

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: January 24, 2017

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd

Attendance: Dan Walsh, Jeffery Clemons, Robert Borden, Richard Leibowitz, Joseph Atchue, Patrick Franey, Dan Torrico, Joseph M Atchue, Fred Lonardo, Michael Giampietro, Richard Hanks, Art Lawler, BJ Church, Christopher Rice

Called to Order: 9:30 AM

Minutes:

Motion to accept December 2016 minutes, all in favor, one abstain, minutes accepted

Old Business

ACA

Follow up on ACA working group; Patrick Franey reported on ACA board discussion on; inconsistencies when obtaining a sheet metal permit, roofing permits and conflicts between sheet metal board and DPS, best practices document for inspections of sheet metal work. MFBO discussed the need for residential permits.

BBRS meeting update from Dan Walsh MGL 148, 26G study...no action taken. Time may not be right for study to go forward, will address at a later date.

DOER

Tim Fitzgerald was on the committee to evaluate solar ready roofs, and the solar checklist and residential charging stations. MFBO president asked for volunteers to look into the activity of the solar group and report back to the board.

Discussion: 9th edition of the building code may come out of A & F for public hearing in March. Chapter members are asked to notify members for public input on code and Mass. Amendments.

Discussion: Problems with online CSL continuing education. BOWM will work on content suggestions for meaningful continuing educational for CSL's.

Motion to have Don and Jeff establish a position or list of suggestion on how to improve the continuing educations of CSL's. That list/position will be brought back to the board for discussion/approval and presented to the BBRS. Motion carried

Update on BBRS meeting by Dan Walsh centered on the BOCC asking the BBRS to drop the technical exam portion of the commissioner's exam. The MFBO board has previously stated they are not in favor of dropping that part of commissioners certification. The Board engaged in an extensive discussion around on-board training by the BBRS and the removal of the technical portion of the exam. Past motions by the MFBO passed with the intent to retain the technical exam. A new motion was made to edit a proposed position draft letter to bring back to the board for approval in 30 days. Motion carried

New Business

New Bill proposed to prevent local codes that can be adaption on a local option bases. Board to watch bill

Senate bill 2505

Motion to adjourn 11:36 motion carried.