

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes; September 26, 2017

Location: Charlton Library

Attendance: Dan Walsh, Jeffery Clemons, Robert Borden, Richard Leibowitz, Patrick Franey, Richard Hanks, Gary Stubbins, Tony Zahariadis, Tin Htway, David Gardner

Called to Order: 9:40 AM

Minutes:

Motion to accept August, 2017 minutes; Motion passed

Introductions around the table

Legislative Review;

HB 1268 Committee to study economic impact of the building code, the committee is looking for a building official to sit on the committee

HB 1275 Takes Fire Protection, chapter 9 out of the building code and gives it to the Fire Chief

HB 1303 Pool Alarms

HB 2481 Local Option for sprinklers.

Vice President Jeff Clemons's testimony on HB 2481 at the Public Hearing was discussed. He introduced the white paper on sprinkler systems and asked what problem the legislature was trying to solve with this legislation etc.

Tony Zahariadis spoke to his Representative regarding single-family sprinkler systems, specifically; the ramifications of moving sprinklers system requirements from the building code to the Fire Department.

Discussion; How to reach out to our State Representatives with MFBO legislative concerns. I. E. Collect the names and contact information of the Joint Committee's of pending Legislation, distributed the information to Association Members, with talking points, to communicate concerns.

Discussion; Patrick Franey's report on HVAC Licenses, Commissioner Bostel appears to want a Mechanical License that covers Gas, Plumbing, Sheet metal and Electrical for installations of HVAC systems. Not currently possible as a specialty license under the BBRs.

Discussion; The benefits of Public relations or lack their of, for Building Officials and how best to put our profession forward.

New Business;

Jeff Clemons will continue as VP, but has some responsibilities that may keep him from attending some meetings.

Tony Z agreed to help Jeff with political matters.

Discussion; Is the board interested in forming a (PAC) Political Action Committee, to speak for the Association or exploring the possibility? The board decided to explore the possibility.

Try to get a meeting with chapter presidents and Commissioner Bostel regarding Insurance monies for continuing education, and issue of BBRs staffing.

MFBO recommendation for the AAB board, David Johnson sent to the AAB.

ICC Region 6; formed to affect the ICC codes with local issues from the New England States, is trying to become more active and is looking to raise funds to that end.

Discussion; Membership and Associate membership concerning who could sit on the MFBO board and in what capacity.

Secretary requested to send a letter to the Cannabis Control Commission thanking them for the invitation to testify before their board.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed at 11:33

