



# ILLOWA Chapter of INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL

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## Minutes of November 20, 2014 Jumer's- Rock Island, IL

**Call to order:** 12:01 PM by President Ayers

**Members Present:** List unavailable at this time.

### Secretary Report:

- Minutes submitted -motion made to approve by Bob Redecker, seconded by Joe Mason; none opposed.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Finances submitted verbally by Joe Kuhlenbeck (late submittal).

### Education Committee Report:

- Greg Thorpe discussed upcoming training for the 2015 year. Julie Ackerman and Frank Ehrecke are now on the Education Committee.

### Old Business:

- Introduction of the members and guests.
- Jeff Thomas MEC reminded the group that Adverse Conditions was applied to MEC services as of November 17, 2014. There will also be a Jurisdiction and MEC meeting soon for updates and discussions.

### New Business / Open Discussion:

- Presentation of retirement plaque to John Lasley.
- Joe Mason and Autumn Rohwer discussed the 2015 IBC Significant Changes seminar put on by IABO and ILLOWA on 11/19/2014.
- Julie Ackerman discussed the February 2015 Home Show- volunteers needed to man the ILLOWA Booth.
- Greg Marty – Fire Marshall's Association will be having safety training for kids and information about house sprinklers in a trailer demo in Davenport. He also reminded the group about required sprinkler upkeep in buildings to prevent losses.
- Tom Ayers and Greg Thorpe reminded the group that the codes by jurisdiction are listed online at [agcqc.org](http://agcqc.org).
- Tom Ayers and Bill Connors discussed their Des Moines trip to discuss the 2015 codes- but the discussion turned into a discussion on the Energy Code instead. Iowa cannot roll back energy code requirements due to the fact that Governor Branstad received grant money for the state if Iowa adopted the most current energy codes in entirety. The state of Iowa will not oppose adopting sprinkler requirements for single family homes in the 2015 codes.
- Tom Ayers and Greg Thorpe discussed the Illinois Council of Code Administrators and the Capital development board- please update your adopted code requirements with them. The

National Roofing Manufacturers and National Home Builders have made suggestion to the Energy Code Education Committee of Illinois for future codes.

- Tom Ayers and Greg Thorpe discussed ICCA updates: Lobbyist Margaret Vaughn is remaining on retainer to work for ICCA for another year. Greg Thorpe is now on ICCA's Nomination, Education, and ISO boards.
- Greg Thorpe discussed the recent activity with the Plumbing Code Advisory Council: IDPH and ICCA have been receiving complaints about the new Plumbing and Green Codes. All local amendments are now void under the new State Plumbing Code and now Plumbing Inspectors must be certified with seven years of Illinois licensed plumbing work. There is a lot of concern that IDPH will force local Plumbing Inspectors to work for IDPH on state jobsites and there is no compensation from IDPH under the new certification requirements.
- Tim Delathower discussed bonding to a gas source to prevent sparking and the need to have it checked at utility turn-ons. He has come across many CSST concerns with bonding to the ufer ground or panel.

Move to adjourn by Autumn Rohwer and seconded by Doyle James; meeting adjourned at 12:55 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Autumn Rohwer- Secretary