President Gregg Fields called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence for the Hurricane victims

A roll call of voting members present was conducted by Executive Director Sandra Harrington

**Roll call**

- Gregg Fields, President
- Pete Mensinger, First Vice President
- Jimmy Moss, Second Vice President
- Matt Westheimer, Sergeant at Arms
- David Beahm, Immediate Past President
- Terry Atwell, Region I
- John Broughton, Region II
- Ron Schuett, Region III
- Bob Orr, Region IV
- Debra McMahon, Region V
- Jason Laws, Region VI
- Mike Eutsey-Region VII, Education
- Christina Jackson, Region VIII
- Paula Eubank, Awards and Resolutions
- Ellen Eggerton, Energy Conservation
- Jeff Morrow, IBC
- Richard Moore, IRC
- Ron Clements, Legislative
- Michelle Coward, Membership
- Debra McMahon, Permit Technicians
- Tom Clark, PMG
- Earl Weaver, Property Maintenance
- Tom Coghill, PIO
- Allison Cook, Rehabilitation Code

**Ad hoc and others present**

- Rick Witt- Fire Code, TRB
- Kyle Kratzer, HSTTP
- Jada Black, Webmaster
- Eric Rice-Johnston BCAAC
- Sean Farrell, Regulatory Compliance
- Mike Redifer, DPOR
- Kris Bridges, ICC
- Cindy Davis-DHCD, ICC
- Brian McGraw, State Fire Marshall
- Erik Johnston, DHCD
- Shahiar Amiri
- Art Berkley
- Debra Colbert
- Jim Collins
- Cat Cornwell
- Emad Elmagraby
- Terry Ganey
- Gary Greene
- Paul Hancher
- Clarence Jackson
- Jatinder Khokhar
- Adam Moore
- Robert Morgan Yates
- Anne Payne
- Shinaze Saad Saleh
- Penny Samauda
- Myriam Villarroel
- Sandy Harrington, Executive Director

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2018 Board meeting by Rick Witt, seconded by Paula Johnson and unanimously approved.
Presidents Report
President Fields provided a recap of VBCOA activities including increased presence on social media such as Facebook and twitter and articles that had been published in the RVA Up to Code. There were two resolutions created: Emory Rodgers (as well as the creation of the Emory Rodgers Scholarship) and another upon the retirement of Bill Shelton, DHCD Director for many years.
President Fields also discussed membership, indicating there had been a clean-up of the membership rosters, and membership renewals was conducted 100% online. Additionally, President Fields indicated the results of a membership survey indicated most members had less than 10 years on the job and the main reason they wanted VBCOA membership was for networking and access to leadership supporting the VBCOA board efforts to focus on mentoring and developing emerging leaders. Additionally, VBCOA created a retiree membership category. President Fields thanked everyone for their hard work indicating that over $40,000 in scholarships has been awarded for conferences and participation in Code hearings, in addition to the HSTTP being number one in the nation and Virginia being chosen as the ICC chapter of the year.

Region Chairs
Chair Pete Mensinger submitted a report

Region Chairs
Region 1 Terry Atwell submitted a report
Region 2 John Broughton submitted a report
Region 3- Ron Schuett submitted a report
Region 4- Bob Orr new chair (starting in January) submitted a report
Region 5- Debra McMahon submitted a report
Region 6- Jason Laws submitted a report
Region 7-Mike Eutsey submitted a report
Region 8 Christina Jackson submitted a report

Time & Place
Jimmy Moss submitted a report. James Collins thanked Jimmy, Sandy and others for our work with rescheduling the annual conference due to the Hurricanes.

Past Presidents
David Beahm submitted a report. He also stated that the focus on mentorship needs to continue. Gregg Fields stated mentorship is key and VBCOA will need to continue to focus on this, stating that everyone has the responsibility to lead from where they are.

Old Business
Agritourism
President Fields indicated he has been attending the meetings, next meeting is October 18. The issue relates back to 2000 and farming operations having big events like pumpkin patches, not just wineries – the question are they farm structures? are they safe for certain capacity crowds? Virginia Tech is trying to come to consensus with the stakeholders – trying to establish codes to address certain issues because local fire and building officials have not been consistent.
Residential work group
Ron Clements reported that DHCD held a sub work group meeting to discuss Airbnb driven primarily by Virginia Beach, the question came from neighbors who didn't like the way things were being rented (noise, trash, traffic)-trying to get the Va Beach to address thru the Building Code (Cheri Hainer brought to the work group)- is a vacation home that you chose to rent out a change of occupancy - simply renting your house out does not mean turning it into a hotel

Shar from Arlington referenced a letter to the board from Airbnb (added e part of the board packet-letter from Andrew Kalloch to Gregg Fields October 13, 2018)

New Business
Code Change Training – Mike Eutsey indicated the education committee is working with DHCD for the new 2015 code update training and getting the information to DPOR so VBCOA can be a preferred provider to teach this class to contractors. Thru the regions, would do a 50 – 50 split with VBCOA. Building officials must go to a DHCD instructed class to get credit.

President Fields stated VBCOA signed up as a $1,000 sponsor of the Governors Housing Conference. Paula Johnson and Michelle Coward to have a table at the event. Pete, Jimmy and Gregg will also be attending.

Nominations Committee
David Beahm submitted a report.

Committees and Other Reports

Ad hoc Administrative
President Fields stated he is still talking to past presidents about chairing this. If anyone is interested in chairing the committee let him know.

Ad hoc High School Technical Training Program
Kyle Kratzer submitted a report

Ad hoc Fire Code
Rick Witt submitted a report

Ad hoc Military Families Career
David Beahm submitted a report

Awards and Resolutions
Paula Eubank and Mike Williams submitted a report

Education
Mike Eutsey submitted a report

Energy Conservation
Ellen Eggerton submitted a report
**International Building Code**
Jeff Morrow submitted a report

**International Residential Code**
Richard Moore and Jason Laws submitted a report

**Legislation**
Ron Clements had no new information to provide since the July Board meeting

**Membership**
Michelle Coward submitted a report
New initiative *Members Making Members* membership drive

**Permit Technicians**-
Debra McMahon reported they did a tips and tricks training in Charlottesville, a smaller version of the 8-hour class and the conference calls are going well.

**Plumbing/Mechanical Code**
Richard Grace submitted a report

**Property Maintenance**-
Earl Weaver and Phil Pugh submitted a report

**Public Information**
Tom Coghill reported that VBCOA has listed over 100 accomplishments in the ICC Region of the Year application. ICC was so impressed they asked VBCOA to share secrets at the ICC Conference. Also, Tom asked if anyone had photographs of VBCOA activities to send them to Tom Coghill this week for the ICC Presentation.

**Rehabilitation Code Committee**
Allison Cook submitted a report. She suggested that everyone go to the new code change training with DHCD.

**VCEC**
David Beahm submitted a report.

**Web Master**
Jada Black submitted a report.

**BCAAC**
Eric Rice-Johnston submitted a report

**Director of Regulatory Compliance**
Sean Farrell submitted report
DPOR
Mike Redifer submitted a report

TRB
Rick Witt submitted a report. He also introduced Christina Jackson as the newest TRB member, filling an at large position. Additionally, he wanted to remind the Board/Code officials, in relation to unsafe buildings, to please follow what is in the code, do not deviate, suggest if you have signs that have combined language, separate the signs. He stated that the TRB met last Friday and did not finish all the cases. Most lengthy was a case about an application of the Fire Code (see report). Brian McGraw provided some clarification related to the issue. Tom Coghill reminded folks Allegion will be here and to talk to them.

Next TRB meeting is in November

ICC Region 7
James Moss reported they meet via teleconference to do candidate interviews and voted to endorse - Byrant, Lewis, Hampton, Savage. Next meeting will be held at the ICC conference.

ICC
Cindy Davis submitted a report

DHCD
Cindy Davis submitted a report. Jeff Brown discussed code update training

State Fire Marshal
Brian McGraw submitted a report

VPMIA
Rick Witt submitted a report

WICED
Christina Jackson submitted a report

VFPA
Brian McGraw reported for Elaine Gall that she is at the VFPA conference

LAEI
Shariri Amiri reported they have 2000 in scholarship funds for ICC

VAESA Richard Moore reported on behalf of Dale Powers they have free training coming up, if interested let him know

Adjourned at 4:28 pm
1. General Business
   a. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance (Matt Westheimer)
   b. Roll Call of Voting Board Members; Welcome special guests- Erik Johnston
   c. Agenda review/approval and call for revisions
   d. Approval of the minutes from the July 27, 2018 Board Meeting

2. Officers Report
   a. President (Gregg Fields)
   b. Region Chairs Activity (Pete Mensinger)
   c. Time & Place (Jimmy Moss, Matt Westheimer)
   d. Past Presidents (David Beahm)

3. Old Business
   a. Agritourism – meeting Thursday Oct 18- Review and affirm proposed definition of Farm Venue; Review and affirm building safety attributes; Identify and affirm recommendations included in the 2018 report to the General Assembly. Residential Work Group- short term rentals
      a. 2018 ICC Conference-Pete/Gregg

4. New Business-
   a. Code Change Training - CCT for industry- Initiative for Education Committee and Region
   b. Governors Housing Conference- $1000 sponsor-

5. Committee and Other Reports
   a. Committee Reports
      i. Ad hoc Administrative (Gregg Fields)
      ii. Ad hoc High School Technical Training Program (Paula Johnson/Kyle Kratzer)
      iii. Ad hoc Fire Code (Rick Witt)
      iv. Ad hoc Military Families Career (David Beahm)
      v. Awards (Paula Eubank/Mike Williams)
      vi. Education (Mike Eutsey)
      vii. Energy Conservation (Ellen Eggerton)
      viii. International Building Code (Jeff Morrow)
      ix. International Residential Code (Richard Moore, Jason Laws)
      x. Legislation (Ron Clements/Julie Walton)
      xi. Membership (Michelle Coward)
      xii. Permit Technicians (Debra McMahon, Paula Fristoe)
      xiii. Plumbing/Mechanical Code (Richard Grace)
      xiv. Property Maintenance (Earl Weaver, Phil Pugh)
      xv. Public Information (Tom Coghill (interim))
      xvi. Rehabilitation Code Committee (Allison Cook)
      xvii. Virginia Code Education Conference (VCEC) (David Beahm/Gregg Fields)
   b. Web Master (Jada Black)
   c. BCAA (Eric Rice-Johnston)
   d. Director of Regulatory Compliance (Sean Farrell)
   e. DPOR (Mike Redifer)
   f. TRB (Rick Witt/ Eric Mays)
   g. ICC Region 7 (Jimmy Moss, Rick Witt)
   h. ICC (Jakob Karson / Cindy Davis/Kris Bridges)
   i. DHCD (Jeff Brown/DHCD staff)
   j. State Fire Marshal (Brian McGraw)
   k. VPMIA, WICED, VFPA, IAEL, IABO, VAESA
Region Report: Region II

Board of Directors Meeting (September 16, 2018)

Region II meets on the third Thursday of all odd months.
Our last meeting was held on Thursday, July 19th with 28 in attendance.
Education: Provided by Chandler Concrete on segmental block retaining walls and associated Engineering/design practices.

HSTTP: Our hats are off to Veronica Spradlin with Blacksburg High School for her efforts in successfully encouraging 6 of her students into passing the Building Exam. Also, Nathan Young with Amherst County on 3 testing and 2 passing.

Building Safety Month: In cooperation with Cathy Cook and the Town of Blacksburg our localities Offered free existing deck inspections. Both localities performed several free inspections.

#2: Montgomery County’s Building Inspections and Engineering/SWM Departments joined efforts for water safety/conservation education including backflow prevention and also promoted the HSTTP.

Our May meeting was held on Thursday the 17th with 30 in attendance.
Education: Alexandria Moon, ECS
Topics: Asbestos, Lead, and Mold.

We will be holding a Region II picnic for our membership on September 20th with a round table discussion. The meeting is planned to held at the Randolph Park in Dublin, Va.

We have not had a Region meeting since our last Board Meeting.

Name: John Broughton
Region Chair or Committee Chair
Region III Report:

Board of Directors Meeting October 14, 2018

Mr. President,

Region III holds a monthly meeting on a rotating schedule in both Harrisonburg and Winchester Cities on the second Thursday of each month. We are comprised of 12 jurisdictions. The meetings start at 9:30 am when training is provided or at 10:00 am. Our attendance for our last two meetings averaged 23 people. We try to provide training at every meeting.

This is a report on the activity of VBCOA Region III for the months of July – September 2018.

July
The Region does not have a meeting in July.

August
The meeting in Winchester had training provided by Loren Ross, who is the Manager of Engineering Research at the American Wood Council. He gave a presentation on the 2015 American Wood Council’s Deck Guide with a quick history, load path explanation, and best installation practices. We are planning on auditing the Treasurer’s records after the next meeting on September 13th. We realized that our previous Bylaw change vote that we made in June will require additional edits which will not be ready to present at the annual meeting. We intend to amend and have it ready for next year’s midyear meeting. We voted to reimburse any Region Officers conference registration or hotel stay at the annual conference. We also voted to provide 3 scholarships up to $1000 each to attend the ICC Annual Conference and/or Code Hearings for a member who is both a State and Region member and has never attended a prior ICC Conference.

September
The meeting in Harrisonburg had training provided by Ken Wells of Elite Insulation who provided a presentation on Spray Foam Insulation. There was discussion on when the State Codes would be available in print form as well as the new date for the VBCOA Annual Conference which would be October 14-16. The need for new Region Officers was reiterated with two current members leaving. An audit was done of the Treasurer’s records was done when the meeting was over and no problems were found.

Upcoming Events
The October meeting will be in Harrisonburg and will have Art Scott from DOLI who will put on a presentation on boiler and pressure vessel requirements. A slate of officers will be proposed.

Ron Schuett
Region III Chair
Region IV Chair Report

Membership meets every third Thursday.

The year has been ongoing outside training and roundtable discussions, MFG home set up, swimming pools, smoke/fire damper installation.

Region IV has developed a Permit Tech Committee chaired by Rebecca Haunold of Culpeper, they meet quarterly. Last meeting Debra McMahon provided a Tips and Tricks presentation for the Permit Technician certification.

Skip Harper (DHCD) informs the membership on DHCD updates.

Bob Orr has been nominated for Chairman for 2019, elections in October.
A meeting via a conference call was held on August 24th. A quorum was established and the motion passed to have Region V continue to support the Steve Slaght Scholarship with a donation of $1500.00. This will be presented at the VBCOA Annual Meeting.

Region V also sent a note to Steve’s wife letting her know that we continue to support Steve’s memory with this scholarship.

Our next meeting/training will be held on September 20th, the training will be on Kitchen Hoods, presented by Dennis Hart and Anthony McMahon and will held at the Park West Lions Club in Manassas. We will also be welcoming our new officers!

Respectfully,

Debra K. McMahon

Region V Chair
Region VI Report:

Board of Directors Meeting – September 16, 2018

Enter report information below:

Region VI meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each even month with at least an hour of training at each meeting. We have an average of 35 members in attendance.

Our last meeting took place on August 21st where new regional officers were elected:

Jason Laws, Chesterfield County Chair
Michelle Coward, City of Richmond Vice Chair
Mark Bridgeman, City of Richmond Treasurer
Jim Noctor, Henrico County Secretary / Sergeant at Arms

The training provided was on Fire Rated Doors presented by Tom Wright with Allegion.

Next meeting is scheduled to take place on October 9th. (A change from our normal schedule due to a conflict with the ICC conference volunteers orientation)

Name: Jason Laws
Region Chair
Region VII Report:

Board of Directors Meeting 9/16/18

Region VII holds their meeting on the third Wednesday of each month in Middlesex County. We post our meeting dates to the VBCOA calendar and our Agenda and minutes to the VBCOA forum section.

Region VII will hold their elections at their September meeting.

Mike Eutsey

Region VII Chair
General Membership Meeting on August 30, 2018

VBCOA Region 8 gave three (3) scholarships for members to attend the VBCOA Annual School of Conference at the Williamsburg Lodge

VBCOA Region 8 is working on By-Law changes for the Region to reflect rules for Non-Profit status
The 2018 Richmond Conference Committee has met twice since the Board of Directors last met on July 20, 2018. Planning for the 2018 Welcome Event and other activities continues.

**Welcome Event Committee:**
VIP List has been created and voted upon
Historical Tobacconist Display was voted on and Approved. To be located at main foyer
Ice Sculpture of Richmond Heart was approved
Period Character Actors will be on hand as members/guests arrive
Silhouette or Character Artist Will be on hand
Photo booth will be available

**Ambassador Committee:**
Informational hand-outs for guests to use while staying in Richmond
Schedule (time slots) identified for volunteer ambassadors
Polo Shirts and Tee Shirt colors were voted on and Approved

**Sponsorship Committee:**
Re-addressed current sponsorship list
Additional sponsorships added
Sponsorship Logos requested for the Vinyl Banner to be created in late September
Sponsor recognition event will be located at Host Chapter Table

**Motorcycle Ride Committee:**
ICC will only receive checks for M/C registration (no CC availability)
Ride Routes (2) will soon be displayed on the ICC website
Orders for tee shirts will end 30 days before ride
ICC VIP will announce, “Start your engines” at the M/C Storage location for Saturday ride

**Ron Burton Golf Tournament:**
VBCOA will be sponsoring a “Tee Box” and Hole #9 on Sunday

**Opening Event Committee:**
Request to have color guard from the United States Army, 3rd Infantry Battalion, in process (N/C)
1st Virginia Regiment (militia) re-enactors presence are in process (N/C)
Guest singer to perform National Anthem confirmed
Colonial Fife and Drum team is in process (N/C)

On behalf of the 2018 Planning Committee, we would like to extend our appreciation to the Board of Directors, the Officers and Members of VBCOA for their continued interest and support.

Gregg Fields, President
Pete Mensinger, 1st Vice President
2018 Richmond Planning Committee
Virginia Building and Code Officials Association

VBCOA Board of Directors Meeting
Time and Place Report
October 14, 2018

VFPA Fall Training Conference
October 15th-16th
Wytheville Meeting Center
Wytheville, VA

2018 ICC 14th Annual Bob Fowler Motorcycle Ride
October 20th-21st

October 21-31 Richmond, VA
Annual Conference: October 21 – 24
Public Comment Hearings: October 24 – 31
Public Safety & Design Expo: 21 – 22

2019 VBCOA Mid-Year Conference
March 31-April 1, 2019
The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center

VPMIA Spring School of Instruction
April 3-5, 2019
Holiday Inn & Suites North Beach, Virginia Beach

2019 VBCOA Annual Conference
September 21-24, 2019
Hilton Oceanfront, Virginia Beach
Board of Directors Meeting
Williamsburg, Virginia
October 14, 2018
Submitted by David Beahn

Past Presidents Council

The Council has further email dialogue about proposed By-Laws changes that the Region Chairs Committee are discussing. Additional conversations were held during the Region Chairs meeting this morning.

Nominations Committee

The Committee is set to meet directly after the Board of Directors meeting in this very room. A proposed slate of Officers will be announced tomorrow morning at the General Membership meeting and voted on.

Military Families Career Creation – Ad-Hoc

ICC will be holding an event for all chapters that have interest in this program at the Richmond 2018 ICC Conference in the Convention Center on Monday, October 22nd from 1:00 to 2:00 pm in Room B17. ICC has also released a new social media and podcast service.

The podcast link is: https://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/periodicals-and-newsroom/icc-pulse-podcast/

Social media can be shared at: #ICCPulsePod

Virginia Code Education Conference (VCEC)

Again, at the present time we are not meeting due to the focus being on the Richmond 2018 ICC Conference. We will begin meeting again soon to determine how we will be proceeding for our next education event.
President Fields and Members of the Board of Directors (in BCC), my name is Andrew Kalloch and I work in Public Policy for Airbnb.

Attached is a letter in regard to a recent proposal by Daniel Willham (County of Fairfax) on behalf of the VBCOA. The proposed change (G21-18) would amend Section 310 of the International Building Code (IBC).

For a number of reasons explained in the letter, we urge you to withdraw the proposal in advance of the ICC conference in Richmond in two weeks.

We look forward to working with you to address concerns on behalf of our Virginia host community and all of those who live in or travel to the Commonwealth.

All best,

Andrew Kalloch

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Saturday, October 13, 2018

Mr. Gregg Fields  
Director of Code Administration  
City of Alexandria, VA  
President  
Virginia Building and Code Officials Association  
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Re: Proposed Change to IBC Code by Virginia Building and Code Officials Association (G21-18)

President Fields and Members of the VBCOA Board,

I write today, in advance of the VBCOA annual conference, in regard to a recent proposal by Daniel Willham (County of Fairfax) on behalf of the VBCOA. The proposed change (G21-18) would amend Section 310 of the International Building Code (IBC).

Airbnb believes that the VBCOA should withdraw the proposal at the forthcoming ICC conference in Richmond (October 24-29, 2018) and engage in more fulsome dialogue with a variety of interested and affected stakeholders.

Substantive Concerns About Proposed Amendment G21-18

As proposed, amendment G21-18 is not only in conflict with how short-term rentals have been handled historically in the IBC, but would do little to improve public safety.

Nature of Short-Term Rentals

The latest version of the IBC (2015) distinguishes between R-1 occupancies “containing sleeping units where the occupants are primarily transient in nature,” such as hotels and boarding houses, from R-2 occupancies “containing sleeping units or more than two dwelling units where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature,” including apartment houses, dormitories, and-- notably-- vacation timeshare properties.¹

The inclusion of timeshares in the R-2 category highlights how the ICC has long recognized the difference between “traditional” transient accommodations like hotels, and homesharing, including timeshares or other VR properties. While some boutique hotels and traditional bed and breakfasts list their properties on Airbnb, the majority of property owners or managers on Airbnb list accommodations that are similar to timeshares— i.e. single-family homes, apartments, condominiums, or similar residential properties occasionally rented on a

short-term basis. In the year ending September 1, 2018, the typical Airbnb host in Virginia generated just over $6,000 in supplemental income by sharing their space for 40 nights.

The fact that lodging houses with 5 or fewer guest rooms and boarding houses with 10 or fewer occupants are classified as R-3 ("occupancies where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature") further supports the notion that the use of a property as a short-term rental should not, standing alone, transform its building classification into that of a traditional hotel.

Indeed, as the code states, "Where a structure is proposed for a purpose that is not specifically provided for in this code, such structure shall be classified in the group that the occupancy most nearly resembles, according to the fire safety and relative hazard involved."2

In general, outside of traditional hotels and motels, most properties that are used as short-term rentals are residential dwellings like apartment buildings, condominiums, or single-family homes. In fact, as the short-term rental market has evolved in recent years, a number of distinct types of alternative accommodations have grown in popularity, from residents renting an extra room in their home and property owners who share a secondary residence when they are out of town to apartment buildings that are developed as homesharing friendly communities.3

**Safety Considerations**

While accommodations in apartment buildings, condominiums, and single-family homes are familiar to most travelers, Airbnb nevertheless takes a number of steps to ensure the safety of hosts, guests, and neighbors alike, including running home safety workshops with hosts and local fire services to equip our community with the latest advice from leading experts, and giving out free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to hosts.4

Moreover, some municipalities have chosen to adopt additional public safety provisions for short term rentals, including requiring smoke and CO detectors and the posting of fire safety and evacuation plans that show means of egress, the location of fire extinguishers, relevant emergency contact phone numbers, and other life safety instructions. These provisions impose reasonable requirements on short-term rental providers given the types of accommodation at issue.

While the proponent of the change cited hotels as the impetus to the amendment,5 the proposed change could potentially affect a wide range of buildings in which individuals rent dwelling units on a short-term basis.

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3 https://www.airbnb.com/about-us/
Indeed, the proposals would create confusion and conflict with common and legal understandings regarding the nature of short-term rentals, begging a series of questions:

- Is an apartment building, a condo, or a single-family home where owners/tenants occasionally rent their home on a short-term basis an R-1?
- If one person used their apartment as an Airbnb, would it transform the entire floor (or building) into an R-1?
- If so, who would have the burden of updating the building?
- Could competing developers impose onerous burdens on each other by buying a single apartment and listing it on Airbnb?

The IBC should not lead to absurd results. Thus, we urge VBCOA to support the code’s longstanding treatment of dwelling units used as vacation rental accommodations as R-2, including the myriad types of short-term rental properties on platforms such as Airbnb.

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The proposed amendment, which has the potential to impact thousands of Virginians and millions of Americans, was proposed with limited engagement with other VA buildings officials and representatives of companies like ours, whose hosts depend on home sharing to remain in their communities.

Moreover, it has the potential to upend a growing short-term rental economy that has been an economic lifeline for short-term rental hosts, as well as a boon to small business owners who benefit from increased foot traffic.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with you to examine local and state codes to ensure that responsible short-term rental activity can continue to flourish throughout the Old Dominion. In order to do that, this proposal should be withdrawn prior to a vote at the ICC conference later this month.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to working with you to ensure the safety of all who have the privilege of living in or traveling to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Sincerely,

Andrew Kalloch
Americas Policy Manager
Airbnb

CC: VBCOA Board of Directors

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High School Technical Training Program

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Regional Participating Schools

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Frederick County Public Schools
Spotsylvania Career and Technical Center

Tazewell County Career and Technical Center
Christiansburg High School
Lord Fairfax Community College

Wythe County Technology Center
Eastern Montgomery High School
John Handley High School

Grayson County Career Center
Auburn High School
Trinity Technical & Business Institute

Washington County CTI Center
Amherst County High School
Clark County High School
Freedom High School

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Membership Soon to Expiry
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Sandy Harrington

Subject: FW: VBCOA reports

From: Witt, Rick <WittR@chesterfield.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 9:56 AM
To: Sandy Harrington <sharrington@vml.org>
Subject: VBCOA reports

VPMIA Liaison

VPMIA will hold their Annual School of Instruction on April 3-5, 2019 in Virginia Beach at the Holiday Inn and Suites. Excellent training will be a part of this conference and you are encouraged to attend.

Fire Code adHoc Committee

While the committee has not reviewed the public comments to be heard at the ICC Richmond Hearings, the original code change positions prepared for the spring hearings have not changed. Based on the past three year effort to eliminate construction language from the Fire Code I would suggest that we oppose any attempt to add more construction language. In addition we have reached out to the Fire service to offer our willingness to collaborate in addressing changes to the future 2018 Virginia Fire Prevention Code.

Technical Review Board

On October 12, 2018 the State Technical Review Board met and heard several appeals cases. One of those cases involved a school system and the installation of devices to the interior classroom doors of newly constructed elementary school as an approach to the protecting students during an active shooter incident. The school system had performed a careful consideration of devices and involved the police, fire chief, citizens, building official and others to determine the best method for their school system. After determining the appropriate device the school system received an approved code modification to use these devices from the Building Official prior to the Issuance of a certificate of Occupancy. Seven months after the opening of the school the State Fire Marshalls office cited the school system with a violation of a section of the Fire code that states among other things that security devices must receive the approval of the Fire Code Official. After testimony, the Board decided that the State Fire Marshall had no authority to cite the violation due to the Statewide Fire Prevention Code regulations and the Code of Virginia scoping the fire Marshalls authority to only address maintenance of what was previously approved by the Building Official within the structure. The formal order and findings documenting the decision should be available sometime in November.

Thanks,
Rick
The A&R Committee conducted all scholarship and nomination/special award business via teleconference and electronic means.


The Committee issued the following scholarship awards since July 2018:

2018 ICC Annual Conference and Code Hearings in Richmond
- 35 scholarship applicants
- 25 scholarship awards at $1375
- 2 complimentary conference registrations awarded as Chapter reward certificates at $625
- 1 scholarship recipient declined and 1 scholarship alternate awarded to date
- Conference registrations in disbursement format of ICC promotion/discount code

The Committee received four (4) nominations for special awards to be presented at the 2018 Annual Banquet during the Annual Conference.

Three (3) special awards will be issued in the following categories:
- Meritorious Service Award for Building Officials
- Meritorious Service Award for Technical Assistants
- Meritorious Service Award for VBCOA Members

Paula Eubank, Awards and Resolutions Committee Co-Chairpersons
Mike Williams, Awards and Resolutions Committee Co-Chairpersons

The 2018 Year-to-Date metrics:
Conference Scholarships
- 2018 VBCOA Mid-Year Conference – 6 scholarships @ $75
- 2018 ICC Spring Code Hearings – 6 scholarships @ $1000
- 2018 VBCOA Annual Conference – 14 scholarships @ $500
- 2018 ICC Annual Conference and Code Hearings – 25 @ $1375 & 2 @ $625

Special Awards:
- Meritorious Service Award for Building Officials
- Meritorious Service Award for Technical Assistants
- Meritorious Service Award for VBCOA Members
The Education Committee has been busy since our last Board of Directors meeting. We have been working with Second Vice-President Moss and Sandy Harrington on training classes and instructors for the upcoming VBCOA Annual Conference. We have received ICC Preferred Provider Credits for several of the classes offered.

We have completed the NRS (New Residential Structures) Continuing Professional Education class for home inspectors with the NRS designation. The program was submitted to DPOR and we received approval from them on August 17th. We are currently in the process of setting up a class due to home inspectors already asking for it.

We are also attempting to set up a NRS class in the Chesterfield/Richmond area in the upcoming weeks.

Mike Entsey

Education Committee Chair
From: Ellen Eggerton <Ellen.Eggerton@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 11:34 AM
To: Sandy Harrington <sharrington@vml.org>
Subject: VBCOA oral committee report

Oral report for Energy Committee

Plans
The Energy Conservation committee will hold meetings this fall to meet the January 7, 2019 deadline for submission to the ICC for proposed code changes.
Meeting are planned to be virtual to be more sustainable with remote phone conferencing.
Update the web site for meeting dates and remote access option.
Committee will prepare for 2019 Group B code hearings

Goals
Energy Committee will hope to have a presence at the Group B hearings (action hearings April 28- May 8, 2019 and public comment hearings October 23-30, 2019).
Propose changes at the state and national level

Ellen Eggerton, P.E.
Sustainability Coordinator
City of Alexandria, Virginia
Transportation & Environmental Services Department/ Office of Environmental Quality
Office: 703.746.4184
IBC Committee Report:

Board of Directors Meeting (September 16, 2018)

There has been no activity since our last report. Attending the upcoming ICC hearings in Richmond.

Jeff Morrow

IBC Committee Chair
IRC Committee Report:

Board of Directors Meeting – September 16, 2018

Enter report information below:

IRC Committee is continuing to reach out to offer assistance to any individual that wants to propose code changes to the International Residential Code.

Goals:
- Schedule code committee meetings in alignment with the code development cycle
- Recruit and mentor participants to the VBCOA IRC committee
- Keep IRC committee information and events up-to-date on VBCOA website
- Reach out and help facilitate code change proposals to meet January 7th, 2019 deadline
- Encourage IRC Committee members to have a presence at the Richmond code hearings (October 24th – 31st, 2018)
- Prepare for 2019 Group B Code hearings
- Have IRC Committee presence at Group B hearings in Albuquerque, NM (April 28th – May 8th, 2019)
- Have IRC Committee presence at Group B hearings in Clark County, NV (October 23rd – October 30th, 2019)

Name: Richard Moore and Jason Laws

Region Chair or Committee Chair
Date: October 11, 2018

To: VBCOA Board of Directors

From: Michelle Coward, Chair Membership Committee

Subject: Membership Report

1. As of August 10, 2018 the membership total for VBCOA is 1023 members.

2. The following represents membership numbers by Region:

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3. Membership Renewal will be opened in November 2018 on the VBCOA website. All renewals and new members will be done electronically. This application process will also allow for retired members to make application online.

4. Prior Activities & Upcoming Activities done by Membership Chair to promote the brand of VBCOA
   - Staffed a tabled at the CORE class held August 28-30, 2018
   - Will staff table at the ICC 2018 Conference -October 2018
   - Will staff a table at the Governor’s Housing Conference-November 2018

5. I am working with 1st Vice President (Pete Messenger) to promote a membership drive for 2019, theme of membership drive will be “Members making Members”. The goal is to encourage members to bring in other members. I am working on an incentive for the winner(s). I welcome any suggestions for this. Send your suggestions to michelle.coward@richmond.gov.com as soon as possible so that we can advertise the incentive when we push out this initiative with our renewal in November.

6. I encourage all region chairs to have their region membership chairs to contact me so that we can discuss membership strategies to help increase the membership of VBCOA.
Hi Sandy,

I will not be attending the conference. I would like to submit this email as a PMG Committee report if that is acceptable.

The VPMIA/VBCOA PMG Committee met October 4, 2018 to establish a position statements for public comments associated with the International Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Codes and the International Residential Code for plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas. Public Comment Hearing will take place October 24 through 29 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond. The committee completed this task, and the results of this will be posted on the VPMIA and VBCOA websites once editorials to these statements are complete.

This competes my report.

Respectfully,

Richard Grace
VPMIA/VBCOA PMG Committee Chairman
The Property Maintenance Committee has identified November 2018 as a tentative date for the
next committee meeting due to the ICC Conference in October, the location will soon be
determined. The discussion will be on the completion of the Electrical Outlet spacing guide,
and the Handrails, Guard rails Spacing guide. The guest speaker is still to be determined.

The Property Maintenance Committee last met in Charlottesville, VA in the City Space facility
on June 29, 2018. Meeting place accommodations and lunch were provided by the City of
Charlottesville and coordinated by Ms. Patricia Carrington. The meeting was well attended by
twenty five members and first timer visitors.

We had the pleasure of two good presentations with take aways for our tool boxes. Our first
presenter, Mr. Percy White, Gang Prevention & Intervention Coordinator from the City of
Alexandria gave a very informative presentation on “Human Trafficking”. Mr. White’s
presentation was especially useful to the committee since inspectors often find themselves
inspecting residential spaces and transitional housing where sex or labor trafficking could be
occurring.

Our second presenter, Ms. Michelle Coward from Richmond gave a comprehensive
presentation on “Derelict and Vacant Buildings”. She did an excellent job leading the group in
discussions on state code Sec. 8-1-130 - Vacant building registration.

Earl Weaver, Committee Chair
Philip Pugh, Committee Co-Chair
Enter report information below:

**ICC Code Change**
Thank you to all of the Regions for providing representatives after our last meeting in July.

The committee has started to review and develop code changes proposal for the International Existing Building Code 2019, group B code development cycle based on the changes submitted for the 2015 Virginia Existing Building Code. The committee has agreed to simultaneously pursue changes to specific sections while also proposing the reformatting approved in the 2015 Virginia Existing Building Code. The goal is to achieve reformatting for easier use and understanding while also addressing (and reducing) the retrofit requirements in the 2021 Existing Building Code. The code changes are due January 2019.

We will be meeting in person on Wednesday, September 19th to discuss the reformatting efforts with VBCOA committee members as well as representatives from DHCD, Tim Ryan, and Dave Collins.

We also plan to hold several additional phone meetings leading up to January 2019 to develop changes for specific sections.

The committee is coordinating outside of VBCOA to build national support for greater likelihood of success at the 2019 code development hearings. We welcome additional participation! Any questions or requests about participating in meetings can be sent to acook1@arlingtonva.us

Name: Allison Cook

Committee Chair
Webmaster Report

Developments to Date:

- Updates to current events continue to be made, request for Region Chairs to visit their VBCOA webpage to confirm current information is accurate. Please notify webmaster of any changes or incorrect information.
- Region officers that need access to their pages will need to be submitted to webmaster for page editing privileges.
- HSTTP Webpage added, tab located in menu and is ready for information

Website Analytics:

- 776 Users (total of 25 new users)
- 43 Forums
- 273 Topics

Respectfully,

Jada C. Black
Webmaster
VBCOA BOD 27 July 2018
Glen Allen, Virginia

BCAAC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - Eric Rice-Johnston

BUILDING CODE ACADEMY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. There has been no BCAAC meeting since our BOD in July, 2018

2. There are no items to place before VBCOA in relation to BCAAC and DHCD.

3. The purpose of this position is to elevate to the BCAAC any issues or concerns raised by VBCOA (one of the organizations most directly affected by BCA activities), and also to report back to VBCOA any actions or conditions which are noteworthy to the membership.

4. The BCAAC takes steps to ensure that Code Update training is available to—and required for—Building Officials, Building Inspectors, Plans Examiners and Permit Technicians throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. This must be done each time Virginia updates the Virginia Construction Code.

Respectfully Submitted,
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VBCOA Director of Regulatory Compliance: Sean P. Farrell
Reports of the Board of Housing and Community Development
& Fire Services Board

The Board of Housing and Community Development has met twice since the last VBCOA Board meeting: July 30 and September 7.

- The Board elected 2018-2019 officers: John Ainslie termed out, JP Carr was elected Chairman, Steve Semones was elected Vice Chairman
- The Board approved Private Activity Bond Guidelines
- The Board approved Industrial Revitalization Fund Guidelines
- The Board approved adoption of the 2015 USBC parts 1, 2 and 3 with DHCD staff’s recommended changes to be effective September 4, 2018
- The Board approved / reconfirmed their October 16, 2017 actions to adopt the 2015 SFPC with DHCD staff’s recommended changes to be effective on October 16, 2018
- The 2018 Code Development Cycle will commence in early 2019
  o VBCOA Committee Chairs need to be reviewing and discussing pending / potential changes with their respective teams
- Next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2018

I wanted to express significant appreciation to everyone who provided comments, testimony and/or demonstrated support of our VBCOA positions through attendance regarding matters the BHCD considered over these two meeting; these folks made a significant difference regarding final outcomes and decisions. I would also further extend this appreciation to all of our members that spent their time and talent, developing, negotiating, commenting and following/progressing through both phases of the 2015 code development cycle. It was a long journey, and our organization is truly leading the way...

Lastly, I have asked the Chairman to replace me as the BHCD representative on the Fire Services Board (FSB). My current Development Project Manager position duties and responsibilities with PWC will not support this additional commitment. I am unsure who the Chairman will select to replace my seat. Therefore, our Fire Code Committee must have robust participation with the FSB Codes and Standards Committee regarding further review and development of the SFPC.
No additional activity to report since July.

Regulatory action in progress:

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Name: Michael Redifer
ICC REPORT

VBCOA – Oct 2018

Board News/Actions:

- New Chapters: Idaho Permit Technicians and Northeastern Connecticut Building Officials
- ICC Recognition of Eagle Scout and similar awards.
- Acquisition of General Code.
- HUD – new rule to eliminate the HUD- inspector list and rely (require) ICC Certified Inspectors.
- Membership Council Ad hoc Committee report will be presented the Oct board meeting.
- School Safety and Security Ad Hoc Committee is underway
- Standards Project underway in cooperation with the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) and the Modular Building Institute (MBI) to explore and develop a portfolio of Standards and Guidance tools to support the off-site construction industry.
- ICC has a new podcast called Pulse which is available on Apple podcasts, google play and Spotify. This month’s podcast featured a Boise, Idaho high school student who developed a passion for building safety and led her to testify a the City council meetings to advocate for the adoption of new building codes.

Conference Highlights:

- Focus on the ICC Military Families Career Path Program will be featured October 22 Starting at 1 p.m. Monday, October 22
- Emory Rodgers spent more than four decades devoting himself to the building safety profession and to the creation and ongoing development of the International Codes. As a leader in the industry and in the ICC community, he put forth unprecedented efforts in educating and preparing the next generation of building safety professionals. To commemorate his everlasting influence as a mentor and adviser, ICC is proposing the creation of the Emory R. Rodgers Leadership in Public Safety Fellowship. This Fellowship will take the form of a financial award that will provide executive development educational opportunities for up-and-coming leadership the building safety industry. The Emory R Rodgers Leadership in Public Safety Fellowship will be announced at the Awards luncheon during the ABM next week.
- Not too late...scholarship $$$ is still available from various organizations. Hearings and business meeting are free.
- To encourage your Plumbing Officials to join us before and during the hearings, we're offering complimentary entrance to the PMG educational track on Tuesday, October 23. Their perspective, expertise and experience are exactly what the hearings need to make sure all communities benefit. This is a great opportunity to expand their knowledge and get their CEUs for the year. To take
advantage of this offer, your Plumbing Official can click on either Member or Non-Member, enter the code PMGAccess and then complete the registration process.

- Share with your contractors that Monday provides free entrance to the Expo AND four free training events at the expo. Brochures are available at the DHCD booth.

**ICC Assessment Center program helps code officials to reinstate their expired certifications**

The ICC Assessment Center offers a reinstatement program for expired certifications from ICC and its legacy organizations. The Council is expanding the opportunity to reinstate certifications that are more than six years past the initial expiration date. To reinstate certifications, applicants will need to:

- Show proof of earned continuing education units (CEUs).
- Pay renewal and reinstatement fee (flat fee regardless of number of certifications reinstated).
- Complete the Application for Certification Reinstatement – Application for Expired ICC Certifications or Application for Certification Issued by a Legacy Organization
- Show proof of original certification (legacy organizations only).
- Show proof of employment in a code compliance industry, including employment history. Individuals may have left the industry and since returned (legacy organizations only).

This request originated with FL and to date they have had 63 individuals renew over 260 certifications. CA has 06 individuals renewing 190 certifications. To date VA has had 21 individuals reinstate 99 certifications.

Remember that many exams are now offered on PRONTO. This allows test candidates to test from the comfort of their home or a quite office environment. Please be sure to review all of the information prior to taking the exam. Do not skip the system tests and tutorials as these are the major reasons that candidates have issues.

By the numbers:

PRONTO exams – Aug to Dec 2017 (5 months) 825 exams and Jan to Sept 2018 (9 months) 3,161 have been taken online.
The 2015 edition of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) went into effect on September 4, 2018 and the 2015 Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) will be effective October 16, 2018. As with past editions of the USBC, during the first year immediately following the effective date, a permit applicant can choose to apply under the 2012 USBC or the 2015 USBC. After the one-year period (September 4, 2019), all permits must be issued under the 2015 USBC.

All DHCD code enforcement certificate holders are required to complete DHCD approved Code Change Training within 12 months of the effective date of the new codes and all users of the codes are encouraged to attend 2015 Code Change Training to better understand the changes in the 2015 I-Codes as well as the Virginia amendments to those codes.


DHCD could not enter into a contract with ICC until the regulations were published in the register. Therefore, the custom Virginia Codes will not be available until late October. They are available for pre-order from ICC now. DHCD has published the official USBC and SFPC regulations that contain all amendments and updates to the model codes and these are available on our website.

Now that that’s done, we can start all over again! We anticipate beginning work on the 2018 VA codes early next year. Sub-workgroups for special topics will be starting soon, so please consider being part of one of VBCOA’s code development committees. Those committees are why Virginia is consistently recognized as a national leader in code development.

To that end, cdpVA is being updated to the new platform and a beta test site will be sent out to you super users to test drive. By all accounts, the new platform appears to be much more user friendly.

Every jurisdiction should have received a link to all of the legacy codes since the inception of the USBC thru dropbox. If you have not or if you have problems with retrieving the downloads, please contact Sandi Morris.

Staff Updates:
Vernon Hodge retired from the agency effective June 1st. Richard Potts was promoted to Code Development and Technical Support Administrator within the SBCO. Jennifer Tolley joined the SBCO on October 10th as the Construction Regulation Administrator.

SBCTRIB Appointments
Kenney Payne was appointed to the TRB as the AIA Virginia representative Christina Jackson was appointed to the TRB as a Commonwealth at Large representative

DHCD Staff has updated our presentation for the manufactured housing installation program and presented in Wytheville on June 1. This program will be presented again in the Richmond area on December 6th as a full day continuing education training opportunity.
DHCD has been working with ICC and solar energy experts to develop a face to face training class on “large scale solar farm installations”.

DHCD recently convened a stakeholder group to discuss two issues that surfaced during the General Assembly last year...Accessory Dwelling Units and Short Term Rentals. The group came to consensus on both items and any needed follow up code changes will be developed and submitted for the 2018 cycle.

- Related to Short Term rentals, it was determined that based on definitions in the current USBC, renting a single family dwelling does not constitute a change of use from an R-5 to an R-1. Any desire to limit the size will be addressed during the next code update cycle.
- Related to Accessory Dwelling Units, an exception will be added to the separation requirements in the Residential Code to not require a fire separation when certain conditions are met. Less than 1/3 the building footprint in size, includes a cased opening that permits fluid movement between single family dwelling and accessory dwelling. Ron Clements and Shahriar Amiri will develop the language that will be submitted for the next code cycle.

DHCD worked with a stakeholder group to finalize a form for use by landlords in response to legislation that was passed last session related to smoke alarms in rental housing. The law is effective January, 2019. The form is available on DHCD’s website.

DHCD is participating in a stakeholder group discussing code requirements as they apply to agritourism buildings on farms. Gregg Fields and Jimmy Moss have also attending the meetings. We will keep you updated as things progress.

The 2018 VAGHC is at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA November 14-16, 2018. Building related sessions include one on new technology to increase affordability. Panelists will be Andrew McCoy from Virginia Tech, Tom Hardiman from the Modular Institute and Brian Straub, a homebuilder experienced in solar homes.

BSM student Scholarship - VBCOA, VPMIA, and DHCD partnered to offer the student essay scholarship to highlight Building Code Safety Month. The scholarship was open to rising or graduating high school seniors and current first, second or third year students of a two or four-year institution. This year’s essay theme was Building Codes Save Lives.

A total of five winners were selected with the 1st place winner being recognized at the ICC BSM rooftop reception in Washington DC on May 30th. Thanks to Gregg Fields, Tom Clark, Pete Mensinger and Jimmy Moss for making the trip to be there for the recognition!

- 1st place - $2000 - Thea Konofal, Maggie Walker Governor’s School
- 2nd place - $1000 - Caroline Maloney, Freedom High School, Chantilly VA
- HM - $500 - Madelyn Abbe, Loudoun Valley High School, Purcellville, VA
  Nicholas Dize, Loudoun Valley High School, Purcellville, VA
  Pleruna Rossini, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

Building Safety Month (updated 7/18/18)
The Building Safety Month Jurisdictional contest has closed. We received seven submissions total and look forward to announcing the winners during the VBCOA Annual Conference in October. Winning localities will receive a catered lunch for their office and training for up to 40 employees for just telling us about their jurisdiction’s Building Safety
Month campaign! We have expanded the categories and increased the number of winners:
  - Best campaign, jurisdiction under 10 employees
  - Best campaign, jurisdiction 10 to 40 employees
  - Best campaign, jurisdiction over 40 employees

- Code Update Training (updated 9/27/18)
The initial classroom schedule is posted and classes are running. All trade classes have received DPOR continuing education approval – remember to bring your trades or master licenses with you to code training. With the classroom schedule open, staff are now working on moving the content into the on-line format which is expected to be released late September to early October. As in previous years the courses will be available on the Learning Center. Those who expect to take the online courses are strongly encouraged to make sure their Learning Center profile is completely up to date, especially name and email address. All information in each person’s Learning Center profile should exactly match that in the Online Registration System. If profiles do not match, there may be delays or errors in accurately updating online course completions. For information on logging in, accessing profile information, or registering a profile, please contact Stephen Reynolds at Stephen.reynolds@dhcd.virginia.gov or Rajan Engh at rajan.engh@dhcd.virginia.gov

- VBCA Schedule (updated 9/27/18)
The 2018 fall schedule is in progress. In addition to our certification classes we will have at least two separate continuing education offerings including the MHIP training for code officials in December. Course and registration information can be found at the VBCA Online Registration System.

The 2019 schedule is expected to be open for registration mid to late October. We appreciate your patience as we work carefully to not conflict with existing conferences, significant events, and various observed holidays.

- 2018 Annual Conference and hearings (updated 9/27/18)
The 2018 ICC Planning Committee has been meeting and making preparations for the 2018 Annual Conference and Group A Public Comment Hearings. The conference will be held at the Greater Richmond convention Center from October 21-23, 2018. Visit ICC conference webpage for more info: http://media.iccsafe.org/2018 ICC_ArCon/index.html
  - The keynote speaker has been identified....Matt Paxton, host of the television show Hoarders will be the keynote at the luncheon on Tuesday. That will be followed by an afternoon of training on the VA Maintenance Code.
  - There are some awesome events planned including a behind the scenes tour of the Virginia Capitol building and a welcome event on Sunday evening at the Train Shed.
  - Many volunteers are still needed to help during the conference and the Welcome event. Please contact Rodger Slate in Chesterfield or stop at the volunteer table during the VBCOA conference if you have any interest in helping.
REPORT FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE
VBCOA Board of Directors
October 14, 2018

Civilian Fire Deaths

As of October 13, 2018, there have been 48 civilian fire fatalities in the Commonwealth of Virginia in CY2018. Analysis of available data indicates that the median age of the victims is 69 years old. The leading cause of these fires involves smoking materials. Many of the victims had mobility issues that prevent timely evacuation.

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IDSM = Improperly Discarded Smoking Materials
New Virginia Fire Marshal Academy (VFMA) Chief

The Department of Fire Programs hired Chief Garrett Dyer to lead the Virginia Fire Marshal Academy, effective September 10, 2018. Chief Dyer has more than 30 years of public safety experience. He retired from Fairfax County where he served in numerous roles including Acting Deputy Chief over the Fire Marshal’s Office. Chief Dyer can be reached at (804) 371-0220 or via E-mail at garrett.dyer@vdfp.virginia.gov. General inquiries related to VFMA, including transcript audits, course requests, etc. should still be sent to FMA@vdfp.virginia.gov.
Wiced of Va

Wiced of Va received funds through the ICC to award scholarships for the ICC Richmond Conference. WICED of VA awarded three (3) scholarships to our members to attend the conference and code change hearings October 21-29.

WICED of VA has also received funds for training and code professional development for our members through DHCD.

WICED of VA will be having a general membership meeting on Friday November, 9, 2018.

We are looking to grow our membership stronger with all our services and future training coming forth. Please spread the word and encourage people to attend.

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