services travels to, Executive office of Public Safety or some other vehicle. How do we get the money mandated from 304 to train Building Officials? Go to Commissioner and ask for help, ask how the money gets dispersed?

Motion to appoint 3 member sub committee to advise board on 304, Committee to compile facts, develop an action plan and bring back to board.

Second Borden
Motion carries

Committee members to be Tin Htway, Dan Walsh, Bob Borden

Discussion led by Dan Walsh...Sheet metal Board answered two questions posed by MFBO Board. Sheet Metal Board sent questions to their Lawyer choosing not to answer themselves. Yes to residential permits yes to separate permits on permitted jobs. Answer may be in conflict with Building Code (specific code section not sited) and Executive order 562. Discussion followed as to how ACCA working group should proceed, will take up at next MFBO meeting.

Matthew Hakala spoke on ICC preferred provider status. BBRS at this time has no intention of becoming a preferred provider. Looks like it will be left up to individual associations to carry the ball.

Motion Dan Walsh to accept 3 drafts after grammatical corrections have been made.

- HB2141 An ACT pertaining to fire safety and professionalism (Support)
- HB 2196 An ACT establishing the Building Code Coordinating Council (Support)
- HB 3484 An Act relative to the creation of the Commonwealth Technical Rescue and Coordinating Council (Amended to have a Building Official added to the bill (Support)

Second Giampietro
Motion Carries

Report Dan Walsh on Code proposal to put 148 Section 26G into the Building Code, BBRS has voted to study the efficacy of 26G. Movement stalled.

Motion Dan Walsh... President to discuss time table for gathering 26G information with Commissioner Carlin

Second Tim Fitzgerald
Motion carries

Apparel Paul Tacy... discussion about have apparel table at BOWM and SEMBOA training

Discussion Paul Tacy regarding Brochure "Got Question" to be emailed to board members for review for possible loading onto Website.

BBRS Report Dan Walsh...9TH edition will have no concurrency period may be going forward around July...still needs public hearing.

Effort was made by MFBO President to reach out to FCAM regarding views of proposed changes and areas of agreement. No response

Discussion to amend “several years” to “ten years” on legislative recommendations, Approved,
Date of MFBO formation July 2005 at 2:00PM

New Business

Mike Giampietro spoke on a program to have Building Officials meet with vocational students to talk about the Construction Industry. The proposals to have Mike provide a Power Point presentation to be sent out to board members through MFBO secretary for approval and then to work out presentation by Building Officials.

FYI the MFBO mail Box has been scrapped mail can now be sent to Paul Tacy's/ apparel address at P.O. Box 110 Ashfield MA

Budget discussion was tables until treasurer is in attendance.

Motion Borden to accept next years meeting time table as shown in October agenda

Second Hanks
Motion carries

Tim Fitzgerald spoke of optimistic outlook after speaking with Public Safety Commissioner.

Motion to adjourn 11:42

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: November 24 2015

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd

Attendance: **Curtis Meskus;** Tim FitzGerald; Patrick Franey; Dan Walsh; Jeffery Clemons; Robert Borden; David Janson, Richard Leibowitz, Fred Lonardo, Chric McWhite, Paul Tacy

Called to Order: 9:37 AM

Minutes:

Amended by Jeff Clemons, Jeff sent a letter not received one.

Minutes were accepted as amended

Old Business

Discussion on having a State Inspector on the MFBO board, Curtis will check MFBO by-laws for guidance

Update MGL 195/175 statute...Working group generated a letter to Commissioner Carlin dated 11/8/2015 asking for educational funds for 304 inspections go toward Building Official training. The letter goes on to document the pathway already established to disperse the funds for BO training. The letter ended with a respectful request to explain how the DPS intended to exercise MGL 195 of Chapter 175.

Motion to send letter w/corrections, and for the President to phone both Carlin and Anderson and let them know the letter is coming. Motion by Tim Fitzgerald, seconded By Patrick Franey,
Motion carried.

Report on ACCA board...discussion on how the working group could help ACCA with corrections to 271 legislation to keep sheet metal out of residential R3 occupancies. The ACCA Attorney answered the two questions asked by MFBO board without explanation or a vote by the ACCA board.

Dan Walsh spoke on the BBRS board meeting and questioned why the MFBO code change proposal was not brought before the board. It is unclear at this time what happened to our proposal.

Dave Janson gave treasure's report with total funds available at \$13,552.26. Discussions ensued to change the listed budget from 2014/2015 to \$6480 from \$6,600.

Motion to accept Dan Walsh, 2nd Tim Fitzgerald, motion carried.

Dave Janson spoke about MFBO legal address being a P.O. Box, which is not recommended by the office of the Secretary of State for Association filings. Decided to leave things as they are.

Some discussion on MFBO to attend MBCIA December meeting with commissioner Carlin in attendance...

New Business

Meeting discussed power point presentation by Mike Giampietro on "Functions of Inspector of Buildings / Building Commissioner" Group generally in favor.

Great first start, Motion by Dan Walsh, 2nd Tim Fitzgerald to take power point to next level, motion carries.

Discussion regarding help with MFBO web site no motions made.

Dan Walsh summarized BBRS comments on Code update...

- BBRS voted 9th Edition after public comment
- No concurrency period
- Authorized board to make grammatical corrections without vote.
- BCCC to have public hearing in January

Discussion regarding...Text of Law being brought into building code, no motions

Discussion about Technical Staff Advisory Committees, Consideration should be given to have a Building official on all committees, Question as to what committees are being changed.

Motion by Tim Fitzgerald to have President contact BBRS and to encourage representation on all Technical Advisory Committees for building officials, 2nd Paul Tacy, motion carries.

Discussion about 2015 code coming closer to the original code i.e. less amendments.

Discussion went on to question justification for the large amount of energy code amendments.

There will be an opportunity to influence code a BBRS public hearing believed to be the 2nd Tuesday in January.

President will draft recommendations to address excessive amendment issue.
No motions

Fund Raising

No one at meeting to speak on fund raising subject passed over.

Discussion on printing of MFBO Brochure
No motion

New Business

The Budget was discussed; motion was made by Tim Fitzgerald, 2nd Paul Tacy to accept 2016 Budget, Motion carried (Minutes should be amended to identify budget amount for 2016)

Sierra Club letter i.e. (Coalition of Organization concerned with updating the stretch energy code) discussion...No action taken

AAB discussion about proposed changes to MGL 22 section 13A, MFBO board will not take a position at this time. Dave Janson and Jeff Clement to write position paper on proposed changes and get back to board.

Dan Walsh spoke on DOER's solar (engineered stamped) checklist, which apparently may be used to show compliance for structural loading design certification for solar roof installations. Dan is looking for feedback from building officials to take to the December BBRS meeting.

Bob Borden attempted to make a motion to invite secretary Carlin to next MFBO meeting. Most board members were halfway out the door before motion could be discussed.

Motion to adjourn at 12:00 pm motion carried.

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David Jensen, Paul Tacy, Don Torrico, Curtis Meskus, Richard Hanks, Joe Mikielian, Art Lawler, Jeff Clemons

MBCIA Representatives

SEMBOA Representatives

Dan Walsh, Robert Borden, Michael Giampietro, Patrick Franey, Gary Stubbins, Tim FitzGerald, Richard Leibowitz, Michael Mendoza

COMMITTEES

Legislative: Chair: Tim FitzGerald, Co-Chair: Matthew Hakala David Jensen, Paul Tacy, Open	Fund Raising: Chair: Open, Co-Chair: Gary Stubbins Donald Torrico, Michael Mendoza, Art Lawler, Paul Tacy
Code Development: Chair: David Jensen, Co-Chair: Open, Dan Walsh	Public Relations: Chair: Open, Co-Chair: Tony Zahariadis, Joseph Mikielian, Paul Tacy, Curtis Meskus, Mike Mendoza, Richard Leibowitz, Richard Hanks, Jeff Clemons

Directors unassigned: Michael Giampietro, Art Lawler,

Director Representative to Professional Groups

Massachusetts Construction Industry Council, MASS CIC: Dan Walsh	Board Building Regulations and Standards, BBRS: Dan Walsh	Building Construction Coordinating Council, BCCC: Pat Franey, Tim FitzGerald, Michael Grant
Sheet Metal Board: Vacant	Home Builders Association: Tim FitzGerald	Building Official Certification Committee: Donald Torrico

Board Meeting Date: December 16, 2014

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd.

Attendance: Dan Walsh, Gary Stubbins, Curtis Meskus, Patrick Franey, Dave Jensen, Tim FitzGerald, Tony Zahariadis, Paul Tacy, Michael Giampietro, Jeff Clemons, Robert Borden and Richard Hanks.

Called to Order: 9:30 a.m.

Guests: Tony Zahariadis, Matt Hakala

Treasurers Report:

Minutes:

Discussed of October minutes: Adding Spiro, Paul T. and Art L. to the fundraising. Add Meskus to BBRS. Add Jeff Clemons and Richard Hanks added to Public Relations.

President asks to accept the minutes.

Meskus voted to accept as revised. Second by Clemons. All in favor.

President:

President gave follow up from Kim Spenser regarding Uncertified Building Commissioners.

President discussed General Law (Chapter 175 s. 195) that insurance companies providing fire services with funding for training, code enforcement, educational programs and equipment improvements. Borden suggested a legislative approach or a meeting with the Insurance Commissioner.

President discussed the November 7th meeting with Sen. Timilty. Positive meeting regarding his office helping with legislative bills. They discussed Stretch Energy and Sprinkler systems.

Legislative:

President discussed changing authority from MGL 148 s. 26G to MGL 143 (Adding section 3A 1/2)

Discussion: about the need to include residential in the proposal.

President asks to file legislative changes without residential revision allowing changes to presented draft that have the filing function.

Meskus voted to accept with revisions that have it function in law properly. Second by Borden. 11 in favor - 1 objection (Jenson)

President discussed MGL 143 s. 94

President asks to file "to provide testimony regarding any bill pending would impact that same", provided draft which

Meskus voted to accept as revised. Second by Giampietro. All in favor

President discussed Board of Fire Prevention Regulations

President asks to re-file with changes; the composition of the Board.

Presented draft version; voted to accept .Second by Borden. All in favor

Code Development:

Discussion regarding Sheet metal and the BCCC, 2015 IBC and IEBC Code development regarding sprinklers, BBRS request to correctly utilize 26G at local level.

Fund Raising:

Stubbins spoke regarding the November 17th meeting with Spiro and Mendoza. Read new fund raising mission statement. Spiro has contacted fundraising associations: team will divide work to see if they are appropriate associates.

Discussed Federation tax status. Discussed sale of merchandise using credit cards.

Public Relations:

Working with the Building Official.

Discussion: Separating documents (Working with..., Heard this/cliché phrases..). Condense documents . Tacy will revise.

Logo: Zahariadis will get counts for the regional associations.

Web Page: Discussed possibly adding a face book type format.

Building Safety Month: Hanks, Clemons volunteered to help Borden work on video.

BBRS Updates: November and December

November: The President spoke about letter written to BBRS expressing displeasure regarding one and two family sprinklers white letter. FPPF - field applied floor protections that are not approved. Common area smoke requirements.

Blower door test requirements by a third party.

December: The President stated BBRS did not discuss the One and two family sprinkler white paper. They did discuss two listed methods for floor protection - factory applied or 3APA criteria. Three potential scenarios for requiring sprinklers - Acts of 304 (Definition of Occupant Load), Straight Law (100 Occupants), IBC (50 occupants).

Other:

Zahariadis: Recommends President attend December 17th meeting in Worcester regarding sprinklers.

Borden: 266 proposals - regarding 33% of floor area defined under 7th edition. President will e-mail details of the proposal

Walter White from AAB is looking for a Building Official to fill a vacant seat on the AAB. Mike Giampietro expressed interest.

Next Meeting: January 27, 2015, Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Chariton Rd. 01566

Adjourned: 11:57

Respectively submitted,

Gary Stubbins
Fill-in Secretary