

MINUTES

Virginia Plumbing & Mechanical Inspectors Association

April 2nd, 2014

Holiday Inn Richmond Airport

Part I

President Rimel called the meeting to order at 11:30 am

In attendance: Jamshid Anjam, Timothy Bahre, Jesse Beavon, Raymond Dietzel, Romula Dumo, Donald Foster, Richard Grace, Dale Gray, Mark Grimmell, David Harris, Jeffery Hayes, Joseph Hedding, Steve Higginbotham, Rex Humrich, Michael Janke, Damian Jorge, James Laprade, Paul Lynch, Christopher Martin, David McCullen, Dustin McLehaney, James Moss, Robert Orr III, Randy Pearce, Kevin Pelletier, Luis Roman, John Russell, David Vargulic, Myriam Villarroel, Dennis McNaughton, Clarence Moore, Kenneth Mosher, Elmer Puffinberger Jr, Paul Rimel, William Riter, John Seay, Gary Thayer, Kevin Woodward, Dennis Martinelli, Mike Finkelstein, Terry Moore, William Beattie, Jeff Gray, Danny Hall, Ken Granata, Jack Bartel, Cydney Johnstone, Ellis McKenney, William Yeager, John Broughton, Wayne Irby, Thomas Decatur, Jonathan Sargeant, David Moore, Alan McMahan, James Severson, Geary Showman, Teresa Gerber, Chris Salazar, Charles Gerber, Ernie Deihl, Alan Givens, David Kent, Randall LaTuche Sr, Victor Hines Jr, Leon Yoder, Vernell Woods, Bolman Bowles, Samuel Adams, David Ansell, Curt Campbell, Ronnie Cropp, Fredrick Crowell, Walter Fletcher, Bernard Gill, Jesse Hurt, Michael Johnson, Frank Jones, Paul Lindstrom, Thomas Marple, Robert Adkins, William Aldridge, Michael Allen, Kenneth Alves, Roger "Skip" Harper, Rick Witt, Lynn Underwood, Wayne Kushner

Wayne Kushner presented the Nominations Committee report & recommended the following slate of Officers & Directors for 2014.

President; Roger "Skip" Harper, Vice President; Curt Campbell, Secretary; Richard Grace, Treasurer; Dustin McLehaney, Director at large; Paul Rimel, District 1 Director; James Anjam, District II Director; Bill Aldridge, District III Director; Donald Mimms, District IV Director; David Harris.

Motion made & second to nominate the slate of officers & directors presented for consideration by the Nominations Committee. President Rimel called for nominations from the floor & hearing none called for a vote by the members in attendance. A vote was taken and the officers & directors listed above were duly elected.

Meeting adjourned 11:50

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Virginia Plumbing & Mechanical Inspectors Association

April 4th, 2014

Holiday Inn Richmond Airport

Part II

President Rimel called the meeting to order at 8:40

In attendance: Robert Adkins, William Aldridge, James Anjam, David Beahm, Kris Bridges, Curt Campbell, Cindy Davis, Bill Dupler, Charles Gerber, Richard Grace, Skip Harper, David Harris, Vernon Hodge, Jesse Hurt, Clarence Jackson, Wayne Kushner, Randall LaTuche, Tom Marple, Christopher Martin, Dennis Martinelli, Ellis McKinney, Dustin McLehaney, John Mills, Randy Pearce, Mike Puffinberger, Michael Redifer, Paul Rimel III, Jon Sargeant, John Seay, Geary Showman, Shawn Strausbaugh, Michael Thuot, Lynn Underwood, Sean Wallace, Richard Witt, Sara Yerkes. Guy Tomberlin

Guy Tomberlin presented Dustin McLehaney with the Gordon I Dameron Active Outstanding service award. Guy swore Dustin in as the VPMIA Treasurer for 2014.

Secretaries Report: Curt asks to have the Minutes for the 2nd General membership & the 3rd BOD meeting held on Nov 15th 2013 to be approved. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: See Attached Report. The income is comprised of four membership dues deposits totaling \$5,940.32 & one Advertising/Tabletop deposit of \$5,585.00. The funds for Advertising/Tabletop were generated from the 2014 Va Code Officials Joint Conference. Richard wrote a check for \$1,950 to the Joint Conference for the Tabletop funds.

Expenses consist of: 1. Typical BB&T service fees 2. Down payment for Graves Mountain SOI. 3. Expenses associated with material for awards & postage for mailing packets. 4. Expenses associated with VPMIA website. 5. A two year payment of \$2000.00 {2012&2013} was sent to VBCOA in support of a Lobbyist for our Organization. 6. A yearly contribution to the Ladies Auxiliary for \$500.00.

Executive Secretaries Report: See Attached Report. Geary said after the Graves Mountain meeting all members that have not paid their dues for 2013 will be purged.

Vice President Report: Skip thanked Paul for doing a great job over the past year. Skip asks everyone to sign in on paper and he would enter it into the data base later.

President's Report: No report.

New Business

See the attached by-laws change:

A total revised By-Laws was given to the members to be reviewed and voted on at the SOI at Graves Mountain. See the attached Advertising/Yearbook committee report. A motion was made by John Seay - "We should continue to print the yearbook as we have done in the past". That motion was seconded by Geary Showman. Dustin McLehaney then began to describe the numerous concerns he has with the yearbook which include the fact that VPMIA's website address does not appear on the front cover, the need to control excess printing of the yearbook, that we should increase the cost for yearbook ads, that we need to get estimates for printing the yearbooks, that we should only give out yearbooks at the SOI and the summer SOI and that we should no longer mail out yearbooks, that the yearbook committee should also sell ad space on the website, and he then questioned whether the yearbook should be in printed or electronic form. Following Dustin's list of concerns, no one in attendance expressed any interest whatsoever in eliminating VPMIA's printed version of the yearbook and nearly everyone in attendance stated the various advantages they believe the yearbook has provided and continues to provide for the organization. After nearly an hour of discussion, the overwhelming majority of which was in full support of continuing with VPMIA's printed version of the yearbook, Guy Tomberlin made a motion to amend the original motion to state: "We should continue to print the yearbook". The amendment was then seconded and President Rimel restated the motion to the members in attendance "We should continue to print the yearbook" and he then asked for all in favor to say Aye at which time the amended motion was unanimously approved with no one voting in opposition. President Rimel then informed Secretary Campbell that the motion had carried. Following approval of the above stated motion, Guy Tomberlin recommended that the yearbook committee consider the

suggestions for improvement made by Dustin and report back at next year's SOI with what worked and what didn't. John Seay then requested a list of all the suggestions for improvement which Dustin had made and he then stated that the Yearbook Committee would look into those suggestions and report back at next year's SOI as Guy had recommended. Discussion then ended regarding VPMIA's yearbook and the next agenda item was called to the floor. Bill Dupler made a motion to send a letter of support for Dwayne Garriss as ICC Secretary Treasurer, Rick Witt second the motion, motion approved. Guy made a motion for Paul Rimel to be VPMIA's representative on DPOR's CE work group. Paul will make decisions on the spot when necessary without the Boards approval. Doug Murrow's term on the Board for Contractors will expire in June. He will not be running for that position again. Motion moved to enable sitting BOD to coordinate with VBCOA and send letter of recommendation for the DPOR rep, motion carries. Guy made a motion for VPMIA to send a letter of suggestion to ICC to consider separating the IPC from the Private Sewage Disposal. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

ICC Report: Lynn Underwood said that the 2018 code development cycle has changes in the grouping. Group A codes Nov 15 – Jan 12, 2015 coming out on CDP access. Next code group C 2015 in Memphis April 27th – May 4th, need to have validation credentials by March 28th. ICC looking for code committee members. Dead line is June 2nd. All 2015 codes will be out by June 1st except for Green code. Guy Tombelin to be elected ICC president in Ft. Lauderdale.

ICC Region VII Report: next meeting will be in Hagerstown Maryland May 22nd & 23rd. May 22nd will be dedicated to learning CDP access.

DHCD Report: 2012 Va codes will be published on Va register Monday April 7th. There will be a 30 day public comment period. Public comments on code sections found valid will be suspended until it can be reviewed by Board of Housing. DHCD is working with ICC to have Va I codes published. Each acting Building Official will receive 1 complete set of Va codes when available, either printed or electronic. Everyone needs to make sure their profile and password are up to date on the DHCD knowledge center. Two new programs, Residential Inspection and Commercial Inspections have been well received.

DPOR Report: No Report

Ad Hoc Committees

BCAAC Report: No Report

Building Safety Month: Committee Chair Bill Aldridge has ask all Directors to hand out flyers. VPMIA has been offered a free booth at the upcoming PMPV trade show. Dennis McNaughton will represent VPMIA at the trade show. Skip will be asking someone from District I to represent VPMIA at John Catlett's event on May 2nd in Alexandria.

Joint Conf Report: Curt thanked all members on the joint conference for all their hard work on a job well done.

VBCOA Report: See attached report

VTEC Report: See attached report

Standing Committees

Auditing: Paul said the CPA is working on our tax status

Awards: John Seay thanked everyone for sending in their nomination forms. Dustin McLehaney, Shawn Strausbaugh and Emory Rodgers received awards.

Certification/Education/Training: Skip received a request from Guy to have his name removed as VPMIA's contact at DPOR. Skip has the 2012 syllabus code update training almost ready at which time he will be reaching out to the Directors to set up a round of training. Skip said by our next meeting he will have submitted our 2012 syllabus to DPOR for our 2012 code change training. Instructors for classes at Graves Mountain are full

Finance: No report.

Legislative: Ron Clements sent out a very comprehensive report, which included Bill by Bill with a synopsis of what happened.

Membership/Website: Skip will get the Building Safety flyers on our website on April 5th & 6th. ICC has a lot of free Building Safety stuff on the ICC website. Skip thanked the Organization for understanding his concerns and buying out his sprint contract and providing him with a Verizon hotspot. It truly makes a difference and in the process for \$10.00 more a month he received a free Verizon ellipsis 7 tablet which he will justify purchasing at our next meeting.

Nominating: No report

Plumbing/Mechanical/Fuel Gas: See attached report

School of Instruction: Paul thanked Ron Bladen for his hard work on receiving all the money and registrations for the Joint Conference and getting it where it needed to go.

Time & Place: VPMIA will probably have their SOI for 2015 in the Winchester area and the 2016 in the Va beach area.

Adjourn: 11:30 April 4th

VPMIA

3/31/2014 7:01 PM

Register: Checking

From: 01/01/2014 through 03/31/2014

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment C	Deposit	Balance
01/01/2014		Membership Dues	Membership	Membership D...		4,455.00	29,267.21
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03/19/2014	1455	Geary Showman	Other Types of Expens...	Member Packet...	72.05		30,034.48
03/26/2014	1456	Jefferson Engraving	SOI Expense	2014 SOI Plaq...	761.85		29,272.63
03/26/2014	1457	Skip Harper	Operations: Web Site	Internet Cost L ...	1,129.66		28,142.97
03/29/2014		Membership Dues	Membership	Membership du...		540.00	28,682.97
03/29/2014		VPMIA	SOI Tabletop	SOI Tabletops ...		5,585.00	34,267.97
03/31/2014	1458	VBCOA	Lobbyist	Lobbyist	2,000.00		32,267.97
03/31/2014	1459	VPMIA Ladies Auxil...	Other Types of Expens...	Ladies Auxiliary	500.00		31,767.97

From: Executive Secretary's Report
Date: March 26, 2014
Reference: BOD Meeting
To: Curtis Campbell . VPMIA Secretary

The following is a report of membership and 2014 dues.

Active Membership List-----335
Life Time Members-----19
Retired Members Paid Dues----- 1
Members Not Paid 2013 Dues-----30
Members Not Paid 2014 Dues-----40
Members That Paid 2014 Dues----245 x \$30= \$7,350

Associate Membership List-----60
Life Time Members----- 8
Members Not Paid 2013 Dues-----10
Members Not Paid 2014 Dues----- 7
Members That Paid 2014 Dues-----35 x \$35= \$1,225

New Active Members:

Mark A. Griffey, Plans Examiner for Shenandoah County
Don Williams. Combination Residential Inspector for Shenandoah County
Jack Newberry, Construction Inspector for Prince William County
Roger Scot Reed, Plumbing Inspector for Prince William County
Chett O. Reynolds, Plumbing Inspector for Prince William County
Tamkia Cooke, Code Enforcement Inspector for Arlington 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

VPMIA Advertising/Yearbook Committee Report

All is going well for the VPMIA Yearbook for the 2013 – 2014 editions. We are actually getting more ads this year than in the past. Most of these ads are full page color ads. We have some 1/8 and 1/4 page ads, but not many. Many vendors and contractors are buying ads in the VPMIA yearbook more each year because they say it is good publicity and good for business. They do not want to be strangers to local governments and the public. With all the ads purchased this year, the yearbook will actually pay for itself in full!

I would also like to give a special thanks to Ron Bladen and Jane Fitzgerald for all of the hard work and extra time that is involved in getting the yearbook set up and printed. This is more of a task than most realize. Their hard work is very much appreciated!

I will be giving a full report at the VPMIA General Membership meeting on 4/4/2014.

John Seay Jr. – Advertising/Yearbook Committee Chairman

3/21/2014

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

April, 2014

- The code development cycle is complete for the 2012 VUSBC and awaits the final regulatory VA Commonwealth approvals.
- The ICC Group C cycle, IgCC, has now begun. The VPMIA PMG committee is not acting on the group c cycle.
- Some significant changes have been posted in regard to the specific codes that are to be in the group A code change cycle and the group B code change cycle. See the following link for the complete list - <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/Pages/2015-17cycle.aspx> In the PMG arena the 2015 group A code change cycle, which will create the 2018 codes, will be very busy as not only will the group A code change cycle contain the IPC and IMC but will now also contain the IRC plumbing and IRC mechanical. The ISPSC (swimming pool and spa code) will also be part of the Group A code change cycle.
Codes moved to Group A: IEBC non-structural; IPMC; IRC-M, IRC-P; ISPSC; IZC
Codes moved to Group B: IBC - S (which also includes IEBC structural provisions)
- No VPMIA PMG committee activity will be taking place until closer to the 2015 Group A code cycle. A call for committees has been posted and applications are due by June 2nd. This call includes Code Committees, the Code Correlation Committee and Code Interpretation Committees for the 2015-2017 Code Development Cycle.

VBCOA report for the VPMIA general membership meeting on April 2nd and April 4th, 2014 in Richmond, VA

There have been no VBCOA meetings since my last report; as such my previous report is copied below. I will give an updated report based upon the VBCOA Annual meeting that is to be held April 1st, 2014 just prior to the start of the joint conference.

- The last VBCOA BOD meeting was held on Friday, January 24th in Chesterfield, VA.
- This year marks the 85 Anniversary of VBCOA.
- The region chairs are now overseeing the educational committee duties. The orientation program is complete and ready for use.
- The ad hoc high school technical training program is meeting with Jim Elwood of the ICC on Friday January 31st, 2014.
- The VBCOA code development review committee reported on commissioning and a proposed new commissioning standard that is being developed and also IAS is looking to develop accreditation criteria for commissioning agents.
- Chuck Banjai reported that there is a meeting on decks to be held in Washington, DC. Date and time to be forwarded.

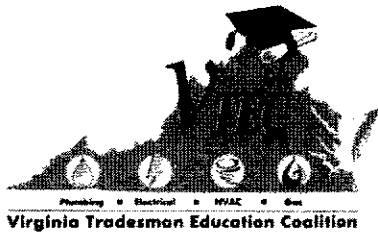
- In the legislative report there is one item that we may wish to keep an eye on. HB 409 is to form a committee to examine the role the Dept of Health has in the design of on-lot sewage treatment systems. This report is to be completed by October 1st, 2014.
- DHCD reports that the manufactured housing installation program is available online for code officials. Discussion ensued in regard to tradesmen who connect to manufactured housing are required to hold specific licensing for manufactured units. This is to be clarified by DHCD staff.
- The 2012 VUSBC code books will be available 10 weeks prior to the July adoption date. The 2012 VUSBC code update training will be available at the April Joint conference.
- May is Building Safety month – John Catlett reported that on May 2nd Alexandria will be hosting an event and all are invited.
- The next VBCOA meeting is a BOD meeting to be held on April 1st preceding the joint conference.

Sincerely,

Shawn Strausbaugh

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

sstrausbaugh@arlingtonva.us



CE Topics for the Board's Consideration

Board For Contractors

- Consider amending current regulations to establish a three year tradesman renewal cycle.
- Consider amending current regulations to establish a CE provider application & renewal fee.

DPOR

- Consider a certificate-based tracking system for CE.
- Consider Memorandum of Agreement between DPOR & DHCD - where DPOR accepts DHCD code update training as CE for tradesman certified in the applicable field.
- Consider enclosing within the renewal notice - information describing hours of CE required and time frame within which CE must be obtained.

VTEC

- Offer to develop and maintain a quality assurance program for CE curriculum and instructors.
- Offer to design a single code update curriculum per trade - developed by subject matter experts.

Providers









- Recommend live instructors for all CE such as webinars when training is offered online.
- Recommend maximum provider fee per tradesman category.

Regulants

- Recommend designated portion of CE to be code update training - Remainder permitted to be vocational (hands-on) or alternate code-based training.
- Recommend a maximum 50% of CE to be online.

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Board for Contractors Continuing Education Work Group

Olson, Eric (DPOR) [Eric.Olson@dpor.virginia.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 9:40 AM

To: Spruill, Mindy (DPOR) [Mindy.Spruill@dpor.virginia.gov]

At its meeting of March 25th, the Board for Contractors voted to form a continuing education workgroup to review the education requirements currently in place for contractors and other individual certificate holders and to make suggestions for improvement. The workgroup will consist of members of the Board as well as representatives from various trade organizations in Virginia. The workgroup will meet from 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM on days the Board for Contractors Committee is scheduled to meet, with lunches provided for workgroup members. We anticipate that the workgroup will hold four meetings, with a final report prepared for the Board at its meeting scheduled for December 16, 2014. The following organizations are requested to select one representative to serve on the workgroup: VBCOA, VPMIA, PMPV, IAEL, Qualified Gas Contractors Association and the Home Builders Association of Virginia.

The meetings are open to the public and there will be a public comment period built into the agenda. Workgroups are generally less formal than committee or board meetings, with audience members from organizations that are not represented often brought into specific discussions being held by the workgroup. It is still, however, a formal meeting that must adhere to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), including filing of notices, minutes, etc. The workgroup does not have the authority to adopt any policies or procedures, as those must be done by the full Board (just as it is with the committee), but will be making recommendations to the Board.

The meetings are currently scheduled for the following days: Monday, April 28th; Monday, June 23rd; Monday, August 25th; and Monday, October 20th. Meetings will be held in Board Room 2 in the Conference Center here at 9960 Mayland Drive.

Please send me the name and contact information of the individual that you would like to represent your organization. We will be contacting them directly with agenda information, logistical requests, and other administrative requirements.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or call me at (804) 367-9183.

Eric L. Olson, Executive Director

Virginia Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors Association

Constitution and Bylaws

Article I. - Name, Seal and Address.

- Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the Virginia Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors Association, herein referred to as the Association.
- Section 2.** The seal shall be approved by the Board of Directors, herein referred to as the Board.
- Section 3.** The address shall be that of the Executive Secretary, unless otherwise approved by the Board.

Article II. - Mission and Objectives.

- Section 1.** The Association's mission shall be to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of all Virginia citizens and of all others who may live, work, play and visit within the Commonwealth.
- Section 2.** The objectives of the Association shall be to:
- A. Promote uniform application of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.
 - B. Actively participate in plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas code development at state and national levels.
 - C. Provide opportunities for professional development by sponsoring or conducting training seminars.
 - D. Partner with organizations that share the Association's mission and objectives.
 - E. Encourage unity among code officials, governmental agencies and the private sector.
 - F. Recognize members who make contributions that further the Association's mission and objectives.
 - G. Maintain an organizational environment which promotes professionalism, mutual respect, mentoring, leadership and the pursuit of common goals.

Article III. - Membership.

- Section 1.** Categories of Membership.
- A. Active Membership shall be open to governmental employees actively engaged in plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas code enforcement as prescribed in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.
 - B. Associate Members shall be non-governmental employees interested or engaged in the building industry.
 - C. Lifetime Membership is open to Active and Associate members in good standing who have made significant contributions that advanced or supported the Association's mission.
 - D. Honorary Membership is open to individuals who are not currently members, but who have made significant contributions that advanced or supported the Association's mission.
 - E. Retired membership is open to Active or Associate members who have retired.
 - F. Student Membership is open to students actively engaged in the study of engineering, building design/construction and plumbing/mechanical apprenticeship/technical programs.
- Section 2.** Membership shall be granted as follows:
- A. Application for Active, Associate, Retired and Student membership shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary on the Association's membership application form. Each application shall be reviewed, approved or disapproved by the Executive Secretary.
 - B. Honorary and special-offer type memberships shall be approved by the Board.
 - C. Lifetime membership nomination forms shall be submitted to the Awards

Section 2. District Directors shall be elected and installed at the SOI. The terms of District Directors shall begin at the close of the SOI and end at the close of the SOI the following year

Article VI – Board of Directors and Duties.

Section 1. A Board of Directors is hereby established to manage the policies, business, property and affairs of the Association.

Section 2. Voting members of the Board shall be Active members in good standing and comprised of the Officers, District Directors, Immediate Past President, Executive Secretary and Chair of each standing committee.

Section 3. Non-voting, ex-officio members of the Board shall be as follows:

- A. Any Association member from Virginia serving on the International Code Council Board of Directors.
- B. The VPMIA representative currently serving on the Executive Council of the International Code Council Region VII.
- C. The Deputy Director or his or her representative of the Division of Building and Fire Regulation at the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.
- D. The President, or his or her representative of the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association, Virginia Fire Prevention Association, and Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors.
- E. Any member of the Association, or of the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association serving as a representative on the Board for Contractors of the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

Section 4. The Board shall appoint an Executive Secretary for a maximum term of five (5) years, or as otherwise approved by the Board.

Section 5. The Board shall require the Treasurer to be bonded. The amount, timeframe and terms of the bond shall be approved by the Board. The Association shall pay the bond premium and any other costs associated with the bond.

Section 6. The Board shall appoint members to fill unexpired terms or vacancies on the Board within forty five days.

Section 7. An executive session of the Board shall be conducted at the request of any member of the board, when approved by a two-thirds majority of the Board's voting members present. Only voting members of the Board and those individuals deemed necessary by the President to the purpose of the meeting are permitted to attend the executive session.

Section 8. The Board is hereby authorized to conduct business through electronic messaging, teleconference or other remote participation methods provided the quorum and voting requirements specified herein are observed. A minimum of three (3) business days notice shall be provided by the President or their designated representative prior to the meeting.

Section 9. Board members shall, upon receipt of draft Board and Membership meeting minutes, review such minutes and advise the Secretary of any suggested modifications within five (5) business days.

Section 10. Duties and responsibilities of each Board member shall be as described in the Board of Directors Job Description Policy, approved by the Board.

Article VII – Committees

Section 1. The standing committees are: Advertising/Yearbook, Auditing, Awards, Bylaws, Certification/Education, Finance, Legislative, Nominating, Plumbing /Mechanical /Fuel Gas, SOI, Time/Place, Membership and Information Technology.

Section 2. Standing Committee chairs shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specified in this article, within 30 days following the close of the SOI. Members of the committees shall be appointed by the chair unless otherwise specified in this

Article IX – Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is the Association's final Authority on all questions of procedure and parliamentary law not covered by the Constitution and By-laws nor by any special rules of order adopted by the Association.

Article X – Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended during any membership meeting by a two-thirds majority of Active members present and voting, provided such amendment has been submitted in writing by any member to the Bylaws Chair not less than thirty (30) days in advance of a Board meeting for review and recommendation; and further provided such amendment has been posted on the Association's website not less than thirty (30) days prior to the membership meeting.

Article XI- Code of Ethics

We the members of the Association acknowledge that our profession has a direct and vital impact on the quality of life of all Virginia citizens and of all others who may live, work, play, and visit within the Commonwealth. *We the members* are therefore dedicated to the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and competence, and we do pledge to adhere to the following principles of ethical behavior:

- Recognize that the health, safety, and welfare of the public are our top priorities and acknowledge that the primary function of government is to serve the best interests of the people.
- Consider our profession a distinct opportunity to serve society.
- Demonstrate honesty, integrity, and uniformity in the discharge of our duties.
- Treat all persons with courtesy and respect.
- Conduct ourselves in a manner which creates and maintains respect for the Association and the industry it represents.
- Refuse to leverage our positions to secure advantage or favor for ourselves, our family, or friends.
- Refrain from representing private interests in any business or affairs of the Association.
- Remain loyal to the Virginia Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors Association and pursue its mission and objectives in a manner consistent with the public good.

VBCOA/VPMIA 2014 Session LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Updated 3-6-14)

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

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

24 bills total; 29% passed, 71% failed

HB 94 Status- Dead, Tabled in committee

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

HB227 Status- Dead, Tabled in Senate committee

No Position

Chief patron: Cole

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

HB 409 Status- Dead, tabled in committee

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

Chief patron: Webert

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

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

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

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

Chief patron: Pogge

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

HB 527 Status- Passed House and Senate

No position- Watch for code coordination.

Chief patron: Pogge

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

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

No Position

Chief patron: Bulova

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

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

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

Chief Patron: Villanueva

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

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

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

Chief patron: Rust

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

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

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

Chief Patron: Michnew

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

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

No Position, See SB343.

Chief patron: Lewis

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

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

No Position

Chief patron: Peace

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

HB 1084 Status- Passed House and Senate with amendment

Opposition

Chief patron: Morris

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

HB 1094 Status- Dead, tabled in committee

No Position

Chief Patron: Hodges

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

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

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

Chief patron: Locke

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

SB 31 Status- Passed House and Senate

No position- Watch for code coordination.

Chief patron: Stanley

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

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

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

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

Chief patron: Puller

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

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

No Position

Chief patron: Cosgrove

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

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

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

Chief Patron: Vogel

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

SB 329 Status- Dead, failed to report from committee

No Position

Chief patron: Howell

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

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

Amendment: replace the original bill with:

§ 37.2-405.2. Group home license applications.

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

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

Chief patron: Puller

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

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

Replaced:

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

with:

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

No Position/support with the above amendment-

Chief patron: Garrett

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

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

Chief patron: Barker

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

SB 490 Status- Passed House and Senate with an amendment we helped develop with various interest groups to make the bill consistent with the USBC

Amendment: replace original bill with:

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

No Position/support as amended

Chief patron: Norment

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

SB 533 Status- Dead, stricken from docket

No Position

Chief patron: Stuart

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