



Oregon Mechanical Officials Association

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Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2013

Marion County Public Works, Salem

The Oregon Mechanical Officials Association is dedicated to providing a professional environment for mechanical code officials and industry professionals to share knowledge and educate each other to enhance the public welfare.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Claude Kennedy called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m., January 17, 2013.

ATTENDANCE:

Executive Board members present included: President Claude Kennedy, 1st Vice President Troy Skinner, Secretary Tony Niskanen, Past President Bob Wentz, Member at Large Samantha Vandagriff and Member at Large Jim Trussell. Also present were John Corliss and OMOA's Cory Cross.

Claude Kennedy welcomed guest speaker Mark Long, BCD Administrator.

Samantha Vandagriff moved that the order of business be changed so that Mark Long could present his BCD Update before the other agenda items were discussed.

Mark Long noted that this year is the 40th anniversary of the creation of statewide building code administration in Oregon. Mr. Long reviewed the history and topics that BCD had encountered through the last four decades and outlined the economic value of construction and the number of

people employed in construction during each of the four decades. He noted that, during the recent recession, twenty Oregon counties had declines in permit revenue of between 41-80%.

He outlined some of the issues that BCD will need to address in the next decade including:

1. Market Based Flexibility -- the ability to rapidly respond to economic growth, promote staff and budget flexibility and develop regional partnerships to better serve local governments
2. Streamlining State Administrative Requirements.
3. Increased use of technology
4. Developing a highly trained workforce.

He noted that reforming the way that the building code is administered in rural Oregon could include workforce development such as permit tech training programs, more combination inspections and customized approaches to inspection. At the end of his presentation there was a question and answer session.

OMOA COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Committee: Jim Trussell will set up a meeting with OBOA to see if they are interested in sharing the September Education Institute again. He noted that there are no code changes this year, so it will be important to have classes that address current and relevant topics in order to have a good attendance level at the institute.

Scholarship Committee: Samantha Vandagriff reported that the scholarship committee is presently inactive because the building technology programs are suspended. Claude Kennedy noted that PCC was advertising for an instructor for their building inspection program.

Code Change Committee: Claude Kennedy reported that he submitted code changes to ICC using 2009 code references instead of 2012 references. He is working with ICC to update those references.

President Claude Kennedy outlined the committee chairs for the upcoming year. He will chair the Goals and Standards Committee. Samantha Vandagriff will continue to chair the Scholarship Committee and Jim Trussell will chair the Education Committee. Past President Bob Wentz will chair the Nominating Committee and 1st Vice President Troy Skinner will chair the Code Change Committee. Each committee chair should name the members of his or her committee.

CODE DISCUSSION:

Randy Soelberg, City of Tualatin submitted 2 questions:

Q: Are we required to use NFPA 54 or do we rely on section 108.2 as stated in the opening statement for Appendix C section C-8 that states “The application of the referenced standards shall be as specified in 108.2 of this code”?

A: We test to our code. NFPA is an acceptable alternate method but is not required.

Q: Should we have a code change to the exception in C406.1 that specifically references testing for piping system with an operating pressure above 2.0 psi?

A: No.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Trussell would like the next OMOA Member Meeting to discuss the mechanical room exiting requirements and come up with a position on that topic. Is it required? (11.06.7) What is the location in the code for the requirements for the securement of all mechanical equipment.

Claude Kennedy reminded members that code discussion questions should be submitted ahead of the meetings.

It was suggested that everyone should bring five contractor's names and emails to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully,

Cory Cross
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**Next OMOA Membership Meeting
12:30 P.M., Thursday, February 21, 2013
Marion County Public Works
Silverton Road, Salem**