



**VIRGINIA BUILDING & CODE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

**Past-Presidents' Meeting Minutes**

**10:00 AM July 9th, 2010 Chesterfield, Virginia**

**Attending in person: Guy Tomberlin, Bill Dupler, Ron Clements, Rick Witt, John Catlett, Jim Collins, Steve Shapiro, Lynn Underwood**

1. Bylaw changes

A general discussion of the drafted bylaw change regarding committee participation and Chapter membership. After general discussion a motion was made to recommend these bylaws to the Board of Directors at the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Speaker's bureau:

General discussion included the draft by Joel Baker to solicit invitations to speak. Some suggested that it could be refined. Next Lynn discussed his experiences while at the HBAV Annual Convention. This discussion centered on the influence HBAV has on legislation and how VBCOA is affected by this association. It was finally agreed that cooperation should increase between the Building Official and the local Builder's Association...that this would be more effective at the local level. Examples cited were Region II and Region VIII.

3. General discussion about the PP and committees. President Collins asked all present about the assignment of PP to various committees and their commitment. All agreed to fully participate. President Collins will discuss the arrangement with the current chair of each committee and make the assignment during the next few weeks.

4. Lobbyist

There was a general discussion about the need for a lobbyist. President Collins reported on a visit he had with our Lobbyist. They agreed to maintain their very low fee for now but could not see a way of reducing this for us at this time. It was generally agreed that a lobbyist added value to our organization...that the original rationale was to prevent bad legislation but we have achieved several successes based on their work. However, it was also agreed that we, as a chapter, must find a way of maintaining sustainable funding for this effort. Several ways of increasing funding were proposed. President Collins will discuss this with the Region Chairs at their next meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

5. Fund raising for chapter

John Catlett, Richard Moore and Art Berkely are working on this concept. It will employ the chapter benefit of using the half cost training from ICC. It will focus on fund raising and education for the chapter. It will be established after budget season but sometime this year. The Education Committee will be central to this effort.

6. Summit meeting between officers of VFPA, VPMIA and VBCOA. This group has met with exciting early results. Another meeting is planned. The President is leading this effort on behalf of VBCOA.

7. Steve Shapiro discussed the proposed ICC Bylaw change proposal attempted by NY last year. All were in favor of supporting this again.

8. Bill Dupler discussed Region Chair's responsibility, generally. The discussion surrounded budget development and raising funds. President Collins will remind them as a group of their mission.
9. John Catlett discussed the issue of a prescribed time limit for TRB hearings. There was support for this concept. This is likely to be a legislative initiative by the Chapter and the Board will need to prioritize legislative initiatives.
10. Guy discussed the need to mentor incoming officers. All agreed that some of this was necessary. Bill and Steve were called upon to work with the Incoming Officers at the next annual conference.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM