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MINUTES

Industrialized Buildings Commission
Wednesday, July 21, 1999
Herndon, Virginia

Richard Osworth convened a meeting of the Industrialized Buildings Commission on Wednesday, July 21, 1999, at 1:00 p.m. at the Dulles Days Inn in Herndon, Virginia. Attendance was taken as noted below:

Members Present: Elroy Berdahl, State of Minnesota
Bob Blatchford, Dynamic Homes
Joseph A. Cirillo, State of Rhode Island
Richard Osworth, State of New Jersey

Others Present: Debbie Baillargeon, NCSBCS
Debbie Becker, NCSBCS
Jerry Brosius, NTA
Barbara Martin, NAHB/BSC
Jim Rothman, PFS Corporation,
Judy Smith, Modular Building Institute
Bob Tanger, T. R. Arnold & Associates
Dennis Webber, RADCO, Inc.
Robert Wible, NCSBCS
Kenneth L. Zuromski, Mobile/Modular Express, Inc.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Joe Cirillo, seconded by Bob Blatchford, the minutes of the July 16, 1998 meeting were unanimously approved with the follow changes:

- On page three, "Chairman Connolly" should be changed to Richard Osworth.
The November 17, 1998 Bulletin should be referenced regarding paragraph 4, Di-electric.
Page two, first paragraph, should read: "Kurt Stenberg said that Joe Cirillo would be contacting Tom Rodgers with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

Old Business

The secretariat reviewed the list of actions from the Rules Development Committee:

1. Distribution of handout regarding compliance assurance program (Attachment A).
Comments to be forwarded to Jim Rothman by August 1, 1999.
2. Acceptance of R values as well as U_o on data plate.
3. One year window of opportunity for acceptance of Level II Plans Examiners without previously qualifying for Level I.
4. Secretariat to work with third parties in establishing a procedure for notifying the IBC of plant status, i.e., hold/active/on call.
5. Comments on certification program document (Attachment B) need to be sent in to the secretariat as soon as possible.

H.R. 1776, Barriers to Affordable Housing, was discussed. It was agreed that the IBC would express their concern, in writing, to the chairman and co-sponsor of the bill regarding state regulatory authority over the modular industry. At a later date, it may be necessary to testify at congressional hearings.

Richard Osworth provided an update on the IBC's marketing efforts, highlighting attendance at MBI's annual and regional meetings, possible meetings with Georgia, Florida, and Louisiana, and continued talks with Virginia and Indiana. Joe Cirillo added that Massachusetts was going to deal with its code first and would not be a viable state to contact this time. Bob Blatchford stated that Colorado may be one state to contact, and that North Dakota had changed their legislation regarding electrical requirements. They are no longer under the assumption that all electrical work is being done by North Dakota electricians.

Richard Osworth also updated the attendees on the IBC's reciprocity with Kentucky. The IBC has two unresolved issues: (1) Kentucky's requirement to apply Kentucky seal by Kentucky-licensed plumber, and (2) units were shipped to Kentucky that did not comply with Kentucky plumbing code but were corrected on site by a local contractor. Kentucky is concerned that through the IBC process, buildings are not meeting the Kentucky plumbing code. Kentucky has not responded to IBC correspondence.

Elroy Berdahl advised of the adoption of the 1999 NEC, effective July 1, 1999, by Minnesota and also the adoption of Chapter 31, a new accessibility code, and a new elevator code, ASME A117.1-1996, on May 3, 1999.

Robert Wible advised the Commission of the ongoing situation between the ICC and NFPA. He stated that a number of organizations are forming an informal coalition to try to get them back to the table. The NCSBCS Board of Directors is issuing a letter to the board of directors of both groups inviting them to NCSBCS's annual meeting in San Antonio and encouraging them to work out their problems because of the benefit from the combined codes. On a motion by Joe Cirillo, seconded by Elroy Berdahl, the IBC unanimously approved sending a letter to both organizations expressing hopes that this issue be resolved as the IBC benefits from both codes.

Bob Wible also stated that NGA had requested NCSBCS prepare a report on federalism and the states' role in the development of manufactured housing. Once the report has been sent to the governors, it will be distributed to industry. He added that NGA had also requested NCSBCS to do a second report on the states' role in the adoption of building codes and invited the IBC to write a section on modular housing. It was unanimously agreed that the IBC would participate in the preparation of this report.

New Business

The IBC agreed to have the secretariat work with the third parties to develop hold/active/on call status guidelines for manufacturing facilities.

The IBC agreed to issue a formal interpretation accepting R values as well as U_o values.

On a motion made by Joe Cirillo, seconded by Bob Blatchford, the IBC unanimously agreed to issue the following amendment: "Those applicants whom have met the criteria for Unlimited (Level II) Plans Examiner, prior to July 1, 1999, except for One and Two Family Dwelling (Level I) Plans Examiner, shall be eligible for the Level II certification if an application is filed prior to July 1, 2000."

Joe Cirillo advised the Commission of discussions he has had with NCSBCS staff regarding the NCSBCS imaging system. He noted that the IBC should utilize some of its funding to develop an imaging system that could be marketed to IBC states. Existing software would need to be modified and written permission from HUD would need to be obtained. A motion was made by Joe Cirillo, seconded by Elroy Berdahl, and unanimously passed to request a proposal from NCSBCS.

Joe Cirillo reported that he received a request from HUD for a copy of Rhode Island's accessibility code. Congress is concerned that the Fair Housing Act and the ADA may have gone too far. Congress may be exceeding their authority over state governments. NGA has been requested to do a study.

Richard Osworth received an inquiry from a manufacturer regarding educational facilities. Plans should have been approved before referendum. Department of Education responsible for facility review and New Jersey Bureau of Code Services responsible for construction plan review (see Attachment C).

Financial Report and Approval of FY'2000 Budget

On a motion by Bob Blatchford, seconded by Joe Cirillo, the IBC unanimously accepted the draft FY' 2000 budget.

Date and Location of Next Meeting

The secretariat reported that notice would be sent regarding the date and location of the next IBC meeting.

On a motion made by Bob Blatchford, seconded by Joe Cirillo, the IBC adjourned into Executive Session.

The IBC reconvened into regular session. On a motion by Joe Cirillo, seconded by Bob Blatchford, the IBC unanimously redesignated NTA. On a motion by Joe Cirillo, seconded by Elroy Berdahl, the IBC unanimously redesignated TRA.

On a motion by Joe Cirillo, seconded by Bob Blatchford, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Becker, Secretariat Staff

Attachments