

**VBCOA Board Meeting
June 11, 2021
Electronic Meeting**

President James Moss called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Mike Eutsey led the pledge of allegiance.

A roll call of voting members present was conducted by Executive Director Sandra Harrington and a quorum was established.

Roll call

James Moss, President
Mike Eutsey, 2nd Vice President
John Broughton, Sergeant at arms
Pete Mensinger, Imm. Past President
Terry Atwell, Region I
Morgan Yates, Region II
David Beahm, Region III
Gary Fisher, Region IV
Jason Laws, Region VI
Richard Gordon, Region VII
Kimberly Wingate-Harrell,
Region VIII
Patrick Hughes, Awards and Resolutions
Christina Jackson, Education, TRB
Richard Moore, IRC
Ron Clements, Legislative
Tom Coghill, PIO
Sandy Harrington, Exec Director

Ad hoc Ex Officio and others

Chloe Banachoski, VML Intern
Lisa Berger, ICC
Kris Bridges, ICC
Jeff Brown, DHCD
Joshua Davis, VDFFP
Sean Farrell, Admin, DRC
Ernie Little, VFPA
Julie Walton, Legislative
Rick Witt, Fire Code/TRB

President Moss asked if there were any additions for the agenda, hearing none, there was a motion by Richard Gordon, seconded by Mike Eutsey to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2021, as submitted by Pete Mensinger, seconded by Sean Farrell. The motion was unanimously approved.

Presidents Report

President Moss stated that the HSTTP has been talking with the Home Builders-looks promising, more to come on that; requests for support for the ICC Board of Directors will be discussed later in the meeting. Moss stated he was excited about the VBCOA Conference in September and looking forward to seeing everyone.

Time and Place

Mike Eutsey stated the Events Calendar on the VBCOA website is regularly updated and the best place to find upcoming events. The VBCOA Annual Conference and School registration in September 12-14 is now open. The ICC Group A Hearings and Annual Conference registration is also now open starting September 19 which will be held in Pittsburgh, PA.

Past Presidents Pete stand on submitted report

Nominations Committee

Interviewed 2 candidates for the ADTAC Committee, would like to recommend Mike Dellinger to be the second VBCOA representative, Pete Mensinger made a motion seconded by Sean Farrell

Region Chairs

Matt Westheimer was not present. Mike Eutsey invited the Region Chairs to provide their reports. The following reports were received by the Region Chairs.

Region Chairs

Region 1-Terry Atwell was present. Met yesterday, June 10 in Abingdon Virginia and had 17 present for their first in person meeting, will have their next meeting in August which is a picnic.

Region 2-Morgan Yates was present and submitted a written report. Stated they have not yet resumed in person meetings.

Region 3-David Beahm was present, nothing to report.

Region 4-Gary Fisher was present and submitted a written report, revisions to the submitted report, April should be changed to May, May should be changed to June. Started in person meetings in April but they have been lightly attended. Trying to get back to normal. Been good to try to get back and see each other.

Region 5- Kyle Kratzer was not present, no report submitted.

Region 6-Jason Laws was present and provided a written report, he indicated Region 6 is still meeting virtually.

Region 7-Richard Gordon was present and provided a written report, they have met twice since last VBCOA meeting.

Region 8- Kimberly Wingate-Harrell was present and provided a written report

Association Business

ICC Conference

Lisa Berger provided information about the upcoming ICC Conference.

ICC Requests for Letters of Support

Rick Witt stated he thought it was appropriate to send a letter to the nominations committee supporting the election of Kris Bridges and Cindy Davis and it was more appropriate to wait on the full list of candidates and then have another meeting once all the applications have been submitted. Rick Witt made a motion to send a letter of support for the Election of both Cindy Davis and Kris Bridges to the ICC Nominations Committee and hold a virtual meeting in August to address the remaining candidates, seconded by Christina Jackson and unanimously approved.

Committees and Other Reports

Awards and Resolutions

Patrick Hughes and Mike Williams submitted a written report. Patrick Hughes reported the A&R Committee received 44 applications for the VBCOA Annual Conference Scholarships. They awarded (16) ERR and (2) Darlene Cain Memorial Scholarship for Permit Technicians. They will be sending out the call for ICC Scholarships applications soon. Sandy Harrington reminded Patrick Hughes that a notice usually goes out to solicit other Awards and Recognition to be awarded at the VBCOA Annual Conference, Patrick Hughes indicated they would also get that information sent out.

Education Committee

Christina Jackson submitted a written report. She stated the Education Committee will be helping to sponsor 2 events for the VBCOA Conference, working on another virtual training with the American Wood Council and looking at conducting an NRS training in August. Jackson indicated she needs to work out some things with DPOR to make sure VBCOA training content is still relevant. President Moss said he has one more ICC training they need to work on and will get with the Education Committee about this. Christina also indicated the Committee is working with DHCD on Code Update Training- DHCD will provide VBCOA the materials and VBCOA will push out to the Regions. Mike Eutsey said before providing this information to the Regions, the Education Committee needs to pass by DPOR. Jackson will get with Eutsey on the process.

WICED

Christina Jackson thanked VBCOA for with WICED as a Gold Sponsor for the *Habitat for Humanity*, in addition to Region VIII and Kimberly Wingate Harrell, they are going to Suffolk Virginia to help a needy family. Jackson stated WICED is very thankful for the support and will be presenting a check to *Habitat for Humanity* and will provide photos of those participating.

The next meeting for WICED will be virtual at the end of June. Jackson also indicated that they are always looking for new members to join and promote/support the women in the code enforcement. President Moss reminded the Board events like this is where WICED/VBCOA touch the community directly.

Energy Conservation

No report submitted no one present

International Building Code

Dan Willham not present, submitted a written report

International Residential Code

Richard Moore was present, submitted a written report

Legislation

Ron Clements and Julie Walton were present, no report submitted.

Membership

Michelle Coward was not present, submitted a written report.

Permit Technicians

No one was present, no report submitted.

Plumbing/Mechanical Code

Richard Grace was present, no report submitted.

Property Maintenance

Earl Weaver not present, submitted a written report.

Public Information

Tom Coghill indicated he forwarded 2 nominations to President Moss for consideration for Honorary memberships, which will be considered at the Annual Membership meeting in September.

Existing Building Code Committee

Allison Cook was not present and did not submit a report

Ad Hoc Administrative

No report submitted

Ad hoc High School Technical Training Program

No one present, no report submitted. Jimmy Moss stated in talks with the Community Colleges.

Ad hoc Fire Code

Rick Witt was present, nothing to report

Ad hoc Military Families Career

David Beahm was present, stated nothing to report.

Ad hoc VCEC

David Beahm was present, stated nothing to report.

Web Master

Brian Jessee was not present, no report submitted. Sandy Harrington reminded members to update or provide information to ensure the website calendar is current.

BCAAC

Matt Westheimer not present, no report submitted

Regulatory Compliance

Sean Farrell did not provide a report but indicated members need to look at work group efforts coming up. Farrell also stated he is transitioning to the 2nd term as the Director of Regulatory Compliance, so anyone who might be interested should contact him about learning about the role and potentially tagging along.

DPOR

No one present, no report submitted

TRB

Rick Witt provided an updated on recent TRB cases.

ICC

Lisa Berger provided the following information for ICC.

June 3 webinar examines FEMA’s new disaster recovery grant policy to aid building safety officials

Join an [important webinar at 2 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, June 3](#), about FEMA’s new disaster recovery grant policy under the Public Assistance program “Building Code and Floodplain Management Administration and Enforcement.” The policy offers building officials and communities an effective way to access resources needed to effectively administer and enforce building codes and floodplain management ordinances for up to 180 days following a major disaster declaration. The webinar will walk through the new program and how building officials can access it. More information on the new program can be found at iccsafe.org/drra-1206

The Biden Administration is doubling funding to \$1 billion for state and local governments under **FEMA’s BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities)**. The BRIC program premiered in 2020 and was FEMA’s new \$500 million mitigation grant program. It prioritizes the adoption and enforcement of hazard resistant building codes and makes funding available for adoption activities (including staff time and [consultant](#) costs), [training](#), [certifications](#), [electronic permitting](#), [building department accreditation](#), and [online access to codes and standards](#). Brick and mortar mitigation projects are more competitive candidates for funding based on state adopted codes and local [BCEGS scores](#). On May 25, as part of Building Safety Month, ICC hosted a webinar with FEMA on BRIC, in which our own Cindy Davis served as a panelist. The 2020

awards have not yet been announced by FEMA. More information on the BRIC program can be found here: <https://www.iccsafe.org/bric/> In the spirit of the Resiliency conversation, on June 8, VDEM's Curtis Brown testified during a hearing before the Congressional House Committee on Homeland Security. He noted that stronger building codes mean better resiliency, and touted Virginia's building code as being one of the strongest in the country.

All Governmental Member Voting Representatives must be validated by August 21 to participate

This year marks the exciting start of a new [code development cycle](#). All Governmental Member Voting Representatives must be validated this year. Governmental Member primary representatives must validate their voting representatives by August 21 in order to fully participate in the code development process. [Validate credentials here](#). Also, the Code Council has issued the "2021 Report of the Committee Action Hearings on the 2021 Editions of the Group A International Codes." The public comment deadline on the Group A code proposals is July 2. [See it here](#)

June 29 is the deadline to apply in the International Code Council's 2021 Sponsored Scholarship cycle

Only ONE application is needed to apply by June 29 for any and all of the five scholarships in the 2021 ICC Sponsored Scholarship program, which include:

- [ICC General Scholarship Fund](#)
- [William J. Tangye Scholarship](#)
- [J.W. "Bill" Neese Scholarship](#)
- [C.D. Howard Scholarship](#)
- [Charlie O'Meilia Scholarship](#)

The 2021 [Application Form](#) and the [Scholarship Recommendation Form](#) for [all five of the Sponsored Scholarships](#) are available. The scholarships are funded by contributors and Code Council Chapters. Recipients are selected by a committee of volunteers.

IECC - the U.S. Department of Energy finds that the residential provisions of the 2021 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) are 9.38 percent more efficient than the 2018 edition and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 8.66 percent. The International Code Council has developed the IECC for over three decades. With this new analysis, the IECC has seen a 40 percent improvement in energy savings starting from the 2006 edition. [Read more here](#).

Code Council and Code Enforcement Officer Safety Foundation join forces to support code officials

The International Code Council and [Code Enforcement Officer Safety Foundation](#) (CEOSF) recently signed a memorandum of understanding to share resources and exchange information in support of code official safety. The Code Council and CEOSF will work together to promote best practices for the safety of code officials, provide resources and up-to-date training that encourages the highest standard of professionalism throughout the building safety community, and recognize code enforcement professionals that have paid the highest price to protect their communities. [Read more here](#)

The tutorial webinar series on using the Code Council's **Digital Premium Complete** is available free to those interested in obtaining and using it. For those who are active users of Digital Codes Premium, we are seeking feedback and testimonials on the codes. Please use [this link](#) to access the

feedback form to leave your testimony. Further, the launch of a digital codes app for smartphones/tablets is forthcoming! [Read more here about Digital Premium Complete.](#)

DHCD

Jeff Brown was present and submitted a written report.

There was discussion about the possible creation of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the Board of Housing and Community Development (see flow chart in DHCD report, page 4) which would be an appointed committee to review non-consensus proposals. Sean Farrell suggested if the TAC were to materialize, VBCOA consider another position or Delegate these matters to the Director of Regulatory Compliance position.

Rick Witt asked for clarification and suggested considering the TRB instead of creating an entire new Technical Advisory Committee, as the TRB is already an interpretive body, they have representation of Technical Experts and are designed to make recommendations to change the code when they see fit, this could be a better way to vet non consensus items that come before the Board of Housing and Community Development.

State Fire Marshalls Office

Joshua Davis was present, no report was submitted

VFPA

Ernie Little was present and provided a written report. Little stated they had over 90 in person attendees at the VFPA conference in May. At the Annual meeting they adopted a Strategic Plan and made some changes to their by-laws related to categories of membership and voting. Little also reported they gave a President's Award to Andrew Milliken for his work on the State Fire Code Amendment process, in addition Milliken received a Governor's Award which had been submitted by VFPA.

Little indicated the newly elected VFPA President is Jimmy Luttrell, City of Winchester and Little will be the Immediate Past President and will continue to be the VBCOA liaison.

The VFPA Fall Conference is scheduled for October 12-13, 2021, in Waynesboro.

VPMIA

No one present, no report.

New Business

Sean Farrell inquired about the status of updating the VBCOA Strategic Plan. Tom Coghill said that nothing has happened on this at this point.

Pat Hughes made a motion, seconded by Pete Mensinger to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at adjourn the meeting. President Moss adjourned the meeting 10:52 a.m.