# MINUTES

#### Virginia Plumbing & Mechanical Inspectors Association

General Membership Meeting (**Part I**) Holiday Inn, Front Royal, VA April 9, 2015

President Harper called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

#### In attendance:

Bob Adkins, Edward Armel, Louis Beck, Ron Bladen, Bernard Boomer, Jr., Stephen Borders, Curtis Campbell, John Card, Bane Compton, Paul Cousins, Thomas Decatur, Donald Demaree, Dave Demaree, Terry Derrer, Paula Eubank, Donnie Foster, Timmy Garner, Bernie Gill, Richard Grace, Skip Harper, Joseph Heddings, Charles Hudson, Clarence Jackson, Paul Lindstrom, Dennis Martinelli, David Maupin, Anthony McMahan, John Mills, Randy Pearce, Richard Phelps, Bob Ressler, Paul Rimel, John Seay, Andy Severson, Steve Smith, Shawn Strausbaugh, Guy Tomberlin, Rick Witt

Paul Rimel presented the Nominations Committee report, and recommended the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2015:

Skip Harper
Richard Grace
Dustin McLehaney
James Anjam
Tom Clark
Bill Aldridge
Donald Mimms
David Harris

President Harper called for additional nominations from the floor for each Officer and Director in turn and received a nomination and a second for Anthony McMahan for the seat of District IV Director. President Harper called for a vote for the seat of District IV Director, and the assembly voted in favor of Anthony McMahan over David Harris. Receiving no further nominations from the floor, a motion was made and seconded to nominate the slate of Officers and Directors as presented for consideration by the Nominations Committee and revised by the membership. The revision was as follows:

President:	Skip Harper
Vice President:	Richard Grace
Secretary:	Dustin McLehaney
Treasurer:	James Anjam
District I Director:	Tom Clark
District II Director:	Bill Aldridge
District III Director:	Donald Mimms
District IV Director:	Anthony McMahan

President Harper called for a vote for the revised slate of Officers and Directors and received an approval by those in attendance. With this vote, the revised slate of Officers and Directors were duly elected.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15

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## Virginia Plumbing & Mechanical Inspectors Association

General Membership Meeting (**Part II**) Holiday Inn, Front Royal, VA April 10, 2015

President Harper called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### In attendance:

Robert Adkins, William Aldridge, James Anjam, David Beahm, Louis Beck, Ron Bladen, Michael Campbell, Thomas Clark, Bane Compton, Cindy Davis, Thomas Decatur, Donald Demaree, Dave Demaree, Bill Dupler, Lorenzo Dyer, Paula Eubank, Bernie Gill, Richard Grace, Mark Grimmell, Skip Harper, Vernon Hodge, Clarence Jackson, Pete Kapitan, Wayne Kushner, Jason Lee, Dennis Martinelli, Jonathan McDonald, Dustin McLehaney, Anthony McMahan, Randy Pearce, Bob Ressler, Paul Rimel, Emory Rodgers, Sonia Ross, John Seay, Geary Showman, Shawn Strausbaugh, Thomas Walker, Sean Wallace, Rick Witt

Meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance Quorum was established Agenda items were approved, unchanged

## **Report of Officers:**

President: See attached

Vice President: No report

**Secretary:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> BOD meeting minutes from November 14, 2014 were presented to the members for approval. No discussion ensued. A motion and a second were made for approval and unanimously voted in favor by the membership.

Treasurer: See attached

Executive Secretary: See attached

#### **Ex-Officio Committees:**

ICC: ICC President Guy Tomberlin extended ICC Director Lynn Underwood's apologies for not being able to attend the meeting due to recent changes in his position that has kept Director Underwood quite busy in transition. President Tomberlin proceeded to highlight some of the topics that were presented in his speech during the VPMIA Banquet the previous evening. He stated that the cdpAccess process was going well, and that there were approximately 1,400 code changes processed through cdpAccess for the Group A hearings. President Tomberlin stated that the registrations for the Group A hearings in Memphis were currently more than 200-300 greater than those who attended the last Group A hearings in Dallas. President Tomberlin encouraged VPMIA to extend cdpAccess training to those localities that were unable to send members to Memphis, and to encourage them to take part in the voting process through cdpAccess that will take place after the hearings. President Tomberlin encouraged VPMIA participation in the ICC Conference and Final Action Hearings that will be held in October in Long Beach, California. President Tomberlin stated that Building Safety Month started May 1, and that there were kits available on the ICC website that can help localities promote building safety. President Tomberlin stated that ICC incorporated a Solar Rating Certification company into ICC to help assist in the education installation of solar equipment. President Tomberlin stated that ICC's Preferred Provider program wants to focus on training and seminars that directly relate to inspections, plan review, significant code changes, and general code overviews so that these programs can be the best that they can be. President Tomberlin indicated that ICC's website is new, updated and improved to be more user friendly. The update process has been ongoing for the last 7 years, and has finally been implemented. President Tomberlin encouraged Chapter engagement with ICC by filling out Chapter reports, which involves updating the Officers and providing meeting dates. By doing so, ICC can award the Chapter a free training day and a free registration to the ICC Annual Conference. ICC Government Relations staff member Sean Wallace wanted to mention that this may be his last meeting with VPMIA, as ICC will be getting a new regional manager for Region VII, Brian Succup, starting April 22. Mr. Wallace thanked VPMIA for allowing him to participate in their organization for the last year.

**ICC Region VII:** See attached. In addition, Rick Witt stated that the Region was really active in exchanging information, and that for the first time, the District of Columbia was represented in the Region and was voting on positions. Mr. Witt indicated that Region VII had their business meeting on April 3, noting that George Hollingsworth, from Virginia, is the chairman this year. Another meeting is planned for August 13 and 14 in which the Region will conduct Skype interviews with the ICC board and officer candidates.

**DHCD:** Cindy Davis started her reported by stating that the Code Academy was currently working on putting together a Rehab Code Module that will be a multi-day technical module with the hope to have it presented in early 2016. At this point, this module will require that all Code Officials attend. It has not vet been determined if this will be a stand-alone certification. Ms. Davis stated that there has been a call out to organizations for subject matter experts in the field of elevators to participate in the Elevator Inspection Module. The intended rollout for this module will be 2016. Ms. Davis stated that the Academy was developing online training through the Knowledge Center for the Asbestos Program that will be available to all at no cost. The Academy is looking for subject matter experts for this program as well. Ms. Davis stated that Chapter 1 refresher course was still under development through the Knowledge Center. All programs have been updated to the 2012 codes. Ms. Davis stated that the Academy was working with their IT people to bring some enhancements and upgrades to the online registration system to include the capability of electronic applications for certifications and continuing education, participant lists, and personalization options for lodging needs. Ms. Davis announced that there will be a celebration of Building Safety Month on May 8 in Norfolk. She stated that a Proclamation will be signed by the Governor and presented by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Maurice Jones. Ms. Davis stated that the latest ISO ratings were out and that Virginia ranked number 1 this year. Ms. Davis stated that there are internal discussions in her office regarding Tiny Homes, and what the State needs to do with them. She also stated that they were working with some groups regarding edits to the Property Maintenance Code in regards to editing out non-enforceable language contained within that code.

Emory Rogers wanted to point out that the ICC Annual Conference was going to be held in Virginia in 2018, and with that comes an opportunity for Virginia organizations to showcase their well developed training programs. With that in mind, Mr. Rogers made a motion for VPMIA to open a savings account dedicated to provide funds for training opportunities and support for the 2018 ICC Annual Conference. A second to that motion was made by Guy Tomberlin. After a brief discussion, President Harper called the vote as motioned, and those assembled approved the motion. Immediately thereafter, Paul Rimel made a motion to deposit \$10,000 from VPMIA's current account into this new savings account. A second was received. No discussion ensued, so President Harper called for the vote, whereas those assembled approved the motion.

At this point, Geary Showman suggested that a line item budget be prepared and presented at the SSOI at Graves Mountain Lodge to better understand what future funds can be transferred into this new account and to better understand how the organization's funds are being allocated. After some discussions, President Harper stated that he would meet with the newly elected Treasurer, Geary Showman, and Finance Committee members in order to work out the logistics into preparing a budget prior to the SSOI meeting.

Mr. Rogers continued his report by indicating that the Academy's new online system will have reporting capabilities that will enable viewing of current or expired certifications in all categories including the ability to view required training for certification renewals.

**DPOR:** No report

## **Standing Committees:**

**Advertising/Yearbook:** Bill Aldridge wanted to thank Jane Fitzgerald and Ron Bladen for their many contributions into the publishing of the 2015 yearbooks.

**Auditing:** Mr. Rimel stated that the audit was completed through the calendar year, and that this will timing will change to correspond with the time served by the Treasurer. With this in mind, a second audit will be conducted after all funding from this years Annual Conference is completed and just prior to changing the office of the Treasurer.

**Awards:** John Seay asked that all of this years award recipients in the room stand to be recognized.

Bylaws: No report

Certification/Education/Training: See attached

Legislative: See attached

IT/Website: No report

**Nominating:** No report. Paul Rimel wished to thank all of the members of the Nominating Committee for all of their work associated with organizing this year's event.

PMG Code Change Committee: See attached

**School of Instruction:** No report. President Harper wished to thank Wayne Kushner and Dennis Martinelli for all of their work associated with organizing this year's event.

**Time and Place:** Wayne Kushner reported that discussions are underway to have the next Annual Conference in Virginia, and extended a welcome to individuals interested in joining the Time and Place Committee as his services to this committee will be coming to an end.

## Ad Hoc Committees:

BCAAC: See attached

**Building Safety Month:** Bill Aldridge reported that he would be sending out information and flyers regarding Building Safety Month to all District Directors. Paul Rimel stated that he would update our current BSM informational flyers for the new theme, and President Harper will insert them back onto the website.

Joint Conference: No Report.

VBCOA Liaison: See Attached

#### **Old Business:**

President Harper reported that the Tax Exempt status has nothing new to report, but is looking into the hiring of a CPA to assist in this process.

#### New Business:

President Harper talked about sponsoring a hole in the ICC Golf Tournament in Long Beach this year. Cindy Davis mentioned that the Tournament is being lead this year by Henry Green, and is going to be a memorial outing in memory of Ron Burton. The outing is intended to be a scholarship fund that focuses on work force development issues that have been identified in the hope to provide scholarships for new individuals to be able to start them into participating in the code development process. President Harper asked that more information be sent to him regarding this and decided to table any further discussions until the June 12 BOD meeting.

#### **Other Business:**

Geary Showman stated that he will be sending out another mass mailing to members that have not paid their dues, and if they have still not paid by the SSOI, they will be purged.

Ron Bladen asked about the distribution of the remaining Yearbooks. He stated that the Yearbooks brought in about \$700 profit and that in the past, members who couldn't attend the Annual Conference (members, associates, and individuals who placed ads in the yearbook) were mailed a copy of the Yearbooks. President Harper asked Mr. Aldridge if he would be willing to mail out copies of the Yearbook to individuals who placed ads in the Yearbook. Mr. Aldridge agreed to this arrangement. A discussion ensued regarding the mailing to all other individuals, stating that many were returned based on individual addresses not being updated. This caused an expense that could be have avoided. Currently, individuals who attend the conference take copies of the Yearbook back to their jurisdictions and distribute them to members that were not able to attend. Additionally, District Directors do likewise in an attempt to distribute Yearbooks.

Adjourn: 11:55 a.m.

#### **Presidents Report**

- The meeting schedule for 2015-2016 is as follows: Board Meeting # 1-June 12, 2015, Board Meeting # 2-Octber 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Board Meeting # 3-Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016, GM # 1 Graves Mountain Lodge July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, GM #2 during 2016 SOI
- 2) I want to thank my fellow officers, committee chairs, and all committee members for your continued dedication to this organization.
- 3) Thank you ICC President Tomberlin for attending and doing our officer swearing in as well as the awards presentations.

## Treasure's Report April 7, 2015

Since the last Board meeting we have had a total of \$4,191.45 in expenses and a total of \$13,590.62 in income. This gives us \$64,634.52 in our bank account. Previous amount in the bank account was \$55,230.35. This amount does not reflect the cost of the SOI.

## VPMIA

#### Register: Checking

From 02/20/2015 through 04/06/2015

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref								
Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	С	Deposit	Balance
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02/20/2015		Yearbook Ads	Program Income: Yearb	2015 Yearbook			1,535.00	56,785.35
02/20/2015	Bank Card	Dominos Pízza	BOD Meeting Lunch	BOD lunch	59.73			56.725.62
02/20/2015	1482	Geary Showman	Reimbursement to Gea	Membership m	229.13			56,496,49
02/23/2015		service charge	service fee	BBT	4.00			56,492.49
02/23/2015	1483	Curtis Campbell	BOD DRINKS & SNA	Reimbursement	37.33			56,455.16
02/24/2015		SOI Proceeds	2015 SQI	2015 SOI/Batc			3.060.00	59.515.16
02/27/2015		Membership Dues	membership renewal	40 active mem			1,600.00	61.115.16
02/27/2015	Bank Card	Crestline	VPMIA Merchandise:	50 VPMIA Bri	663.39			60,451.77
03/06/2015		Yearbook Ads	Program Income: Yearb	2015 Yearbook			1,200.00	61,651.77
03/12/2015		SOI Proceeds	2015 SOI	2015 SOI/Bate			2,355.00	64,006.77
03/12/2015		transfer from PayPal	PayPal	Membership re			115.62	64.122.39
03/23/2015		service charge	service fee	BBT	4.00			64,118.39
03/24/2015	Bank Card	Jefferson Engraving	SOI Expense	2015 SOI Plaq	796.65			63,321.74
03/31/2015		SOI Proceeds	2015 SOI	2015 SOI/Batc			2,660.00	65,981.74
03/31/2015		bb&t gift cards	Other Types of Expens	Gift cards for 2	215.80			65,765.94
04/01/2015	1484	Skip Harper	reimbursement to Skip	Name tags for	886.42			64,879,52
04/01/2015	1485	Dealers Choice	SOI casino night	2015 SOI Casi	1,295.00			63,584.52
04/03/2015		Yearbook Ads	Program Income: Yearb	2015 Yearbook			1,050.00	64,634.52

From:Executive Secretary's ReportDate:April 6, 2015Reference:BOD/GM MeetingTo:Richard Grace , VPMIA Secretary

The following is a report of membership and 2015 dues.

#### Active Membership List-----342 Life Time Members-----19 Retired Members Paid Dues-----2 Members Not Paid 2014 Dues-----15

Members Not Paid 2015 Dues-----35 Active Members Paid 2015 Dues------ 271

#### Associate Membership List-----54

Life Time Members------9 Members Not Paid 2014 Dues------6 Members Not Paid 2015 Dues-----21 Associate Members Paid 2015 Dues----- 18

## New Active Member: (No 2015 Dues Paid At This Time)

Prodromos "Mike" Antoniadis, Combination Inspector from Fairfax County. Steven Clayborn, Supervising Combination Inspector from Fairfax County. Aaron Morgan, Combination Inspector from Fairfax County. John S. Pendleton, Code Specialist III from Fairfax County. Johnny R. Vannoy, Engineer Tech. from Fairfax County.

# 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 To: VPMIA Board of Directors

From: Rick Witt, VPMIA ICC Region VII Representative

Date: April 8, 2015

Subject: ICC Region VII Report

ICC Region VII held their last meeting on March 30-31, 2015 in Hagerstown, Maryland. The following is a summary of the meeting highlights.

- On Monday the 30th, proposed code changes from submitted in CdP Access were presented and discussed. ICC Region VII positions on the individual code changes were determined and should be available for Virginia ICC Conference attendees.
- On Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup>, we held our Region Business meeting. Guy Tomberlin, ICC President updated the members with respect to ICC's initiatives and accomplishments. In addition, a resolution will be created and presented to wife of Ron Burton who recently passed away and was an active member of ICC both at the national level as well as our region.

The next ICC Region VII meeting will be held on June 19th in Hagerstown at the Ramada Plaza Hotel. This meeting will focus on potential ICC Region VII public comments to be submitted based on the results of the hearings held in Memphis, Tennessee. I encourage chairman of the PMG committee to attend and present specific proposed code changes to the group. In addition, I encourage everyone to attend the Region meetings as it is a great venue to discuss and gain consensus on code changes and also network with other code officials in different states.

## Certification/Education Committee Report

- 1) All classes for the SOI were approved courses thru the ICC Preferred Provider Program.
- 2) All classes for the SOI were approved courses for DHCD CE's.
- 3) All classes for the SOI were approved courses for DHCD and as such were submitted to DPOR 4 times in 4 weeks with no response from anyone including Eric Olson who was copied and aware of the request to accept as DPOR CE's. A pathetic way to run a State Agency to say the least, absolutely no communication.
- 4) We discussed using our free training Chapter benefit from ICC and some good ideas were discussed-look for more information in the near future.
- 5) We discussed what training we wanted to bring to Graves and the consensus seemed to be reclaimed water/re-use and I will try to get something put together.

Skip Harper Chairman, Certification/Education Committee

## VBCOA/VPMIA 2015 Session LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Updated 04-07-15) Thru- HB 2393, HJ 709, HR 216, SB 1455, SJ 38, SR 77

The legislative committee conference call took place on January 26, 2015 Conference call participants were: Skip Harper (VPMIA), Lewis Watts (region 4), David Beahm (region 3), Sean Farrell (region 5), Richard Bartell (region 7), Vernon Hodge (DHCD), Julie Walton (region 6/chair), Ron Clements (region 6/chair)

#### HB 1294 Status- Tabled in committee

**Oppose** - This will prohibit collection of permit fees in proposed section 57-2.03.

Chief patron: Morris

**Churches and other religious bodies.** Exempts churches, religious associations, and religious denominations from all state and local taxes, fees, and other charges. HB1293 is similar but targeted at storm water management fees.

**HB 1404 Status- Tabled in committee.** A letter will be sent to the small business commission asking them to look into the issues. VBCOA needs to be involved with the commission discussions.

**Oppose-** This exact bill was tabled in the House committee in 2012 (HB1722) and 2013 (HB94) with strong opposition from the committee both years. This would be difficult to comply with as it refers to all steps, permits and processes to obtained 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.

HB 1793 Status- Tabled in committee. A letter will be sent to DHCD asking them to look into the issues of van parking during the next regulatory cycle. VBCOA needs to be involved with the DHCD discussions.

Oppose- This is bypassing the regulatory change process and legislating the building code.

#### Chief patron: Stolle

**Wheelchair-access-only accessible parking spaces**. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to amend administrative regulations by December 31, 2015, to require that where the total number of parking spaces provided exceeds 25, at least one-quarter of disabled parking spaces be designated as wheelchair access only.

#### HB 1929 Status- Left in committee HB 2046 Status- Left in committee

**No position-** Based on discussions with DHCD staff this does not have any negative USBC impact since the exception to VCC 308.6 sends you to 310.6 for family day homes regardless of how they are defined in the statute.

#### HB 1929 Chief patron: Anderson

HB 2046 Chief patron: Filler-Corn

Licensure of family day homes. Provides that the children of a family day home provider and any children who reside in the family day home where care is provided shall be included in determining the number of children receiving care for the purpose of licensure.

#### HB 2094 Status- Signed into law by the Governor

**Support- This is a VBCOA bill.** This bill was developed by the VBCOA legislative committee to change the initiation of the statute of limitations for property maintenance code violations from discovery to issuance of NOV. This provides the code official and building owner more time to resolve property maintenance issues before initiating court action.

#### Chief patron: Peace

**Limitation of prosecution for Building Code violations**. Provides that prosecutions for Building Code violations relating to the maintenance of existing buildings or structures shall commence within one year of the issuance of a notice of violation for the offense by the building official. Under current law, such prosecutions shall commence within one year of the discovery of the offense by the building official.

#### HB 2103 Status- Signed into law by the Governor

**Support-** This is an HBAV bill. This bill places restrictions and educational requirements on private home inspectors.

Chief patron: Peace

Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors; new home inspections; penalty. Makes it unlawful for any person who is not a certified home inspector to perform (i) a home inspection on any new residential structure or (ii) any inspection on any new residential structure unless the seller of the property or his agent is given the opportunity to accompany the home inspector during the inspection. The bill also authorizes the Board to issue a certificate to practice as a certified home inspector to any applicant who has submitted satisfactory evidence that he has successfully completed a training module developed by the Board in conjunction with the Department of Housing and Community Development based on the International Residential Code component of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code. The bill requires the Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors to develop, in conjunction with the Department of Housing and Community Development, this training module and to make it available for use prior to July 1, 2016. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2016.

#### HB 2283 Status- Signed into law by the Governor

**No position-** Deals with code enforcement on Indian reservations, currently VA DGS is the code official.

#### Chief patron: Hodges

**Enforcement of the Uniform Statewide Building Code by certain state**-recognized Indian tribes. Authorizes a state-recognized Indian tribe to be responsible for the enforcement of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) on any Indian reservation recognized by the Commonwealth if the Indian tribe has adopted the USBC by tribal ordinance and (i) assumed sole responsibility for existing buildings and new construction on the reservation and (ii) retained firms or individuals qualified to function as the building official for purposes of enforcing the ordinance.

#### HJ 618 Status- Stricken from docket

**No Position-** The study commissioned by this resolution may be of interest to jurisdictions that have code enforcement personnel designated as special conservators of the peace.

Chief patron: Lingamfelter

**Study; training for special conservators of the peace; report.** Creates a joint subcommittee to study the appropriate level of training necessary for special conservators of the peace to carry out the functions and duties for which they are appointed and to ensure their understanding of constitutional and criminal law.

#### <u>SB 726</u> Status- Incorporated into SB1257 <u>SB 1065</u> Status- Incorporated into SB1257 <u>SB 1257</u> Status- - Signed into law by the Governor

No position- Proffer related bill.

SB 726 Chief patron: Cosgrove; SB 1065 Chief patron: Obenshain; SB 1257 Chief patron: Smith

**Cash proffer for residential construction; sunset date.** Removes the July 1, 2017, expiration of a Code section that delays the payment of certain per-dwelling-unit cash proffers until after the final inspection of the subject property and prior to the issuance of any certificate of occupancy. The removal of the sunset date also extends existing provisions barring the assertion of a cause of action to enforce a right to delayed payment of cash proffers and allowing a court to award fees and costs to a party that prevails in a legal challenge to a conflicting ordinance.

#### <u>SB 780</u> Status- Incorporated into SB1168 <u>SB 1124</u> Status- Incorporated into SB1168 <u>SB 1168</u> Status- - Governor's amendments sent to the legislature for review (Incorporated SB780, 1029, 1069, 1124)

**No position-** Based on discussions with DHCD staff this does not have any negative USBC impact since the exception to VCC 308.6 sends you to 310.6 for family day homes regardless of how they are defined in the statute.

SB 780 Chief patron: Favola; SB 1124 Chief patron: Barker; SB 1168 Chief Patron Hanger

**Regulation of child welfare agencies**. Establishes a national criminal history record check requirement for licensure as a child welfare agency, for approval as a family day home by a family day system, for approval as a foster or adoptive parent; for employment or to volunteer at a child welfare agency or family day home; and for all adults residing in a home in which a family day home is operated and provides that the children of a family day home provider and any children who reside in the family day home where care is provided shall be included in determining the number of children receiving care for the purpose of licensure.

#### <u>SB 818</u> Status- Stricken from docket

**No position-** Based on discussions with DHCD staff this does not have any negative USBC impact since the exception to VCC 308.6 sends you to 310.6 for family day homes regardless of how they are defined in the statute.

SB 818 Chief patron: Favola

**Licensure of family day homes.** Provides that the children of a family day home provider and any children who reside in the family day home where care is provided shall be included in determining the number of children receiving care for the purpose of licensure.

#### SB 898 Status- Stricken from docket

**No position-** This bill will subject uliscensed family day homes to inspection by the fire official. Every unlicensed and unregistered family day home shall be free from fire hazards and have adequate fire protection. Such family day homes are subject to inspection and approval by the appropriate fire official.

#### Chief patron: Favola

Unlicensed and unregistered family day homes; notice to Department of Social Services; background checks; safety requirements. Requires unlicensed and unregistered family day homes to submit the following to the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services prior to beginning operation: (i) a statement of intent to operate an unlicensed and unregistered family day home, (ii) the name, address, and telephone number of the person maintaining the family day home, and (iii) a statement that the person who maintains the family day home has complied with the applicable background check requirements. The bill requires background checks. Every unlicensed and unregistered family day home shall be free from fire hazards and have adequate fire protection. Such family day homes are subject to inspection and approval by the appropriate fire official.

#### <u>SB 1158</u> Status- Tabled in the House committee

**No position (watch closely)-** Fireworks bill. Consensus was that this does not affect the USBC and restates the hazard class that is already in the USBC for consumer fireworks. The USBC related section: For the purposes of the Fire Prevention Code adopted pursuant to this section and the Uniform Statewide Building Code adopted pursuant to § <u>36-99</u>, the storage and transportation of consumer fireworks shall be considered the same hazard class as 1.4G explosive.

#### Chief patron: Garrett

Statewide Fire Prevention Code; State Fire Marshal; consumer fireworks; penalties. Authorizes the use of consumer fireworks in the Commonwealth. The bill defines "consumer fireworks" as small fireworks devices (i) containing restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion and (ii) complying with certain federal regulations regarding composition and labeling. The bill provides that the storage and transportation of consumer fireworks are to be considered the same hazard class as 1.4G explosives under the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) and Uniform Statewide Building Code. In addition, the bill excludes from the provisions of the SFPC the use of consumer fireworks are being transported from a locality where they were legally obtained to a locality where they are legally permitted. Current law only excludes the use of permissive fireworks on private property. The provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2016.

#### SB 1342 Status- Tabled in the House committee

**No position-** Bill creates grants for universal/visitable designed home renovations.

Chief patron: Puller

**Residential Improved Accessibility and Universal Visitability Grant Program.** Establishes a grant program for homeowners and contractors for the purchase or construction of new residences or renovations to existing residences designed to improve accessibility or to provide universal visitability. The grant program would be administered by the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development. Subject to the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly, the Director would be authorized to award up to \$1 million in grants each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2016, of which the Director would allocate 50 percent for the purchase or construction of new residences and 50 percent for the purchase or construction of a new residence.

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

April, 2015

- The ICC Group B code change cycle is underway. The code change submission deadline was
  extended two days to January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The code change monograph has been posted. See
  the following link for the complete code change cycle info including the complete monograph <u>http://stage.iccsafe.org/current-code-development-cycle/</u>
- The last VPMIA VBCOA PMG meeting was held on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 10 am until 2:00pm at the Joyce Agency training facility. This meeting and second meeting below are being used to review and establish positions on all the applicable PMG code changes. At the first meeting we got thru all of the IMC changes and up to P-15 of the IPC changes and will attempt to cover the rest of the changes at the meeting below.

A second meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm at the VPMIA School of Instruction (SOI) in Front Royal, VA.

- The VPMIA/VBCOA PMG committee has also been asked to start thinking about any proposals for the creation of the 2015 VUSBC as development of this next version of the VUSBC is just around the corner.
- Scholarships for the 2015 Group A code cycle Memphis TN hearings At the March 27<sup>th</sup> PMG meeting five VPMIA scholarship applications were reviewed. One applicant withdrew his application as he would not be attending the Memphis hearings. The following four applicants submitted applications and were approved by the committee Anthony McMahan, Bob Adkins, Richard Grace and Shawn Strausbaugh. These applicants were in attendance at the meeting. The applicants were advised to submit all the related expenses to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

## VBCOA report for the VPMIA BOD meeting April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- The last VBCOA BOD meeting was held on Friday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Glen Allen, VA. There have been no other VBCOA BOD meetings from the date of my last report.
- The VBCOA mid-year meeting will be held on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> in Charlottesville VA at the Holiday Inn University and Conference Center. The BOD meeting will be held on Sunday from 1pm until 5pm and the membership meeting will be held on Monday from 8:15am until 10:30am. Please see the VBCOA website for registration and further details on the training being provided on Monday. <u>http://vbcoa.org/2015-midyear-conference</u>
- VBCOA has been registered as an ICC preferred provider program.
- The next VBCOA BOD meeting will be held on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> at the mid-year meeting in Charlottesville as noted above.

Sincerely, Shawn Strausbaugh

#### Building Code Academy Advisory Committee Meeting March 31, 2015 Richmond, Virginia at MSC/DHCD

BCAAC- Purpose and scope review.

- 1. We reviewed the Committee Operating Procedure from January 2012 of the responsibilities of the committee that covered the Scope, Composition of BCAAC, Terms of BCAAC Service, Appointment of BCAAC, and Meeting Schedule. We are a committee that makes recommendations to the Board only.
- 2. Training and Certification statistics update from Sandi Morris. We received a handout that provided information class numbers to date, students completed core, students completed classroom events, classes canceled, and student's completed VBCA on-line training, certifications processed to date, and continuing education processed. Time frame is from October 1, 2014-March 30, 2015.
- 3. IT Update: Electronic on-line certification and CEU credit reports, improvements in site for being able to navigations in the site. DHCD can now send out emails that the instructors can be included along with the others receiving the email. Single lodging and they have realigned the fee schedule at \$325.00 3 day class, for 90.00 per day for lodging.
- 4. ICC Referred Provider handout provided. DHCD is an approved provider of CEU Credits as other groups are submitting their information also.
- 5. Matrix Review and Recommendation: We reviewed the matrix and with length discussion looked at each classification, certification, and all requirements with lengthy discussions over each. Regarding recommendation to add additional training requirements to some Certifications but not adding certification requirements just training that should be accompanied with their classification and a discussion of any time adjustment in regards to the 12 month requirement that is in place now. The 3 main Certifications discussed were Building Official, Fire Official, and Property Maintenance Official. We had a handout that listed all with ICC Exam. Information, required course that are already in place, and additional information. Some recommendation did come from this and some additional discussion will take place.
- 6. Training Waiver request procedure and review: We have 4 request for training waiver for people holding certifications within State and from out of state that are requesting to have an additional test to be taken to be certified in Virginia for a certain classification to be waived and they just apply for the certification. We have to review this information and will meeting with a teleconference to make a decision for recommendation from the Committee.

I will bring with me to the conference the handouts and I will attempt to make some copies for the meeting. (Report submitted by Randy Pearce/City of Emporia Building and Fire Official) 4-3-2015

#### In Attendance:

Chris Snidow	VSEC	David Sharp	FFXCCA
Donna Rubino	PWCCA	Ernie Little	VFPA
Mike Henley	VAESA	Sandi Morris	DHCD
Randy Pearce	VPMIA	Emory Rodgers	DHCD
Roger Robertson	VBCOA	Emory nougers	bridb

#### BCAAC Purpose and Scope Review

#### Committee Operating Procedure Guidelines (handout)

Committee reviewed the operation guidelines last updated January 2012. Staff reviewed the purpose, intent, and scope of the committee. The committee is advisory to the Board of Housing and Community Development. The Board will seek advice and act accordingly. Staff reviewed member representatives and serving terms with general members having a four-year term and chair and vice chair no more than two two-year terms. The committee meeting schedule includes at least one in-person meeting per year followed by quarterly meeting as necessary or teleconference if appropriate.

#### Membership of Committee

Staff reviewed current membership roster. Staff suggested removing VML. BCAAC suggested establishing a mailing list of those stakeholders on the membership roster yet are not active on the committee to send out minutes and other related notices regarding BCAAC. The hope is that this will improve the interest of the absent organizations. BCAAC further suggested staff should continue to take more aggressive member recruitment with the Home Builders Association and perhaps the upcoming DPOR Home Inspector requirement for training could be the motivator. Staff will bring updated membership roster recommendations to BHCD on behalf of the committee including the removal of VML from the roster.

#### **Training and Certification statistics update**

#### Activity Report (handout)(Updated report included with these minutes.)

Staff provided written activity report. Significant activities included development and delivery of the 2012 code change training; offering three semesters this calendar year of certification trainings; development activities. Notable statistics:

- High Core participation however not trickling through to trades programs as one might expect. BCAAC suggested this may just be a lag in the 18-month process combined with the increase in course offerings.
- Code Change Training no additional VBCA classes on schedule. Continued utilization of on-line trainings through with the VBCA Knowledge Center with more than 1000 completed programs. Approved providers continue to offer live classes (Numbers on original handout are off – actually closer to 1000)

#### **Development Activity**

Staff reported on the following development activities:

*Rehabilitation Code module* - curriculum committee established and have begun work on the development of this multi-day program. Staff expects to roll course out in early 2016 and will initially mandate all Code Officials to attend. Staff will recommend inclusion as requirement for existing certifications however it yet to be determined if a standalone rehab certification will be established.

*Elevator Inspection module* – requests to the organizations have been made for curriculum subject matter experts. The first workgroup meeting will be set pending response of organizations. VBCA intends to roll out this multi-day program in 2016.

*Online Asbestos program*— the VBCA will be developing an on-line training on asbestos which will be available for continuing education. Staff requested anyone interested in the development of this program should contact the VBCA training development specialist, Rajan Engh. Both Randy Pearce and Dave Sharp have expressed interest in sitting on this and the Chapter 1 development committee.

Online Chapter 1 Refresher -- same as above

Core and Advanced Official modules

Staff reviewing content of these two programs for purposes content reconstruction.

#### IT Update

Staff reported on IT upgrades to the VBCA On-Line Registration System to both the user side and the admin side. Online functionality changes include:

Electronic application for certification and continuing education applications now available.

Participant lists now available on-line to those registered for the class.

Lodging request function offer increased personalization of lodging needs.

Improved administrative email functions to enhance communication to participants and instructors

Navigation and interface changes

Comprehensive reporting function will be rolled out by summer 2015

BCAAC suggested clarifying the purpose and function of the Knowledge Center and the On-line Registration System to assist users in understanding each of the systems. Staff will review current descriptions and location of descriptions and will update accordingly.

Staff asked committee to seek feedback from their organizations' members and forward notable feedback to Sandi Morris.

#### ICC Preferred Provider Program

#### Program Overview (handout)

Staff explained the ICC Preferred Provider Program and the application process. The VBCA applied and was approved by ICC to be a preferred provider. The benefit to the VBCA is to its participants who now can use attendance at the VBCA towards ICC's new requirement that a percentage of continuing education hours come from a preferred provider. A side benefit is that trainings can post on the ICC live calendar increasing the VBCA visibility as a training provider.

#### **Matrix Review and Recommendations**

#### Draft matrix/guide (handout)

Staff reported that the 'Matrix' was due for a comprehensive review and updating based on today's certification needs. Updates will include training or exam requirements to specific certifications as well as a new format of matrix to increase user readability. BCAAC made their first pass of the suggested updates. Although additional reviews of the proposed revisions are forth coming once final the updated matrix will be brought to the Board for approval. Summary of BCAAC discussion includes:

Code Official – is expansion of requirements due?

Energy and plan review content added to trades training content as appropriate.

The ICC Exam 66 does not provide equivalency for 1031 for Fire Prevention Inspector

What does legislation say about this ...?

Fire Protection Inspector certification – add commercial building inspection class

Fire Protection Plans Examiner certification - add Fire Protection System Inspection class

Change class title of Fire Protection Systems Inspection to drop the word "Inspection" from the title of course) Under Residential Building Plans Examiner – testing... ICC has MEP; NCPCCI has no MEP use exam 1A Residential Building Inspector as equivalent

#### VA Master Official Program

#### VMO program overview (handout)

Staff introduced the VBCA proposal to establish a VA Master Official Program (VMO) as a way of acknowledging the accomplishments of the code official who excels in the industry through this designation. This program is modeled after the ICC program and would be Virginia specific. Candidates would meet specific requirements as indicated in the program overview. Details of the program are included the overview sheet handed out during the meeting. BCAAC was in general support of moving this initiative forward and suggested VBCA look to see if the requirements for the VMO would inadvertently exclude the fire officials as that is not the intent.

#### Agenda items postponed due to lack of time:

#### **Training Waiver Requests**

Staff reviewed the requirements of the alternative training request with BCAAC as noted in the Virginia Certification Standards. Although in most requests staff can render a decision independently periodically requests are made that staff seek BCAAC input. Staff provided copies of four such requests for review and recommendation. However due to lack of time review and discussion was postponed pending a conference call. In preparation of conference call BCAAC members are requested to review provided documents as well as training requirements for the requested certifications considering if the training they have submitted is equivalent to what we would require. Staff will send additional information regarding VA requirements in preparation for discussions.

Futures Planning - postponed Chair and Vice Chair positions - postponed Member Issues A number of member issues or concerns addressed under previous agenda items.

#### Summary of BCAAC suggestions or recommendations:

- Establish a mailing list of the member organizations inactive on the roster for the purposes of sending out minutes and other relative communications regarding BCAAC and perhaps increasing interest in attending meetings.
- Provide clarifying information to users regarding the specific purpose and function of each of the Knowledge Center and the On-line Registration System to increase understanding of each system.
- Suggested review and modifications of VMO requirements to ensure that all code officials could meet the criteria for this designation without any unbalanced effort.
- Continue review and discussion of proposed matrix changes.

#### Next meeting

Teleconference meeting

Review and recommend action on alternative training approval requests. Doodle survey sent to determine date of meeting.