



ILLOWA Chapter of INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL

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Minutes of May 2019 Jumer's- Rock Island, IL

Call to order: 12:02 by Ray Nees, President

Officers Present: Ray Nees – President, Tim Delathower – Vice President, Joe Kuhlenbeck – Secretary, Bill Latting – Treasurer.

Members Present: Awaiting Sign in Sheet

Secretary Report: None Submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Financial Report submitted by Bill Latting, motion to approve by Bob Buck and seconded by Tom Lupinski; none opposed.

Education Committee Report: We are planning a full day Braced Wall Panel class in August. Is that something you'd be interested in? We would like some feedback from our members to help decide what type of classes are needed. The class on BWP's at BFCA was attended by some from the Iowa side and it was not well liked. We have a presenter lined up that has really made this topic easy to grasp and understand. Half the day is code requirements and the other half is presentations of the do's and don't's of wall bracing.

Business Meeting:

- Introduction of members and guests.
- **Ray Nees –**
 - Tom Ayers Memorial update; discussed the progress being made by AGC, Steve Tondi, and Steve Moeller.
 - The forms are in the ground and will be ready to pour very soon.
 - We will host an informal Memorial on June 21st, 2019 on site to share stories, laughs, and dedicate the new plaque, tree, and bench. We will begin at 4:00 PM, please bring your own refreshments.
 - Flood damage assessments are keeping lots of people busy right now. If your jurisdiction needs help with assessments please reach out to the group, there are a lot of people in this room that have lots of experience with this process.
- **MEC**
 - No Update
- **ICCA - Greg Thorpe**
 - No Update
- **QCBR –**

- June 5th is the QCBR's and Epic Stones "Night at the Ballpark" event. If you'd like tickets to attend the game for free, please grab a ticket from Julie Huffer or contact the QCBR office. Reminder if you have kids, they get to eat for free! Thanks QCBR
- Wanted to thank Ray Nees for attending a QCBR Board meeting and being available to answer questions from the contractors.
- **AGC – Steve Tondi**
 - No Update
- **AWC – Jim Smith**
 - Presented us with an insight into the proposals that were submitted in Albuquerque, NM for changes to the code for use of wood as a building material and the influence that could have for the building industry.
 - Will plan to present to us a short class on the code requirements for tall walls in residential applications. 2-story rooms and foyers and balloon framed gable walls can present a challenge if newer codes are enforced as written.
- **ICC – Tim Schultz**
 - May is Building Safety Month; get your council or board to recognize what you do every day with a proclamation supporting your efforts. Building safety personnel need to promote ourselves better and work to expand the knowledge about what we do.
 - Check out ICC's new website, there has been some reorganization and updates to make it more user friendly.
 - The City of Chicago has updated the building code for the first time in 47 years and are adopting the IBC. This is a big step forward for them and the ICC community.
- **IABO – Bob Buck**
 - No Update
- **Fire Marshalls – Greg Marty**
 - No Update
- **Code Corner –**
 - Is it time to begin to allow 14 awg wire in new homes that are required to have energy saving lighting installed? Ray would like to discuss this and see if it's viable in the QC area.
 - Bob Buck says Davenport allows it and know of 3 electrical contractors that won't carry it on any of their trucks because of the confusion with field staff.
 - Late Design Submittals
 - Big jobs with state funds, when do your jurisdictions expect plans/submittals? Do you require "as-built" designs after the job is complete?
 - Discussion by members – most expect plans prior to construction but most allow foundation only projects to begin with an expectation of MEP's once the project is underway.
 - As-built drawing requirements were very different from one jurisdiction to another and from one project to another.
 - Do any jurisdictions have any sump pump regulations? It's been a wet spring and complaints are popping up everywhere.
 - Silvis requires new developments to incorporate sump pump/ground water drainage into their site development plan. Each new property built is required to connect to this drainage system
 - Other jurisdictions simply do not allow it to be pumped directly to the storm sewers or onto neighboring properties. All agreed it can quickly become a civil matter between neighbor.

- Footings with water in them... How do you handle spread footings and pier footings with water sitting in the bottom of the excavation?
 - Ray joked that Eldridge has such a high water table that if there is not water in the footings it fails because he's never seen a dry footing...HAHAHA. But seriously...
 - Can the water be "pushed" by the concrete as it's placed?
 - Most said no to this concept as it separates the concrete and weakens the product, but understand as long as every precaution is made sometimes there is little you can do.
 - Bob Buck has a rule that there cannot be more than $\frac{3}{4}$ " of water in any 6' section of footing.
 - Others walk the footing, if it's firm they'll allow it, if it's soft and spongy it would need to be over excavated and filled with a clean rock compacted fill. This is often the solution from engineers on commercial sites that require the special inspections.

Move to adjourn by Bob Buck; second by Tom Lupinski; meeting adjourned at 13:15 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Joe Kuhlenbeck- Secretary