

VPMIA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Louisa County Administration Building

May 12, 2023

10:am-2:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Determination of Quorum

Report of Officers:

Secretary (Peter Kapitan):

Treasurer (Joshua Rolfe):

Executive Secretary (Chris Martin)

Ex-Officio Committee Officers:

ICC:

ICC Region VII: Jane Kim

DHCD:

DPOR: Jerry Heinline

Standing Committees:

Advertising/Yearbook (Vacant):

Auditing (Frederick Crowell II):

Awards (Tom Clark):

Bylaws (Dustin McLehaney)

Certification/Education (Anthony McMahan)

Finance (Joshua Rolfe):

Information Technology (Jane Kim):

Nominating (Anthony McMahan):

Legislative (Ron Clements):

Membership (Chris Martin):

Plumbing/Mechanical/Fuel Gas (Dennis Hart):

Time and Place/ School of Instruction (Bob Akins):

Ad HOC Committees:

BCAAC (Randy Pearce)

Building Safety Month (Tom Clark):

VCEC (Anthony McMahan/Tom Clark):

VBCOA Liaison (David Beahm):

Old Business:

1. Budget/CPA
2. Savings Account

New Business:

1. Education in each district for membership
2. Membership
3. Summer SOI
4. Amend the president's duties to include: To share the job duties with all officers and committee chairs.
5. New relationship between VPMIA and the Virginia Dept. of Health (VDH); Office of Drinking Water (ODW)
6. Promotional Items

Other Business:

1. Meeting schedule
2. 2024 Spring SOI at Holiday Inn North Beach
3. Stipend

Adjourn

5/12/2023 VPMOA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The Meeting began at 10 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Quorum was established.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Pete Kapitan (Josh Rolfe was absent for his honeymoon. Congratulations Josh) – The report is Attached.

Chris Martin gave the Executive Secretary's report – Report Attached.

ICC- No report.

ICC Region VII Jane Kim- No Report.

DHCD- No Update.

DEPOR Jerry Heinline- Report Coming.

Advertising/yearbook- James Anjam has volunteered to chair this committee. Thank you, James!

Auditing – Fred Crowell is working on it and will complete it in the next few weeks.

Awards Tom Clark – Awards were presented at the SOI, no further report.

Bylaws Dustin McLehaney- No report. Skip Harper has volunteered to take over and chair the bylaws committee. Thank you Skip and thank you Dustin for all your hard work over the years!

Certification/Education Anthony McHahan- No report.

Membership Chris Martin- Report attached.

Plumbing Mechanical and Fuel Gas - Dennis Hart- Dennis plans to hold PMG meetings shortly.

BCAA- Skip Harper has volunteered to chair this committee. It will be determined at a later date when Skip will take over the duties.

Building Safety Month Tom Clark- Dennis attended Alexandria's and will attend the one in Ashland later this month. Prince William County will hold public meetings to instruct the community on construction safety.

VCEC Anthony McMahan/ Tom Clark- Anthony will confirm classes and the agenda. The website is up and running Anthony is looking for training topics. Please reach out to Anthony if you have

any suggestions. Dennis will discuss scholarships at a later date, budget permitting. Anthony will report back on a recommended number of scholarships we should offer.

VBOCA David Beahm- Report Attached.

Brian Petly was sworn in as District Director III.

Old Business:

Budget/CPA- was discussed and determined it is not necessary at this time.

Savings Account- having a savings account was discussed and agreed we do not have enough money in our account to make it advantageous at this time.

New Business:

Education in each district for the members- It was discussed offering more training with in-person and virtual options. Dennis is looking into more options and will report back.

Membership- The list will be reviewed, and names cleared that have not been paid in the past two years.

Summer SOI- Graves Mountain 7/21/23.

Amend the president's duties to include: To share the job duties with all officers and committee chairs. A motion was made and unanimously approved.

A new relationship between VPMIA and the Virginia Department of Health, of drinking water. Skip Harper will head this up and report back.

Promotional items: It was approved to spend up to \$1000 on items.

Other Business:

Meeting Schedule: June 16th BOD, July 21st summer SOI; Oct. 6th BOD; Feb. 23 BOD; April 3,4,5 spring SOI.

The 2024 spring SOI will be held at the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach, on April 4, 5, and 6th.

Stipend- Thanks to Dennis' hard work we were approved for \$31,000. The check should be received within the next few weeks.

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn and approved at 2:10 PM

List of Attendees:

Dennis Hart

Pete Kapitan

Chris Martin

Anthony McMahan

Chris Hickey

Bane Compton

Brian Petty

James Anjam

Roger Skip Harper

Tom Clark

Richard Grace

Vic Hines

From: Executives Secretary's Report

Date: 5/3/23

Reference: 5/12/23 BOD Meeting

To: Peter Kapitan, VPMIA Secretary

The Following is a report of Membership and 2023 Dues.

Active Membership List-----322
Lifetime Members-----27
Honorary Members-----5
Retired Members-----4
Retired Members Paid Dues-----2
Members Not Paid 2023 Dues-----174
Active Members Paid 2023 Dues-----150

Associate Membership List-----43
Lifetime Members-----12
Members Not Paid 2023 Dues-----30
Associate Members Paid 2023 Dues-----13

New Active Members:

New Associate Members:

If anyone has any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at work # 703-228-3854, cell # 571-220-9856, or email cmmartin@arlingtonva.us

Thank You,

Christopher M. Martin

VPMIA Executive Secretary

Pay Pal Account: As of 5/4/23 \$20,595.05

VCEC -\$2,532.32

=\$18,062.73

Treasurer's Report

05/12/2023



Checking Account – \$4661.75

Credit Card Balances - \$173.99

- **The PayPal account currently has a balance of \$20,595.05**
- **Credit card 3770 has a balance of 119.00**
- **Credit card 0330 has a balance of 54.99**
- **A new recurring fee of \$19.00 is being withdrawn from the credit card monthly for the constant contact account.**
- **Book it now has been paid for the SOI in the amount of \$34,774.89**
- **Doyle Printing bill has been received in the amount of \$4,468.60. Payment has been submitted.**
- **\$100 Graves Mountain deposit**

Peter Kapitan
VPMIA Treasurer

ICC Government Relations' Monthly Update



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It's 2023 Building Safety Month now!

“IT STARTS WITH YOU!”: ICC Communications posts recording to suggest celebration ideas

The **2023 Building Safety Month** campaign got its kickoff at the Spring Interchange April 30 in Tampa, Florida, and a wide variety of events and presentations are planned during each week of May. **It Starts with You!** is this year's theme. The campaign, designed to increase awareness of building safety issues in homes, schools and other buildings, will feature five weekly themes:

- Week One (May 1–7): “Building Safety Starts at Home”
- Week Two (May 8–14): “Building Safety Professionals and You”
- Week Three (May 15–21): “Prepare Your Community”
- Week Four (May 22–28): “Advocate for Your Community”
- Week Five (May 29–31): “Solving Challenges Together”

Each year, communities around the world sign official proclamations to declare May as Building Safety Month. To view current proclamations, or submit your own, click [here](#). Need help with your events? Check out a recent webinar recording on making Building Safety Month activities a big success. [Just click here for the webinar recording link](#) and use the password **PwsqVaX8**. The 2023 Building Safety Month sponsors include the [American Gas Association](#), [Society of Fire Protection Engineers](#), [Gypsum Association](#), [American Concrete Institute](#), [Simpson Strong-Tie](#), [National Multifamily Housing Council](#), and more. Additional details are available on the [Building Safety Month webpage](#).

U.S. President signs the proclamation declaring the month of May as the 2023 Building Safety Month

Speaking of proclamations, [President Joe Biden last week joined](#) the hundreds of state and local jurisdiction leaders in signing a 2023 Building Safety Month Proclamation. [You can see it right here!](#) It's not too late for your local government and state leaders to sign a 2023 Building Safety Month proclamation. [Here's where you find a draft for submission](#). Also, [check out the national map](#) to see which governors issued a state proclamation as well local jurisdictions, ICC Chapters and stake holders.

You could be a lucky winner! Code Council is giving away three popular building-themed LEGO sets

To celebrate [Building Safety Month 2023](#), the International Code Council is giving away one building-themed LEGO set to three lucky winners! To enter, submit a 30-second video answering one simple question: **“What building in your community means the most to you, and why?”** The Code Council will review all submissions and select the top three videos that best showcase a special building AND your creativity. The winning videos will be announced during the week of May 29 on ICC's social media pages. Winners will receive one of three popular building-themed LEGO sets thanking them for their participation and support. [Read more here](#).

Special webinar on ICC's Membership Councils and Major Jurisdiction Committee set for May 5

Join representatives of International Code Council's six Membership Councils and the Major Jurisdiction Committee on May 5 at 11 a.m. Eastern to learn more about their work and how to participate. This webinar is hosted by the Sustainability Membership Council in support of [Building Safety Month](#). With these groups, ICC has created opportunities for people who share the same interests in our industry to work together to accomplish shared goals, provide opportunities and shape how we can better protect our communities. [Go to the Membership webpage](#) to learn more about the Membership Councils and the Major Jurisdiction Committee. **There is no cost to join.** [Register for the May 5 webinar here](#).

ICC/MBI Standards 1200 and 1205 highlighted during recent World of Modular event in Las Vegas

The International Code Council's Family of Solutions recently joined 1,500 industry professionals at the Modular Building Institute's (MBI) 40th Annual World of Modular conference and tradeshow in Las Vegas. At this year's World of Modular, Code Council CEO Dominic Sims participated in an open session

highlighting the Code Council's commitment to delivering solutions that facilitate the safe, efficient and resilient deployment of off-site construction and the collaboration with MBI. Sims also announced the launch of a campaign to support the adoption of [ICC/MBI Standards 1200 and 1205](#) to help provide regulatory consistency. [Click here for the video of Ryan Colker](#), Vice President of Innovation for the International Code Council, discussing how municipal regulations and inspections are keeping up with the expansion of off-site manufacturing for commercial construction. The World of Modular event is the largest global forum for the modular construction industry. [Read more here.](#)

Code Council serves as partner on 12 applications seeking grants through DOE's RECI 2023 program

The end of March marked the close of the Department of Energy RECI 2023 application cycle. The International Code Council was a partner on 12 applications, working with non-profits, state agencies and private sector companies across the country seeking to improve resilience and efficiency through energy code adoption, implementation and enforcement. Awards should be negotiated during June.

YEAR IN REVIEW REPORT: Code Council Board President and CEO release annual report to members

Last week, Board President Michael Wich and ICC CEO Dominic Sims released the Council Council's Annual Report for the year 2022. It starts like this: "2022 was a year of growth for the International Code Council. We continued to evolve as an organization, and we inspired many people to join us in our vision of creating safe, affordable, and sustainable buildings and communities. We hope we inspired you too! Expanding our global reach was a priority in 2022." For the Government Relations Team, the report highlights our work to help secure close to \$1.4 billion in grants to assist communities with code activities and 390 code adoptions and updates across the nation. [Read more here.](#)

New standard features guidelines to keep public aquatic venues safe and healthy for all communities

The International Code Council and the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA) have combined efforts to publish the ANSI/PHTA/ICC-2 2023 *American National Standard for Public Pool and Spa Operations and Maintenance* (PHTA-2). Using an open, rigorous, and ANSI-accredited development process, PHTA-2 was developed by a balanced group of subject matter experts, designed with the end user in mind. This new landmark aquatics standard provides public health officials, industry professionals and code officials with an easily adoptable set of guidelines for the operation and maintenance of all types of public aquatic venues. [Read more here.](#)

New ICC exams tool includes convenient access to ICC Digital Codes for exams on the same screen

ICC Digital Codes for Exams integrates the International Codes® (I-Codes) directly into an online exam experience. For years, ICC open book exams would require physical code books to have within arm's reach on test day. This new tool offers the ability to use ICC Digital Codes right from the same screen that test takers are using for the exam. Every registered ICC online exam (PRONTO) user will have this tool at no additional cost. Digital Codes for Exams are being offered for the following exams:

- Residential Building Inspector – B1, 2018 and 2021
- Residential Mechanical Inspector – M1, 2018 and 2021
- Residential Plumbing Inspector – P1, 2018 and 2021

The Code Council's Assessment Center is transitioning to a new name, **ICC Credentialing**. You'll start to see materials under the new name in the coming months. ICC Credentialing provides widely recognized credentials. [Learn more here.](#)

CALL FOR COMMITTEE: Application deadline is June 1 for Code Council's 2024-2026 Cycle Committees

The Call for Committee was recently issued seeking volunteers for 2024-2026 Cycle Committees to help support the development of the 2027 International Codes (I-Codes). The application deadline is June 1 for the Code Development Committee (CDCs), Code Interpretation Committee (CICs) and the Code Correlation Committee (CCC). The 2024-2026 Code Development Schedule is available [here](#). Building codes and standards are developed to address building industry challenges as they relate to compliance with the I-Codes. Participating in these committees will help shape the development of these codes to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide. [Read more here.](#)

Code Council and ASHRAE seeking comments on greenhouse gas emissions evaluation standard

The International Code Council and ASHRAE announced that an advisory public review is open for a proposed joint greenhouse gas (GHG) evaluation standard. Proposed ASHRAE/ICC Standard 240P – *Evaluating Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and Carbon Emissions in Building Design, Construction and Operation* is open for comment from April 21, 2023, to May 21, 2023. Drafts are posted and comments can be made at osr.ashrae.org. The purpose of Standard 240P is to provide a methodology to quantify and document GHG emissions associated with buildings, building systems, and equipment over their life cycle. The standard will cover the following:

- Existing buildings, new buildings, groups of buildings, or portions of buildings.
- Determination, including calculation methodology, and expression of the building(s) zero net GHG and zero net carbon dioxide emissions status for building operation.
- GHG emissions associated with flows across the site boundary and off-site credited flows.
- Embodied GHG emissions of building materials and systems.

[Read more here.](#)

Code Council and Tiny Home Industry Association initiate standards process to update requirements

The International Code Council and the Tiny Home Industry Association (THIA) will collaborate to update the existing provisions on tiny houses contained in the [International Residential Code](#)® (IRC), [Appendix AQ](#) through the standards development process. The content of *ICC/THIA Standard 1215: Design, Construction, Inspection and Regulation of Tiny Houses for Permanent Occupancy* will continue to cover tiny houses used for permanent occupancy on a foundation or on wheels as addressed in the IRC. The standard will be developed through the Code Council's ANSI-consensus procedures, requiring essential engagement from all industry stakeholders and allowing for an in-depth examination of technical or emerging issues. [Read more here.](#)

Code Council and FSEC Energy Research seek your responses on survey about energy efficiencies

The International Code Council and FSEC Energy Research Center are conducting research on the use of a label for emerging energy-efficient features and practices, specifically electric vehicles, solar photovoltaics and net zero homes. Your responses will be kept confidential and only used for research purposes. To provide your input, [click to the survey page here.](#)

Newly established Canberra office improves access for ICC's family of solutions in southern Pacific

The International Code Council has announced the establishment of its Oceania regional office in Canberra, Australia, led by Neil Savery, Managing Director of ICC Oceania. The regional office brings the diverse services, skills and expertise of the International Code Council's family of solutions to Australia and New Zealand to help promote building safety through collaboration with local authorities and the provision of solutions for practitioners within the building sector. Many of the International Code Council's solutions, particularly those relating to conformity assessment through ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES), will address unmet needs in the region. [Read more here.](#)

Building codes play critical role in how architects design buildings long before a project breaks ground

Building codes are essential to the safety of people and properties, but they are also critical to reducing long-term expenses. The nationwide study [Building Codes Save](#), conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), shows that the cost of property losses could be reduced by \$132 billion by adopting and implementing both the [International Building Code](#)® (IBC) and the [International Residential Code](#)® (IRC). While codes are often discussed at the inspection and enforcement level, their implementation begins long before a project breaks ground. [Read more here.](#)

New NIBS 'Moving Forward Report' focuses on issues surrounding building sector decarbonization

The [National Institute of Building Sciences](#) (NIBS) Consultative Council recently released its [2022 Moving Forward Report](#). The International Code Council, a member of the [NIBS Consultative Council](#), collaborated with other high-level building community representatives to develop this report. Every year, the NIBS Consultative Council releases its Moving Forward Report to investigate critical challenges facing the building industry. Last year, NIBS council members studied the challenges caused by greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by exploring the relationship between the changing climate and the

built environment. This year's Moving Forward Report expands upon key concepts, challenges and recommendations surrounding the topic of building sector decarbonization. [Read more here.](#)

Leslie Chapman-Henderson is first woman to receive the Neil Frank Award, the NHC's highest honor
During the [2023 National Hurricane Conference \(NHC\)](#) in New Orleans, the prestigious [Neil Frank Award](#) was presented to [Leslie Chapman-Henderson](#), President and CEO of the nonprofit [Federal Alliance for Safe Homes](#) (FLASH). Chapman-Henderson is the first woman to receive this award, which is the NHC's highest honor. She was chosen for her exceptional work on improving hurricane preparedness. NHC serves as a national forum for federal, state and local officials to recommend new policies to improve emergency management. [Read more here.](#)



ICC Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas updates

Latest edition of CSA B805/ICC 805:2022 provides updated guidance for rainwater harvesting systems

The International Code Council is committed to providing the tools and resources that building safety professionals need to address real-time challenges – including water scarcity. Due to the rising usage of rainwater harvesting systems, the [Code Council has collaborated with the CSA Group to update its 2018 rainwater harvesting standard](#). The latest edition of *CSA B805/ICC 805:2022* updates guidance for property owners, contractors, builders, architects and code officials on designing and installing systems. The standard is now available on the [Code Council's website](#). Changes to this edition include updates to referenced standards, added definitions for different system types, changed filtration requirements for UV disinfection systems, and revisions to equations in Annex C. As part of our continued commitment to addressing water scarcity, the Code Council formed a Water Reuse Working Group to research all aspects of onsite water reuse and recommend updates to the 2027 International Codes® (I-Codes) and standards necessary to meet water reuse goals. The group recently held its first meeting to discuss methods to advance reuse opportunities and explore ways to protect public health and support local governments with water safety and conservation efforts. If you'd like to get involved, contact Rich Anderson, Director of PMG Resources, randerson@iccsafe.org, or Kevin McOsker, Vice President of Technical Services, kmcosker@iccsafe.org. We also recommend checking out these resources:

- [Updated Rainwater Harvesting Standard: Conserving Water for the Long Run](#)
- [Rainwater Standard Designed to Help Code Officials](#)
- [Rainwater Harvesting Regulations Map](#)

CodeNotes provides solutions in the replacement of underground building sewers and building drains

The 2021 International Plumbing Code® (IPC®) provides sustainable solutions to assist building owners, designers, inspectors, municipalities, and contractors involved in the replacement of underground building sewers and building drains. Trenchless technology by pipe bursting typically yields the largest increase in hydraulic capacity of any of the trenchless sewer rehabilitation methods because other methods, such as lining the inside of the pipe, decrease the existing pipe's inside diameter and thus, its capacity. For insights provided in a recent CodeNotes, [read more here.](#)

VPMIA holds 60th annual educational event over three days in Charlottesville, Virginia

The [Virginia Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors Association](#) (VPMIA), International Code Council Chapter, recently held its 60th annual *VPMIA 2023 Annual School of Instruction* in Charlottesville, Virginia. The *Annual School of Instruction* has grown in both size and scope since the event first started in 1964, two years after the VPMIA chapter was founded. The *Annual School of Instruction*, which welcomed over 100 attendees and included three days of education. [Read more here.](#)



ICC Evaluation Services updates

ICC-ES PMG issues ANSI A161.1 certification to American manufacturing firm Cabinetworks Group

ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) has issued product certification to Cabinetworks Group's full line of cabinetry for compliance to ANSI A161.1 Performance and Construction Standard for Kitchen and Vanity Cabinets. (View the certificate here: [PMG-1689](#).) [Cabinetworks Group](#) is one of the largest cabinet manufacturers in the U.S., carrying well-known brands such as KraftMaid®, Medallion®, and Merillat®.

The kitchen and vanity cabinets recognized in this ICC-ES product certification are manufactured under a quality control program with annual surveillance inspections by ICC-ES. [Read more here.](#)

Workshop: “Enabling Safe & Successful Use of Innovative Building Materials, Systems and Methods”

The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) regional office of the International Code Council promotes the Code Council’s family of solutions within the MENA region to meet growing needs to ensure safe, affordable, and sustainable buildings and communities. This includes robust evaluation and certification of innovative products, in addition to model codes, code evaluation, product certification, inspection, plan review and testing services. ICC-ES solutions were the focus of the recent one-day technical workshop that served as the inaugural event of the Code Council’s MENA office. It featured leading experts and key stakeholders who shared their knowledge, insight, and plans for advocating for a stringent approach to ensuring building safety and fostering innovation. [Read more here.](#)

Three items set for public review and input June 27 during the virtual Evaluation Committee hearing

The following items will be presented for review at the virtual Evaluation Committee hearing, June 27:

- **AC233** -Dowel-type Threaded Fasteners Used in Wood
- **AC257** -Corrosion-resistant Fasteners and Evaluation of Corrosion Effects of Wood Treatments
- **AC526** - Factory Installed Glued-In Rods in Wood Structural Elements

The proceedings of the Evaluation Committee will be carried out via live WebEx. Parties interested in joining the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee meeting on June 27 [must register by June 23](#) for the WebEx Event. Registrations will be reviewed and approved by ICC-ES weekly. Registrations will close June 23. View the detailed agenda and [all the latest information here.](#)



ICC Family of Solutions updates

Municipity®’s Building & Code Enforcement Program of Work gives immediate access to vital information, even in the field. Building safety professionals can manage complaints and violations seamlessly from office to the road – Municipity Mobile allows Inspectors to conduct all stages of an inspection in real-time. Take photos or videos on-site from your mobile device and add them directly to the inspection record. Cite local municipal codes and ICC codes* (with **ICC Code Access™ powered by Municipity®**) directly on violations with our lookup tool. Generate Notice of Violations and Inspection reports either in the office or in the field. Learn more by **watching this video** [<https://youtu.be/tORjKNbmJnQ>] or join a **Municipity Overview Webinar** on May 11 or May 25 at 1 p.m. ET / 10 a.m. PT. [Register now.](#)

Recent Digital Codes Premium webinar recording on PMG resources and tools is available now online

The turnout for the latest webinar on PMG resources and tools on [ICC Digital Codes Premium](#) was huge. But there were quite a few professionals who wish they hadn’t missed it. If you weren't able to make it, a recording is available now. [Click here if you’d like to watch](#) the webinar. And if you’d like to join us for free upcoming webinars on Digital Codes Premium, click [here](#) to register for any future DCP webinars.

BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS REPORT: VPMIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regulatory Work Group: The regulatory workgroup met on Monday, March 13, 2023. The following topics were discussed.

Individual Tradesman Regulations

- There is a proposal to amend the Individual eligibility requirements by amending the required years of experience and/or the vocational training to be eligible to sit for an examination. This amendment would apply to Journeyman and Master tradesman. (Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, and Gas fitter LP and Natural Gas)
- The Board sent a questionnaire to various stake holders on February 3, 2023, seeking input on eligibility requirements.
- 45 responses were received. The respondents were offered an opportunity to meet with a Board Member and make suggestions or express concerns.
- The Board has been tasked with taking all public comment received and discussing the best path forward to ensure protection of the public by ensuring minimum competency of its licenses without being overly burdensome.
- No action was taken at this time.

Individual Continuing Education

- The Board is performing a complete review of its regulations to best ensure that those regulations are the least burdensome to the industry while providing adequate protection to the public.
- The Board identified that certain eligibility requirements may be burdensome.
- No action was taken at this time.

Committee Meeting: The Board for Contractors Committee met on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The following topics were discussed.

- Several new education providers were recommended and approved.
- Universal Licensing, Senate Bill 1213 was passed this session and signed by the Governor on March 3, 2023. This will allow for additional pathways for out of state individuals to become licensed.

Respectfully,



Jerry Heinline

VPMIA PMG Report



4/6/2023

Mr. President,

The following is my report for the Plumbing Mechanical and Gas (PMG) Code Committee.

The tentative 2024/2025/2026 ICC Code Development Schedule for changes to the 2027 I-Codes has been released. Proposals for Group A which apply to plumbing, mechanical and gas can be submitted starting on October 16th, 2023.

The PMG Code Committee will soon be meeting to start discussing the upcoming code development cycle. Members are encouraged to attend these meetings and provide their input. Expect to see a Constant Contact email sent out with meeting information. Members who have any questions or want to get added to the interested parties list, please contact myself or Richard Grace.

ICC 815 Standard for Sizing Water Distribution, Sanitary Drainage and Vent Piping Systems – Richard Grace is serving on this standards committee representing the VPMIA.

ICC Call for committees including Code Development Committees (CDCs) and Code Interpretation Committees (CICs) – Applications are due June 1st. More information can be found at <https://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/Call-for-Committee-2023-CDC-CIC-CCC.pdf>.

Respectfully,

Dennis Hart

PMG Code Committee Chair



VPMIA/VBCOA

Liaison

Report

Board of Directors Meeting
Virtual Meeting
April 04, 2023
Submitted by David Beahm

The last VBCOA Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was held on March 26, 2023, at Hotel Madison in Harrisonburg, Virginia. It was held in conjunction with the Mid-Year Meeting in which a General Membership meeting was held on Monday, March 27th and training was provided for the remainder of the day. The main focus of the BOD was on educational opportunities, revenue generating of new Spotlight podcasts and budget deficits.

The training that was available at the Mid-Year was IBC/IFC Assembly Spaces, Rated Assemblies, Continuous Load Path Connections, Permit Technician job or Career and Technical Review Board. In addition to the training many exhibitors were present.

VBCOA's nomination to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulatory Board is still pending at the Governor's office. The Governor has appointed James (Jimmy) Moss to the State Technical Review Board.

The next VBCOA Board meeting is scheduled for June 04, 2023, in Chesterfield, Virginia.

VBCOA's Annual Conference will be held September 18-19, 2023, in Virginia Beach.

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VBCOA/VPMIA 2023 Session (End of Session, waiting on Budget) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT as of 05-11-23

Thru- HB2500, HJ583, HR272, SB1545, SJ283, SR103

The legislative committee met via conference call on 1-23-23 with a quorum present.

HB 1384 Status- Left in committee

No Position-

Chief patron: Fowler

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; licensure by apprenticeship. Requires the regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (the Department) to grant a license, defined in the bill, to an applicant for licensure by apprenticeship, also defined in the bill, if the applicant has (i) completed an apprenticeship in an occupation that is regulated by the board operated within the Department, and the board grants licensure to individuals in such occupation or an occupation with a similar scope of practice; (ii) passed all requisite examinations; and (iii) paid all applicable fees, as determined by the board. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2024.

HB 1400 Item 117 (budget bill) Status- Pending final budget agreement

Support-

Chief patron: Knight

Budget bill item to increase capacity for and accelerate the review and issuance of building permits. Out of the amounts in this item, \$10,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for a program to provide financial assistance to localities or planning district commissions acting on behalf of member localities to increase capacity for and accelerate the review and issuance of building permits by local building departments. The department shall develop appropriate criteria and guidelines for the deployment and use of the funding for this pilot program.

HB 1400 Item 114 #19 (budget bill) Status- Not incorporated into budget SB 800 Item 117 #1 (budget bill) Status- Not incorporated into budget

No Position- Will see about getting a position

Chief patron: HB-Wamplar, SB-Marden

Budget bill item to establish a work group to look at unvented attic R-values. The department shall establish a workgroup to evaluate options for adoption of a new prescriptive R-Value for unvented attics in Virginia. The workgroup shall include representatives of the home building industry, building products supply companies, and energy efficiency organizations.

HB 1650 Status- Defeated in committee

No Position-

Chief patron: Price

Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; enforcement by localities. Provides that if a condition exists in a rental dwelling unit that constitutes a material noncompliance by the landlord with the rental agreement or with any provision of law that, if not promptly corrected, constitutes a fire hazard or serious threat to the life, health, or safety of tenants or occupants of the premises, a locality may institute an action for injunction and damages to enforce the landlord's duty to maintain the rental dwelling unit in a fit and habitable condition.

[HB 1671](#) Status- Signed into law by Governor

No Position-

Chief patron: Wyatt

Residential land development and construction fee transparency; annual report. Requires localities with a population greater than 3,500 to submit an annual report no later than March 1 to the Department of Housing and Community Development containing the total fee revenue collected by the locality over the preceding calendar year in connection with the processing, reviewing, and permitting of applications for residential land development and construction activities.

[HB 1724](#) Status- Left in committee

Support- Allows for maintenance of a structure when use of the adjoining property is needed to gain access.

Chief patron: VanValkenburg

Improvements, repairs, or maintenance of property; entering adjoining property; petition for entry. Allows an owner or lessee of real property who seeks to improve, repair, or maintain his property to petition the circuit court for a license to enter adjoining property for the purpose of performing the improvements, repairs, or maintenance when the property is so situated that it is impossible to perform the improvements, repairs, or maintenance without entering such adjoining property and permission to enter such adjoining property has been denied.

[HB 1766](#) Status- Left in committee

Oppose- Legislating code.

Chief patron: Reid

Uniform Statewide Building Code; multifamily residential housing construction projects; electric vehicle charging infrastructure standards. Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to promulgate regulations for electric vehicle charging infrastructure standards for multifamily residential housing construction projects consisting of more than 25 residential dwelling units. The standards shall require a developer of such multifamily residential housing construction projects to ensure that at least 25 percent of the available parking spaces are electric vehicle charging ready during the design and construction process. Landlords, condominium unit owners' associations, and property owners' associations shall be authorized to negotiate with electric vehicle charging providers with respect to the installation and maintenance of electric vehicle infrastructure and any related revenue sharing.

[HB 1783](#) Status- Passed by Indefinitely in committee

No Position

Chief patron: O'Quinn

Natural gas utilities; retail supply choice. Allows every person access to distribution service or retail natural gas from a natural gas company authorized to provide natural gas service to the area where the service will be received. The bill prohibits a public entity from adopting an ordinance, resolution, or any other requirement that limits or

prohibits customers from acquiring natural gas service and supply from both utility and non-utility gas companies. The bill prohibits public entities from denying building permits solely based on a proposed utility provider and directs public entities to ensure that all applicable permits and fees are reasonable, as compared to other utility providers, and do not restrict an applicant's ability to use the services of an authorized utility provider.

[HB 1807](#) Status- Signed into law by Governor

No Position- Affects state agencies.

Chief patron: Bloxom

State agency compliance with flood plain management regulations. Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation, no later than September 30, 2023, and in cooperation with numerous Secretariats and the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, to establish standards for development in a flood plain for all state agencies and departments.

[HB 1878](#) Status- Left in committee

No Position-

Chief patron: Graves

Virginia Freedom of Information Act; exclusions to application of chapter; local administrative investigations; disclosure. Clarifies that personal contact information, to include a home or business (i) address, (ii) email address, or (iii) telephone number or comparable number assigned to any other electronic communication device, when furnished in confidence to a local governing body with respect to complainants in local investigations, is exempt from disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

[HB 1917](#) Status- Left in committee

Support- We assisted with the bill text to make sure the regulation does not regulate construction and maintenance regulated by the USBC.

Chief patron: Hope

Public pools; regulations. Directs the Board of Health to adopt regulations governing swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated for public use, including swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated in conjunction with a tourist facility or health spa.

[HB 2045](#) Status- Tabled in committee

No Position-

Chief patron: Carr

Housing; creation of the Zoning for Housing Production Act; affordable dwelling unit policy incentives. Creates, within the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Zoning for Housing Production Act, which establishes a special non-reverting fund in the state treasury to be known as the Zoning for Housing Production Fund.

[HB 2047](#) Status- Left in committee

[SB 1141](#) Status- Left in committee

[SB 1331](#) Status- Incorporated into SB1141

No Position- Mentions use of materials permitted by code can be prohibited in an affordable dwelling unit program incorporated into the zoning ordinance.

Chief patron: Carr-HB, McPike-SB1141, McClellan-SB1331

Affordable housing; local zoning ordinance authority; comprehensive plan. Authorizes any locality in the Commonwealth to provide for an affordable housing dwelling unit program by amending the zoning ordinance of such locality.

HB 2060 Status- Left in committee

No Position- Address tank operation, does not appear to conflict with USBC.

Chief patron: Lopez

Aboveground storage tanks; Hazardous Substance Aboveground Storage Tank Fund; civil penalties. Directs the State Water Control Board to regulate aboveground storage tanks that measure more than 250 gallons in capacity and are used to contain hazardous substances other than oil.

HB 2100 Status- Left in committee

No Position- Zoning title 15 bill.

Chief patron: Hudson

Accessory dwelling units. Establishes authority and requirements for localities in the development and use of accessory dwelling units (ADUs). An ADU is defined in the bill as an independent dwelling unit on a single-family dwelling (SFD) lot with its own living, bathroom, and kitchen space.

HB 2310 Status- Left in committee

No Position-

Chief patron: Williams

Study; DHCD; opportunities for rural areas of the Commonwealth to upgrade their public water and sewer systems; report. Requests the Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct a study of opportunities for rural areas of the Commonwealth to upgrade their public water and sewer systems. Technical assistance shall be provided by the Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

HB 2133 Status- Signed into law by Governor

No Position-

Chief patron: Wilt

State Fire Marshal; authority. Clarifies that the State Fire Marshal, or his designee, is the authority having jurisdiction over state-owned buildings, properties, or structures for purposes of fire safety and fire prevention in accordance with the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code.

[HB 2494](#) Status- Signed into law by Governor

No Position- Worked with HBAV to remove language regarding building permits in original item #3.

Chief patron: Ware

Powers of cities and towns; certain localities; report to the Department of Housing and Community Development. Requires any locality with a population greater than 3,500 to submit a report to the Department of Housing and Community Development. Such report shall summarize any information collected or changes made regarding such locality's policies, ordinances, or processes affecting the development and construction of housing.

[SB 786](#) Status- Left in committee

No Position-

Chief patron: Spruill

Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors; licensure of mold inspectors and mold remediators. Provides for the licensure and regulation of mold inspectors and mold remediators by the Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors, which is renamed in the bill as the Board for Asbestos, Lead, Mold, and Home Inspectors. The bill increases the membership of the Board by one member to include a mold inspector or a mold mediator.

[SB 798](#) Status- Signed into law by Governor

[HB 1450](#) Status- Signed into law by Governor

Support-

Chief patron: SB-Hashmi, HB-Orrock

Individuals with disabilities; terminology. Replaces various instances of the terms "handicap," "handicapped," and similar variations throughout the Code of Virginia with alternative terms, as appropriate in the statutory context, such as "disability" and "impairment." The bill contains technical amendments. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission.

[SB 838](#) Status- Defeated in House

[HB 1482](#) Status- Defeated in House

[HB 1612](#) Status- Incorporated into HB1482

No Position-

Chief patron: SB-Locke, HB1482-Ward, HB-1612 Graves

Vacant buildings; registration. Permits any city and certain towns to require, by ordinance, the owner of any building that has been vacant for at least 12 months and that may endanger the public health, safety, or welfare to register such building annually. Under current law, any city and certain towns are permitted to require the owner of any building that has been vacant for at least 12 months and meets the definition of "derelict building" in relevant law to register such building annually.

[SB 839](#) Status- Signed into law by Governor
[SB 1049](#) Status- Incorporated into SB839
[SB 1190](#) Status- Incorporated into SB839
[HB 2046](#) Status- Signed into law by Governor

No Position-

Chief patron: SB839-Locke, SB1190-Ebbin, SB 1049- McPike, HB-Carr

Department of Housing and Community Development; powers and duties of Director. Adds to the powers and duties of the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (the Department) the responsibility to conduct a comprehensive statewide affordable housing needs assessment every five years, to develop a biennial statewide affordable housing plan and submit such plan to the General Assembly every two years, and to collect and publish certain zoning information collected from Virginia localities. The bill requires localities to respond to inquiries of the Department regarding the collection of such zoning information upon request.

[SB 840](#) Status- Passed by indefinitely

No Position-

Chief patron: Bell

Department of Labor and Industry; Safety and Health Codes Board; Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program; use of cranes and derricks in construction; report. Requires the Safety and Health Codes Board (the Board) of the Department of Labor and Industry (the Department) to adopt regulations to the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program (VOSH), regarding cranes and derricks in construction, to allow an active load stabilization mechanism or passive load stabilization mechanism, defined in the bill, to be used if necessary to prevent hazardous rotation of a load as determined by the project manager or safety engineer. The bill requires the Department to report the final regulations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology by November 1, 2023.

[SB 866](#) Status- Passed by Indefinitely
[HB 1608](#) Status- Stricken

Oppose- Legislating code

Chief patron: SB Cosgrove, HB Tata

Board of Housing and Community Development; Uniform Statewide Building Code; qualifications of technical assistants; emergency. Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to suspend, until no later than July 1, 2024, the Uniform Statewide Building Code qualification requirement that technical assistants who issue permits have at least three years of experience. The bill contains an emergency clause.

[SB 1263](#) Status- Signed into law by Governor
[HB 2312](#) Status- Signed into law by Governor

Oppose-

Chief patron: Hackworth-SB, Head-HB

Uniform Statewide Building Code; stop work orders; appeals of State Building Code Technical Review Board decisions; recovery of costs. Defines stop work orders for the purposes of the Uniform Statewide Building Code. The bill provides that if, during an appeal pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Process Act of the State Building Code Technical Review Board's decision with respect to the issuance of a stop work order by a local building official, the court finds in favor of the party that was issued the stop work order, such party shall be entitled to recover

its actual costs of litigation, including court costs, attorney fees, and witness fees, from the locality responsible for issuing the stop work order. The bill contains technical edits.

SB 1305 Status- Signed into law by Governor

No Position- Imposed a requirement on an exempt farm, not enforceable by code official.

Chief patron: Hanger

Farm buildings and structures; building code exemptions. Requires farm buildings and structures where the public is invited to enter and that are used for storage, handling, production, display, sampling, or sale of agricultural, horticultural, floricultural, or silvicultural products produced on the farm and that are exempt from the Uniform Statewide Building Code (the building code) to have (i) portable fire extinguishers, (ii) a simple written plan in case of an emergency, and (iii) a sign posted in a conspicuous place upon entry that states that the building is exempt from the provisions of the building code.

SB 1312 Status- Left in committee

No Position- Not a building code requirement.

Chief patron: Boysco

Requirement for electric vehicle charging stations for certain developments. Provides that any locality may by ordinance require electric vehicle charging stations as part of subdivision or site plan approval for a development containing commercial, industrial, or multifamily residential uses with a density of seven residential dwelling units per acre or greater.

SB 1495 Status- Signed into law by Governor

No Position- House amendment limits this to enforcement of zoning ordinances.

Chief patron: Surovell

Local enforcement action; willful disregard for applicable law; damages. Provides that any person aggrieved by an enforcement action by a locality, where the enforcement action was based upon a willful disregard for applicable law, regulation, or ordinance, shall be entitled to an award of compensatory damages and to an order remanding the matter to the locality with a direction to terminate such enforcement and may be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and court costs.