

Steve Higginbotham is our Vice Chair. I want to thank all for stepping forward and taking on the additional and very needed responsibilities.

We also have the SERVE Project coming up soon. Audrey, do you have a date and time for us?

Along those same lines, we have another initiative that was mentioned during the break announcements. Paula has identified children in the Region V area that have been displaced from their homes and families during the holiday seasons. We will be purchasing gifts from their Wish Lists and hopefully giving them something that they probably would not have received otherwise.

We have also made contact with some community and civic organizations, and requested assistance from them in this endeavor.

The initiative to contribute and partner with Homes for Our Troops, which was started by Gregg Fields, has finally developed. Dec 8, 2012, 10:00 a.m. at 5719 Turner Rd NE, Broad Run, VA 20137, there will be a ground breaking ceremony. All are welcomed.

Paul Abernathy has posted our new training schedule for 2013 on the Website. Does everyone know how to get the app?

Committee Reports:

Awards and Resolutions – Gregg Fields

I will say that each time there is an event or code change hearing, etc, it is crucial that Virginia and Region V are represented. Our presence needs to be seen and heard, and is very important to outlaying jurisdictions to see where Virginia stands on issues. Funding awards are available. Just complete the application and send it to the committee.

Building Code – Code Change Cycle for 2012 is coming to an end. There are still workgroups meeting and trying to get the final language established and obtain consensus on decided issues. If you wish to see what's going on or wish to participate, please go to the DHCD site.

Educational Committee – Audrey Clark – Please reiterate the new training schedule.

Energy Committee – Steve Turchen – who is in Workgroup III.

IRC Committee – Again – Workgroup III

Legislation Committee – **Charlie Black** – The Chair of the State Legislation Committee, Ron Clements, has been working on the definition of Amusement Devices. There is also some issues concerning redoing Handicapped Parking Spaces. Can they be increased due to an increase in activity? This deals with existing structures.

PMG Committee – Shawn Strausbaugh – has been busy with his Workgroup and at the hearings in Portland. Two of the items seemed to be of great concern during the hearings. A retaining wall change from 4' to 2' for liquid storage areas to avoid unnecessary permitting for noncoincidental occurrences and circumstances. The question of a necessity for toilets at a cemetery that deals with internments only.

Property Maintenance Committee – Charlie Black – recently had a meeting in Stafford Co. We discussed the progress of the Building Officials Advanced Course. The leader, Karen Pearce, has completed the templates, and has submitted much of it to DHCD for approval. It's a time thing.

The PPT from the Train the Trainer Course is no more. It's a template, which will produce a workbook for training during the code cycle. The PM Committee also decided to have one person introduce the PM members and bring new members up to date on the activities.

Public Information – Gregg Fields

Time and Place – Audrey Clark – can you give us the location for the next two Mid -Year Conferences?

Have the Annual Conferences been decided as of this time?

Nominations Committee: Jim Collins

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Homes for Our Troops
- 2) SERVE
- 3) T-Shirt Sales

New Business:

Ad Hoc Committee for Permit Technicians is a huge initiative. We must try and get some PTs to our meetings, training, and get them involved.

Announcements:

Our next meeting is in January 2013. Due to requests from private contractors, it will be Wall Bracing. SERVE Volunteers needed.

Homes for Our Troops

Contributions Accepted for the Children Being Displaced During the Holidays

Adjourn: Do we have a motion to adjourn?