VIRGINIA BUILDING & CODE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

September 2026 | Annual Meeting, Board and Committee Highlights

This debrief highlights items of general membership interest and is not intended to replace the full Board and Committee reports. For complete source material, review the **September 2026 VBCOA Board Packet**.

Annual Meeting Outcomes

2026-2027 officers: The general membership elected Kyle Kratzer as President, Dennis Hart as 1st Vice President, Nate Young as 2nd Vice President, and Jenna Goodman as Sergeant at Arms.

Honorary Membership: John Glover was elected to Honorary Membership in recognition of his longstanding service to VBCOA and the code enforcement profession. Glover retired July 1, 2026, after 31 years with the City of Staunton, including 28 years as Building Official, and previously served as VBCOA President in 2007. Annual Meeting awards also recognized John Glover with the Public Service Award, Jenna Goodman with the President's Award, and Julie Kline and Melinda Meadows with the Jack A. Proctor Meritorious Service Award.

Member Action Items and Administrative Reminders

Continuing education: Certificate holders with last names A-M are in a continuing-education period covering qualifying events from May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2028. The reports state that 16 hours are required and documentation is due by May 31, 2028.

Personnel notifications: Localities must notify DHCD within 30 days of the appointment or release of permanent or acting Building, Maintenance, or Fire Code Officials. Code officials must report the employment, contracting, or termination of technical assistants within 60 days.

2024 Virginia Code Development Cycle

Current status: Virginia's 2024 Code Development Cycle is progressing from proposal development toward the regulatory process. The reports identify October 2027 as the anticipated effective date for the 2024 Virginia Codes.

VBCOA proposals: The Plumbing, Mechanical & Gas Committee submitted 11 proposals; all 11 received consensus through the stakeholder process and were recommended for approval with the other consensus items by the BHCD Codes and Standards Committee. The IRC Committee also had six successful proposals. Energy Committee proposal EC-C402.5.2-24 advanced with consensus and includes an explicit exception addressing skylight requirements for data centers. The residential wall-insulation proposal, REC-R402.1.2-24, did not advance after the Board cited housing-affordability concerns.

Training and Professional Development

Training pipeline: The Education Committee is developing or coordinating training on New Residential Structure, ASCE 7-22, residential solar, structural load paths, fire-rated construction, deck construction, special inspections, NFPA topics, leadership/HR, and the appeals process.

ASCE 7 snow loads: The committee identified a need for clearer education concerning ASCE 7-16 versus ASCE 7-22 ground snow-load information under the 2021 Virginia Codes, with an emphasis on consistent application across jurisdictions.

ICC, Appeals and Interpretations

ICC code development: The cycle producing the 2027 I-Codes has concluded, and work is turning toward the 2030 I-Codes. The reports list a tentative Group A proposal window of November 23, 2026, through January 12, 2027. ICC also has committee-service opportunities across code development, standards, guidelines, and industry groups.

Technical Review Board: At the time of the report, the State Building Code Technical Review Board was processing 16 cases: eight Construction Code, seven Property Maintenance, and one Statewide Fire Prevention Code matter. Appeals-process training also remains active.

Topic resources: **State Building Code Technical Review Board (SBCTRB)** | **ICC Code Development Process**

Association Snapshot

Membership: VBCOA reported 947 members as of August 28, 2026, including 865 regional members, 59 honorary members, 16 associate members, six retired members, and one student member.

VBCOA Podcast: The new Code Geeks Podcast episodes are now posted the newest featuring ICC Secretary/Treasurer Mike Savage. Steve Shapiro and I are featured in the two previous episodes. Listen through the VBCOA website or your preferred podcast platform.

Get involved: Members interested in joining a VBCOA committee are encouraged to reach out to me or contact the appropriate committee chair listed on the VBCOA website. Committee participation is a practical way to contribute to training, code development, professional outreach, and the work of the Association.

Share VBCOA activities: Members who have photographs from VBCOA meetings, training, conferences, regional events, or other Association activities are invited to share them for the VBCOA 100-year effort. Please send photos to **VBCOA.100.Year@gmail.com**.

Thank you for being a part of VBCOA. I hope this debrief helps keep you connected to the work of the Association and the issues affecting our profession. Please continue to share your questions, ideas, and feedback we want this to be a useful resource for our members.

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