

MINUTES

Virginia Plumbing & Mechanical Inspectors Association

First Board of Directors Meeting

Chesterfield County

May 16, 2014

President called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM
Meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance
Quorum was established

In attendance:

Robert Adkins, William Aldridge, James Anjam, David Beahm, Curtis Campbell, Ronald Clements, Darin Clements, Richard Grace, Skip Harper, David Harris, Dustin McLehane, Donald Mimms, Jon Sargeant, Shawn Strausbaugh, Richard Witt

Reports of Officers:

Secretary: The February 7, 2014 BOD Meeting minutes were presented for approval. A motion and a second was made for approval and unanimously voted in favor by the Board.

Treasurer: See attached

Executive Secretary: See Attached

Vice President: No Report

President: No Report

Old Business:

No Old Business presented

New Business:

Skip Harper began a discussion regarding the annual ICC Meet and Greet held at their annual conference, and mentioned that VPMIA consistently supported this event with a contribution of \$500.00. Skip asked if the Board would support this event again this year. A motion to contribute \$500.00 to the Annual ICC Meet and Greet was made by Richard Witt and was seconded by Shawn Strausbaugh. The Board voted unanimously in favor of this motion.

Skip Harper began a discussion regarding the free training offered to VPMIA members during the Summer School of Instruction at Graves Mountain, and if the Board wanted to continue to provide this training free to the members or to charge a nominal fee (\$10 to \$20). [Skip also briefly praised how last year's agenda change (General Membership Meeting being moved to AM rather than PM) improved the attendance. Many Board members concurred with this.] Curt Campbell noted that the cost to host the SSOI at Graves is between \$1,500 and \$1,800, while Skip mentioned that the meeting is limited to about 65 seats. Rick Witt suggested that the Board

review the budget to see if it were currently in an upward or downward trend, while Bill Aldridge mentioned that this is a year for increased training revenue based on the upcoming code change. Skip intervened his Certification/Education/Training report into this discussion at this time (see below). Skip then asked what other expenses are to be expected in the foreseeable future. Bob Adkins mentioned that we will have the expense of sending members to upcoming code change hearings. Bill asked for an attendance count at Graves and if the cost for covering that training was sufficient enough to be of concern. Skip mentioned that based on previous meetings at Graves, it was decided to limit the number of attendees to 65. At roughly \$15 a head, the cost return would equate to approximately \$1,000. Bill expressed the desire to continue to offer our members this opportunity, a way in which to give something back to our members, without charge. Curt turned this into a motion for free training at Graves this year, which was seconded by Bill, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ex-Officio Committee Reports

ICC: See Attachments (2) – Additionally, Rick Witt reported that there will be upcoming changes to the CE requirements for ICC Certifications. This has been established by the Board for International Professional Standards (BIPS), whereas 20% of the required CE will have to be from an ICC Preferred Provider. This percentage will increase in the coming years.

ICC Region VII: Rick Witt reported that the next ICC Region VII meeting will focus on CDP Access. Shawn Strausbaugh will lead the discussion.

DHCD: Rick Witt stated that there were a couple of outstanding code change proposals that were still in discussion; one regarding area increase for sprinkler systems and one regarding fuel fired appliances in crawl spaces. Contact Rick for additional information if interested.

DPOR: See Attached

Ad Hoc Committees

BCAAC: Per a Randy Pearce email, BCAAC has not met yet. No Report submitted

Building Safety Month: Bill Aldridge stated that information regarding Building Safety Month was sent out to supply houses. There was a proclamation made by the Mayor. Channel 7 News did a small piece on BSM. Northern Virginia counties got together to provide information at several big box stores (James Anjam reporting). The committee opted out of purchasing a newspaper ad as was done last year in the Richmond Times. There are ICC handouts available on the VPMIA website.

At this point, Bill Aldridge suggested that the Board consider moving the BOD meetings to different areas around the state. The Board was agreeable to this suggestion, and areas such as Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William, Christiansburg, and even current locations were discussed. The next meeting will be at Graves, but the September meeting is still up for discussion. After much discussion, it was decided to have the September meeting in Prince William County. Bob Adkins will make meeting room arrangements. Other arrangements will be made for the November meeting.

Virginia Tradesman Education Coalition (VTEC) - Paul Rimel has submitted a DPOR CE Ad Hoc Committee report and there is a supplemental discussion email from Guy Tomberlin – See Attachments (2). Skip Harper stated that he did not support communicating with DPOR thru email but only use certified mail. Rick Witt suggested that we get the list of our ideas of ways to improve the DPOR to Eric Olson and Doug Murrow and add this to the next meeting agenda. Skip will communicate this to Paul Rimel.

Joint Conference: See Attached – Additional discussion included having the Joint Conference in lieu of VPMIA's Summer School of Instruction.

VBCOA Liaison: See Attached

Standing Committees

Advertising/Yearbook: Bill Aldridge stated that we had an excess of Yearbooks, and brought approximately 100 of them for Board members to distribute. The discussion moved to whether or not to continue printing the yearbooks (as discussed in previous meetings). The Yearbook publishing costs should be covered by contractor advertising. The general consensus was that most thought the Yearbook publishing should continue.

Auditing: No Report

Awards: No Report

Bylaws: No Report - Dustin McLehane stated that the next meeting will consist of discussions regarding a Job Duty description policy.

Certification/Education/Training: See Attached - Additionally Skip stated that he has submitted a 2012 code change syllabus to DHCD for approval; he is anticipating favorable results. He added that VPMIA was planning on presenting this training throughout the state, and was hopeful to receive approval from DPOR as well to support contractor training.

Finance: No Report

Legislative: See Attached

Membership/Website: See Attached

Nominating: No Report

PMG Code Change Committee: See Attached

School of Instruction: No Report

Time & Place: Graves Mountain Summer School of Instruction is scheduled for July 25, 2014. Dennis and Wayne are in the process of scoping out areas in Winchester for next year's Annual School of Instruction.

Other Business

No Other Business presented

Adjourn: 1:15 PM

VPMIA

5/9/2014 2:10 PM

Register: Checking

From 03/31/2014 through 05/09/2014

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03/31/2014	1459	VPMIA Ladies Auxil...	Other Types of Expens...	Ladies Auxiliary	500.00			31,724.97
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From: Executive Secretary's Report
Date: May 13, 2014
Reference: BOD Meeting
To: Richard Grace , VPMIA Secretary

The following is a report of membership and 2014 dues.

Active Membership List-----336
Life Time Members-----19
Retired Members Paid Dues----- 2
Members Not Paid 2013 Dues-----30
Members Not Paid 2014 Dues-----37
Members That Paid 2014 Dues----248 x \$30= \$7,440

Associate Membership List-----61
Life Time Members----- 8
Members Not Paid 2013 Dues----- 9
Members Not Paid 2014 Dues----- 7
Members That Paid 2014 Dues-----37 x \$35= \$1,295

New Active Member:

Thomas D. Decatur, Combination Inspector for the Township of Dumfries.

New Associate Member:

Steve Fox, Mid-Atlantic Regional Sales with Hydro Designs Inc.

Please note; The 30 Active Members and the 9 Associate members that have not paid dues for two years will be purged from our Membership List after our Annual Summer Meeting at Graves Mountain.

If anyone needs additional information, please contact me at 540-459-2789, c/phone 540-975-0782, or e-mail gshowman@shentel.net.

Thank You!

Geary W. Showman, CBO.
VPMIA Executive Secretary

International Code Council Government Relations Update

May 2014

President Obama Issues Proclamation for Building Safety Month

ICC's annual safety campaign held each May has been officially endorsed by the President of the United States for the fourth year in a row. The month's activities include educational and informational resources to help ICC Members and others increase public awareness of building safety. This year's theme is Building Safety: Maximizing Resilience; Minimizing Risks. Read the full proclamation here: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/04/30/presidential-proclamation-national-building-safety-month-2014>

Promotional materials include a proclamation, news release, activities and stickers for youngsters, posters and brochures. Printed campaign materials are available for purchase at the ICC Store and many items are free and downloadable. Click here for details: <http://www.buildingsafetymonth.org>

Free IECC Compliance Guide Download Available

Through a partnership arrangement between ICC, the Institute for Market Transformation (IMT) and the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC), and as part of our ongoing efforts to provide our Members with the latest tools and information, we want to offer ICC Members a free PDF download of the International Energy Conservation Code for Simple Commercial Buildings Compliance Guide. To take advantage of this free ICC Members-only offer, click here to go to the Compliance Guide product page. Once there, simply log-in, add the Compliance Guide to your shopping cart and proceed to check out. This special offer expires on June 30, 2014, and is limited to one free download per ICC Member.

Click here to download from the store page: <http://shop.iccsafe.org/2009-international-energy-conservation-code-for-simple-commercial-building-compliance-guide-pdf-download.html>

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs Provide Funds for Code-Related Activities

In April, FEMA announced the Funding Opportunities for FY 2014 Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance. All 50 States, the District of Columbia, minor outlying islands and federally-recognized tribal governments are eligible to apply. Local governments are considered sub-applicants and must apply to their applicant state/territory. Applicants are encouraged to review the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance for detailed information regarding eligibility and to contact their FEMA Regional Office for additional information. Grant applications must be submitted to FEMA through the Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal accessible on the Internet at <https://portal.fema.gov> no later than 3:00 PM ET on July 25, 2014. Find out more about the grants here: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance>

Applications for Code of Honor Scholarships Open May 5

Code of Honor professional development scholarships help ensure that the I-Codes reflect the consensus view of officials at all levels of government by providing funding to Governmental Member Voting Representatives seeking to attend and participate in the Public Comment Hearings held October 1–7, 2014 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The Code of Honor Scholarship program includes the following categories: Architect Leaders, Emerging Leaders, Future Leaders, International Leaders, Match Scholarship, Small Town Leaders, and Veteran Leaders. Find out more here:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/scholarships/Pages/CodeHonor.aspx>

ICC Seeks to Honor Deserving Individuals, Organizations

Do you know an outstanding person or organization deserving to be recognized for efforts to promote safety in the built environment? Each year the International Code Council honors outstanding service and achievements that contribute to saving lives, protecting property and creating resilient communities.

Nominations now are being accepted for the Code Council's annual awards in several categories to honor accomplishments and service to ICC and safety in the built environment. The deadline to submit nominations for ICC Awards is the close of business on July 1, 2014. Nomination forms and award criteria are available at: www.iccsafe.org/2014AwardsCall. Nominations may be emailed, mailed or faxed. Any enclosures in addition to the form must be sent in multiples of seven for committee review.

ICC Recertification Program Changes to Strengthen the Credibility of the Program

The Code Council is strengthening its Certification program by improving the quality and the flexibility of its recertification requirements (recertification is also sometimes referred to as renewal). The recertification program changes, which will require a portion of continuing education units (CEUs) to be earned through ICC or its Preferred Provider Network training, will be gradually phased in through a smooth transition from April 2014 through July 2016.

No changes related to the Preferred Provider Network will take place in 2014. Beginning in 2015, recertification candidates will be required to earn 20 percent of the total required CEUs from ICC or ICC's Preferred Provider Network training. This percentage will incrementally increase to 50 percent after July 1, 2016.

Participation in code hearings through cdpACCESS as well as participation in courses offered by ICC Preferred Providers are new options for accruing CEUs. ICC will partner with other entities to provide quality training on topics outside of ICC's core areas. The new Preferred Provider Program is currently under development and is planned to be implemented later this year. The Preferred Provider Network will increase the availability of training providers and training subjects to further support the training needs of the building construction and safety professionals. The final table of number of CEUs required and the table of various methods of obtaining CEUs will be announced later this month.

Positions on Code Development Committees Still Open!

The International Code Council is seeking volunteers to serve on Code Development Committees, the Code Correlation Committee and Code Interpretation Committees for the 2015-2017 Code Development Cycle. Both new and veteran committee members must complete an application. Applications for committee service are due by June 2. Click here to apply for a committee:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/CC/Pages/calls.aspx>

ICC-ES, QAI Laboratories Align to Expedite Building Product Testing and Evaluations

ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) and QAI Laboratories have aligned resources to create a “one stop shop” to help customers bring new products and technology advancements to market as fast as possible. This enables ICC-ES to facilitate testing laboratory services to applicants, along with factory inspection, product evaluation and certification, all through a single source within ICC-ES’ service package, meaning that you get the ICC-ES reports you trust even faster than before, while product manufacturers will benefit from the high quality of service and speed of testing at a competitive price. Find out more here:

http://www.icc-es.org/News/NR/2014/041414_QAI.pdf

Board Members,

I too must extend my apologies for not being able to attend the BOD meeting. A couple of things perhaps just as a reminder:

1. The 2015 model codes should be available June 1st. It might be a good idea to get copies and prepare for the Group A code changes for 2018.
2. Those able to attend the ICC Region VII meeting next week will be able to have hands-on practice with CDP Access. If you can, please attend.
3. ICC Financial picture is improved with incremental changes in organization.
 - a. Let me know if there are any customer service issues that may arise.
4. The annual conference in Ft. Lauderdale will be different than in years past. The Annual Business Meeting is reduced to two days with the candidate election occurring on Monday and the banquet occurring Tuesday night. This increases the time available for code development and training.
5. Building Safety Month Governor's proclamation was very successful! VPMIA was represented.
6. Would VPMIA be interested in endorsing the 2015 edition of the model codes?

If I can assist you in any way, feel free to contact me. Thank you all!

Lynn Underwood, MCP, CBO



VPMIA BOD's Meeting – May 16, 2014 DPOR CE Workgroup Report

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The newly formed DPOR CE Workgroup held its first meeting on April 28, 2014 at the DPOR offices in Richmond. In attendance were the following workgroup members: From the Board for Contractors - Herbert "Jack" Dyer, Jr., (CE Workgroup Chairman) - H. Bailey Dowdy - Douglas Murrow - Dwight "Todd" Vander Pol – and Chancey Walker. The following non-DPOR workgroup members attended to promote their respective organization's efforts to preserve and improve the continuing education program for VA's Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC and Gasfitter tradesmen: Randy Baldwin (PMPV), Kris Bridges (VBCOA), Haywood Kines (VaIAED), Richard Hibbard (Qualified Gas Contractors of Virginia "QGC"), and Paul Rimel (VPMIA). Mr. John Nolde, Jr. (Home Builders Association of Virginia "HBAV") also attended. Please see the attached draft CE workgroup minutes for an overview of the meeting.

The most significant topic of discussion was Eric Olson's (Executive Director of the Board for Contractors) request that the non-BFC's workgroup members go back to their jurisdictions and attempt to gather data demonstrating that CE for tradesmen has created a measurable decline in the number of rejected inspections due to an increased knowledge by tradesmen of trade-related code changes to the USBC. This request created some concerns among the majority of non-DPOR workgroup members because they believe such data would be difficult if not impossible to produce since there was no tracking mechanism to determine the future effectiveness of CE put in place by DPOR prior to adoption of the CE requirement and also that there has been no tracking mechanism put in place or requested by DPOR following adoption of the CE requirement until recently when the regulatory action to eliminate CE was initiated. However, the non-DPOR workgroup members would like to request that their respective organizations provide any pertinent data regarding the effectiveness of CE should such data be available. Anyone who would like to contribute supporting data demonstrating the effectiveness of tradesman CE may contact Paul Rimel via email at rimelpm@ci.staunton.va.us or by phone at 540-332-3862.

The next DPOR CE workgroup meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2014 and is open to the public. The non-DPOR workgroup members (VTEC) are considering a face to face meeting in the near future to discuss our strategies for improving the CE program and to review any data we are able to obtain which demonstrates the effectiveness of tradesman CE in Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Rimel, VPMIA
Director-at-Large

BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS EDUCATION WORKGROUP
Draft MINUTES OF MEETING
April 28, 2014

The Board for Contractors Education Workgroup met on Monday, April 28, 2014, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

The following members of the Education Workgroup were present:

Herbert "Jack" Dyer, Jr., Chairman
Randy Bladwin
Kris Bridges
H. Bailey Dowdy
Richard Hibbard
Haywood Kines
Douglas Murrow
John Nolde, Jr.
Paul Rimel
Dwight "Todd" Vander Pol
Chancey Walker

The following members of the Education Workgroup were not present:

Michael Gelardi
E. G. Middleton, III

Staff present for all or part of the meeting:

Eric L. Olson, Executive Director
Mark Courtney, Senior Director Regulatory and
Public Affairs
Mindy Spruill, Regulatory Boards Administrator
Karen Bullock, Administrative Assistant,
Compliance Specialist
Sheila Watkins, Administrative Assistant,
Compliance Specialist

Chairman Dyer called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Call To Order

Eric Olson, Executive Director introduced members of the Education Workgroup committee. Each person shared a little information about themselves with the group. Mr. Olson shared that Mr. Gelardi and Mr. Middleton were unable to attend the meeting today.

Introduction of Workgroup Members

Mr. Dowdy offered a motion to approve the agenda. **Mr. Walker** seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Baldwin, Bridges, Dowdy, Dyer, Hibbard, Kines, Murrow, Nolde, Rimel, Vander Pol, and Walker.

Approval of the Agenda

There was no public comment.

Public Comment

Mr. Olson shared a power point presentation describing the duties and responsibilities of the members of the Board for Contractors. **He** entertained questions and discussion from the Workgroup members. After discussion and questions about the presentation the Workgroup chairman called for a break.

Role and Responsibility of the Board for Contractors

The members took a break at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:51 a.m..

Break and Reconvene

Mr. Olson shared some "history" with the workgroup.

Continuing Education and the Board – History & Regulations

Mr. Olson provided the workgroup with a history of continuing education within DPOR and specifically with the Board for Contractors. Upon completion of the presentation further discussion was held regarding the difference between statutory and regulatory requirements and the continuing education requirements of other regulatory programs housed at DPOR.

Data Collection

The workgroup discussed the type of data that will be required to ensure the efficacy of continuing education as a requirement. Several various data sources were discussed but no consensus was made as to data types, collection methods, or deadlines. It was agreed to that data collection would be discussed as other areas moved forward.

Continuing Education Data Collection

Open Discussion

Mr. Dyer opened the floor for discussion. He shared with the workgroup that for the next meeting he and Mr. Olson will prepare the agenda together and that he wants each member of the workgroup to:

Review the Regulations

Consider the current system as described during the meeting and record any recommendations they may want to bring to the group.

Other issues that were discussed included:

Roster reporting issues

Provider Problems

System Problems

Drop outs due to cost factors and

Providers who violate Board Regulations

There will be a Workgroup meeting Monday, June 23rd, 2014.

Chairman Dyer requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Mr. Walker** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:49 p.m. and eat lunch. **Mr. Hibbard** seconded. By unanimous vote, Chairman Dyer adjourned the meeting. Members voting "Yes" were: Baldwin, Bridges, Dowdy, Dyer, Hibbard, Kines, Murrow, Nolde, Rimel, Vander Pol, and Walker.

Open Discussion

Next Workgroup meeting

Adjourn

Herbert "Jack" Dyer, Chairman

Date

Jay DeBoer, Director

Date

JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was discussion about the joint conference funds being distributed between VPMIA and VBCOA. It was decided by the committee to leave the funds into the joint conference account. The balance in the account when we started was around \$ 10,000.00 dollars. After all accounts have been settled there will be approximately \$ 17,000.00 in the account. The committee voted to have future joint conferences separate from any of the VPMIA/VBCOA conferences. The committee also discussed ways to improve the joint conference, "what worked well and what didn't". There was discussion around keeping the joint conference committee as a standing { AD HOC } committee. The committee chairman will write letters to all potential joint conference participants, VPMIA-VBCOA-IAEI VFPA-VAESA and invite them to be partners for the next joint conference.

Joint Conference Chairman
Curt Campbell

VBCOA report for the VPMIA BOD meeting May 16th, 2014

There have been no VBCOA meetings since my last report which was given on Friday April 4th at the VPMIA BOD meeting that was held at the VPMIA/VBCOA joint conference in Richmond, VA. This year marks the 85 Anniversary of VBCOA. The next VBCOA meeting will be held in July 2014 and the exact day has not been set. The VBCOA annual conference will be September 7th – 9th in Blacksburg, VA.

Sincerely,

Shawn Strausbaugh

Chairman VPMIA-VBCOA Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Committee, VPMIA-VBCOA Liaison

sstrausbaugh@arlingtonva.us

Certification Training Education Report

Early in the year Guy asked me to contact DPOR and remove him as the contact person. On February 26th I emailed Marcie the correct form from the DPOR website for this purpose asking to remove him and add myself. On April 23rd Guy forwarded me an email from Paul Saunders which read: This message is to inform all education providers that I will be the new point of contact regarding vocational and continuing education courses for the board for contractors. If I can be of any assistance, please let me know. On the eve of the 23rd I introduced myself thru email Paul Saunders and sent him the same form I had sent to Marcie. On April 28th not hearing anything back I asked to please confirm receipt of this email. On Saturday; May 3rd I sent thru certified mail the same form with its original completion date of February 26th, 2014. On May 7th I checked the DPOR website and my name has replaced Guy.

On Saturday May 10th I sent to DPOR our 2012 CCT application thru certified mail and am waiting to hear the status of our submittal.

From Jay Otto

Thanks again to everyone involved in the planning and execution of the school of instruction. Job well done.

We had four factory people from three manufactures attending. Everyone of them was very happy to support VPMIA. They do trade shows all across the Nation. VPMIA school of instruction continues to be one of the best. The opportunity to talk with knowledgeable professionals who are interested in the advancement of our industry is a great thing.

Bick, the president of NewAge talked with Dustin for a good while about the yearbook. They came up with some good ideas to help keep the yearbook alive.

Sorry that I had to miss the banquet and your swearing in ceremony. You will do a great job just as the ones before you have done.

Thanks again for including Otto Sales in activities of VPMIA. We're proud to be a member of the association.

Thanks

Jay

VBCOA/VPMIA 2014 Session LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Updated 4-14-14)

thru- HB 1272, HJ 235, HR 98, SB 672, SJ 114, SR 26

The legislative committee conference call took place on 1-21-14 to discuss the bills listed in this report and confirm positions. Conference call participants were: David Beahm (R-3), Lewis Watts (R-4), Julie Walton (R-6), Ron Clements (R-6), Richard Bartell (R-7), Art Berkley (R-8), Kenny Payne (AIA guest).

24 bills total; 29% passed, 71% failed

HB 94 Status- Dead, Tabled in committee

Oppose- This exact bill was tabled in the House committee last year (HB1722) with strong opposition from the committee. This would be difficult to comply with as it refers to all steps, permits and processes to obtain permits must be documented.

Chief patron: Head

Assistance and documentation required from localities. Provides that in any instance in which a person is seeking a business permit, a license, or an application for any similar local government approval from a locality, the locality shall provide documentation and instructions that outline all steps necessary to obtain the permit, license, or approval. The locality shall also specify any further permit, license, or other approval that may be required to complete the original project or business activity and shall disclose the expected time required by the locality for the completion of each step of the process to obtain the permit, license, or other approval.

HB227 Status- Dead, Tabled in Senate committee

No Position

Chief patron: Cole

Public water and sewer utilities and authorities; service contracts. Authorizes localities and water and sewer authorities to establish and operate programs under which they agree to repair, replace, or maintain the water or sewer line of a customer's residential dwelling. The bill also exempts such agreements from requirements applicable to providers of home service contracts.

HB 409 Status- Dead, tabled in committee

No Position- VPMIA may need to be involved with the committee once formed.

Chief patron: Webert

Department of Health; onsite sewage system design; report. Requires the Department of Health (Department) to convene a work group consisting of representatives from various boards and other interested stakeholders identified by the Department of Health to (i) identify and examine any engineering and design services related to the design of onsite septic systems currently offered by the Department that

are in inappropriate direct competition with private sector firms, (ii) define the role of the Department in onsite sewage services, (iii) develop a plan to end services deemed to be in inappropriate, (iv) identify any legislative or regulatory changes to implement the plan. The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Board of Health by October 1, 2014.

HB 524 (& SB 63) Status- Dead, HB 524 struck from docket, SB 63 tabled with letter to Housing Commission to study

Oppose- This is legislating the code and it is not consistent with ADA. This came as a recommendation from the Virginia Disability Commission.

Chief patron: Pogge

Uniform Statewide Building Code; accessible units. Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to revise the Uniform Statewide Building Code to require that at least 10 percent of all dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any newly constructed multifamily residential building shall be affordable, accessible units designed and constructed in a manner that satisfies the criteria for Type A units, in accordance with ANSI A117.1. Currently, at least two percent of dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any multifamily residential building must be Type A units. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission.

HB 527 Status- Passed, Signed into law

No position- Watch for code coordination.

Chief patron: Pogge

Group homes; zoning. Provides that for purposes of zoning, a residential facility in which no more than eight individuals with mental illness, intellectual disability, or developmental disabilities reside, with one or more resident or nonresident staff persons, shall be considered residential occupancy by a single family. Currently, such facilities are required to have one or more resident counselors or other staff persons to qualify for this zoning designation.

HB 561 (& SB 282) Status- Passed and signed into law by the governor with an amendment to change the number of meetings from "at least four times" to "no more than six times" per year

No Position

Chief patron: Bulova

Fire Services Board; meetings. Requires the Fire Services Board to meet at least four times per year.

HB651 Status- Dead, continued to 2015 (polite way to kill a bill)

Oppose- This prevents fire prevention inspection in all businesses unless they have hazardous materials.

Chief Patron: Villanueva

Statewide Fire Prevention Code; inspection of buildings; exception. Provides that neither the State Fire Marshal nor any local fire official shall inspect the premises of any tanning facility as defined in § 59.1-310.1 or other business establishment that does not have hazardous materials on such premises.

HB 756 Status- Dead, continued to 2015 (polite way to kill a bill)

No Position- This bill does make some new references to the building code and building official.

Chief patron: Rust

Repair of nonconforming billboards. Revises and updates statutory requirements pertaining to the maintenance and repair of nonconforming billboards.

HB 826 (&SB 313) Status- Dead, tabled in committee

Support - This bill went to the VA Housing Commission and the VAC took no action on the bill. We helped with the draft of the clean-up language for the Part1-3 text.

Chief Patron: Michnew

Uniform Statewide Building Code; inspection and enforcement. Provides that if any locality elects to enforce Part III of the Building Code, it shall also enforce the unsafe structures provisions for tenant complaints and enforce the elevator, escalator, or related conveyance inspections. The bill also provides that where a county provides enforcement of Parts I and II of the Building Code in a town, and elects to inspect and enforce Part III of the Building Code, the county is also required to inspect and enforce Part III of the Building Code in any such town situated in the county that has also adopted Part III, upon entering into a nonmonetary agreement with the town for such enforcement, unless the town elects to inspect and enforce Part III. The bill contains technical amendments.

HB 843 (& SB 343) Status- Dead, left in committee. See SB 343 for amendment

No Position, See SB343.

Chief patron: Lewis

Statewide Fire Prevention Code; State Fire Marshal; consumer grade fireworks; penalty. Authorizes the use of consumer grade fireworks in the Commonwealth. The bill defines "consumer fireworks" as small fireworks devices containing restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion and complying with certain federal regulations regarding composition and labeling. The bill also defines "display fireworks" and "restricted consumer fireworks." Under the bill any person who causes damage to property or causes injury to another person due to the negligent use of fireworks in violation of local fire prevention codes or the Statewide Fire Prevention Code is guilty of a Class 6 felony. The provisions of the bill are set to become effective January 1, 2015

HB902 Status- Dead, continued to 2015 (polite way to kill a bill)

No Position

Chief patron: Peace

Virginia-recognized Indian Tribes. Provides that on any Indian Reservation recognized by the Commonwealth whereupon a state-recognized Indian Tribe has contracted with one or more qualified firms or individuals to perform building official functions, under the Uniform Statewide Building Code (§ 36-97 et seq.) or equivalent Tribal Law, on the Reservation, neither the Commonwealth nor any locality therein is responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

HB 1084 Status- Passed, Signed into law with amendment

Opposition

Chief patron: Morris

Damages for unconstitutional grant or denial by locality of certain permits and approvals. Provides that any applicant aggrieved by the grant or denial by a locality of any approval or permit where such grant or denial was based upon an unconstitutional condition pursuant to the United States Constitution or Constitution of Virginia shall be entitled to an award of damages.

HB 1094 Status- Dead, tabled in committee

No Position

Chief Patron: Hodges

Uniform Statewide Building Code; enforcement on Indian tribal lands. Provides that the Department of General Services shall not be required to function as the building official for enforcement of the Uniform Statewide Building Code on Indian tribal lands if the Indian tribe in possession of the property has retained one or more qualified firms or individuals to perform building official functions.

SJ 3 (& SJ34) Status- Passed with SJ34 incorporated into SJ3

No Position- We need to be involved with the committee once formed.

Chief patron: Locke

Study; recurrent flooding; report. Establishes a 15-member joint subcommittee to formulate recommendations for the development of a comprehensive and coordinated planning effort to address recurrent flooding. The joint subcommittee is charged with recommending short- and long-term strategies for minimizing the impact of recurrent flooding. Its report is to be submitted by November 1, 2015

SB 31 Status- Passed, Signed into law

No position- Watch for code coordination.

Chief patron: Stanley

Methamphetamine cleanup; certification. Requires the Board of Health, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality and other entities, to establish a program certifying that a building that was previously a methamphetamine manufacturing site is safe for human

occupancy and requires a person convicted of manufacturing methamphetamine to pay the cost of the certification. Current law requires the convicted person to pay cleanup costs.

SB 63 (& HB 524) Status- Dead, HB 524 struck from docket, SB 63 tabled with letter to Housing Commission to study.

Oppose- This is legislating the code and it is not consistent with ADA. This came as a recommendation from the Virginia Disability Commission.

Chief patron: Puller

Uniform Statewide Building Code; accessible units. Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to revise the Uniform Statewide Building Code to require that at least 10 percent of all dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any newly constructed multifamily residential building shall be affordable, accessible units designed and constructed in a manner that satisfies the criteria for Type A units, in accordance with ANSI A117.1. Currently, at least two percent of dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any multifamily residential building must be Type A units. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission

SB 282 (& HB 561) Status- Passed House and Senate with an amendment to change the number of meetings from “at least four times” to “no more than six times” per year.

No Position

Chief patron: Cosgrove

Fire Services Board; meetings. Requires the Fire Services Board to meet at least four times per year.

SB 313 (& HB 826) Status- Dead, continued to 2015 (polite way to kill a bill)

Support - This bill went to the VA Housing Commission and the VAC took no action on the bill. We helped with the draft of the clean-up language for the Part1-3 text.

Chief Patron: Vogel

Uniform Statewide Building Code; inspection and enforcement. Provides that if any locality elects to enforce Part III of the Building Code, it shall also enforce the unsafe structures provisions for tenant complaints and enforce the elevator, escalator, or related conveyance inspections. The bill also provides that where a county provides enforcement of Parts I and II of the Building Code in a town, and elects to inspect and enforce Part III of the Building Code, the county is also required to inspect and enforce Part III of the Building Code in any such town situated in the county that has also adopted Part III, upon entering into a nonmonetary agreement with the town for such enforcement, unless the town elects to inspect and enforce Part III. The bill contains technical amendments.

SB 329 Status- Dead, failed to report from committee

No Position

Chief patron: Howell

Implied warranty; new homes. Provides that if the vendor of a new home (i) is in the business of building or selling new dwellings and (ii) selected and installed the materials and fixtures used in the construction of the dwelling, he shall be held to warrant to the vendee that if a defect occurs in such materials or fixtures and the manufacturer does not fulfill any warranty that was provided, that the vendor will fulfill the warranty.

SB340 Status- Dead, left in the House committee with an amendment that changed the bill into a completely new bill with no building code ramifications.

Amendment: replace the original bill with:

§ 37.2-405.2. Group home license applications.

Upon a request from a local government chief administrative officer, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall provide a list of licenses issued by the Department during the preceding month for group homes and residential facilities housing eight or fewer persons. Such list shall include the name and contact information for the provider as well as the address of the licensed group home or residential facility.

Oppose original, No position as amended - Oppose the building code requirement. This is legislating the building code and is a huge retrofit requirement. There is questionable need for the smoke alarm retrofit because smoke alarms have been required since the beginning of the USBC. The other requirements for more fire protection effectively end the occupancy class of group homes for under 8 residents as VRC single family dwellings.

Chief patron: Puller

Group homes of eight or fewer; public notice and hearing; smoke detectors. Allows a locality to require any party wishing to establish a certain type of residential facility for the aged, infirm, disabled, or those with mental illness to provide public notice and participate in a public hearing. The bill requires the operator of such a facility to install smoke detectors regardless of when the building was constructed and directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to adopt regulations establishing standards for requiring smoke detectors. *The operator of the facility or group home shall obtain a certificate of compliance from the building official of the locality in which the facility or home is located, or in the case of state-owned buildings, from the Department of General Services.*

SB 343 (HB 843) Status- Dead, left in the House committee with the following amendment that we support to lines 177-179:

Replaced:

The Fire Prevention Code shall prohibit the storage of any fireworks defined in § 27-95 in excess of the limits established by the standards of the International Code Council or other model building and fire code adopted pursuant to § 27-97 or 36-99.

with:

For the purposes of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code and Uniform Statewide Building Code adopted pursuant to § 27-97 or 36-99, consumer and restricted consumer fireworks shall be considered the same hazard class of 1.4G explosives for the purposes of those regulations.

No Position/support with the above amendment-

Chief patron: Garrett

Statewide Fire Prevention Code; State Fire Marshal; consumer grade fireworks; penalty. Authorizes the use of consumer grade fireworks in the Commonwealth. The bill defines "consumer fireworks" as small fireworks devices containing restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion and complying with certain federal regulations regarding composition and labeling. The bill also defines "display fireworks" and "restricted consumer fireworks." Under the bill any person who causes damage to property or causes injury to another person due to the negligent use of fireworks in violation of local fire prevention codes or the Statewide Fire Prevention Code is guilty of a Class 6 felony. The provisions of the bill are set to become effective January 1, 2015

**SB 437 Status- Dead, left in the House committee
No Position**

Chief patron: Barker

Child day programs; radon testing. Requires certain child day programs to have the buildings in which they operate tested for radon and to make the test results available to the public.

SB 490 Status- Passed, Signed into law with an amendment we helped develop with various interest groups to make the bill consistent with the USBC

Amendment: replace original bill with:

E. Upon written request of the tenant, the landlord shall install a carbon monoxide alarm in the tenant's dwelling unit within 90 days of such request and may charge the tenant a reasonable fee to recover the costs of such installation. The landlord's installation of a carbon monoxide alarm shall be in compliance with the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

No Position/support as amended

Chief patron: Norment

Carbon monoxide detectors; required installation in rental dwelling units. Amends the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and other sections on landlord and tenant law to require landlords to install and maintain carbon monoxide detectors in all rental dwelling units.

SB 533 Status- Dead, stricken from docket

No Position

Chief patron: Stuart

Statewide Fire Prevention Code; permissible fireworks. Redefines what constitutes permissible fireworks in Virginia. Under the bill, "permissible fireworks" means any small fireworks device designed to produce visible effects by combustion and that complies with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, as set forth in 16 C.F.R. Parts 1500 and 1507 and APA Standard 87-1.

Website Report

When I purchased the hot spot for an additional \$10.00 a month I received a free Verizon ellipsis 7 tablet. I believe the tablet is the perfect tool for storing all of the organizations different accounts on for easy access by any officer. It has its own unique email address which is webmaster@vpmia.org . Below are a couple of things that need to be going to one email address accessible by anyone who knows the tablets password and they are;

- 1) Justhost which is the company that hosts the domain www.vpmia.org
- 2) Whois which is the company that is the domain name registrar.
- 3) PayPal

VPMIA Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas (PMG) Board Report

May, 2014

- The code development cycle is complete for the 2012 VUSBC and awaits the final regulatory VA Commonwealth approvals.
- The ICC Group C cycle, IgCC, has now begun. The VPMIA PMG committee is not acting on the group c cycle. Note at the committee action hearings in Memphis, TN the committee approved removing the non potable water re-use provisions from the IGCC as they have now been placed in the 2015 IPC.
- Some significant changes have been posted in regard to the specific codes that are to be in the group A code change cycle and the group B code change cycle. See the following link for the complete list - <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/Pages/2015-17cycle.aspx> In the PMG arena the 2015 group A code change cycle, which will create the 2018 codes, will be very busy as not only will the group A code change cycle contain the IPC and IMC but will now also contain the IRC plumbing and IRC mechanical. The ISPSC (swimming pool and spa code) will also be part of the Group A code change cycle.
Codes moved to Group A: IEBC non-structural; IPMC; IRC-M, IRC-P; ISPSC; IZC
Codes moved to Group B: IBC - S (which also includes IEBC structural provisions)
- No VPMIA PMG committee activity will be taking place until closer to the 2015 group A code cycle (which will create the 2018 codes). I am looking at meeting in the latter portion of September, exact date and location to be announced, to start discussions on proposed code changes for the group A code cycle. The 2015 ICC codes will be available in early June. You may wish to pick up your copies so that you can reference them in determining what areas of the IPC, IMC, IRC and IFGC have changed and what proposed code changes you may wish to submit for the group A code change cycle which are due by January 12, 2015 and must be submitted via the cdp ACCESS system. Get your ideas ready!
- A call for committees has been posted and applications are due by June 2nd. This call includes Code Committees, the Code Correlation Committee and Code Interpretation Committees for the 2015-2017 Code Development Cycle.