

Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting Minutes
Cross Office Building
April 26, 2018 9:00 a.m.

Board members present: Marc Veilleux, Mike Pullen, Russ Martin, Eric Dube, Steve Wintle

Excused: Barry Chase, Roger Rossignol, Robert Ellis and Richard Lambert

Staff present: Brianne Hasty, Chair

(Prior to the start of this meeting Russell Edgar and Ben Herzog from the Advanced Structures and Composites Center at the University of Maine presented an hour and a half long training on Cross Laminated Timber.)

(This meeting did not have a quorum so there were no votes.)

Review of November 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Financial Report: No financial update

Report from Board Chair – Brianne Hasty

Brianne updated the board on the vacant board seats. Two of the applications are at the Governor's Office and will be processed next week. One of the applicants will fill the seat recommended by the Service Center Coalition and represents service center communities. The other applicant will fill the seat recommended by the Maine Chapter of ASHRAE and represents mechanical engineers. Associated General Contractors of Maine has notified Brianne that they have put forth a recommendation and application to fill the seat representing commercial builders. The seat recommended by the Lumber Dealer's Association has not put a name forth yet.

The enforcement part of the code went into effect this week. The rules were officially adopted in January but there was a 90 day window where code officials could enforce the 2009 or the 2015 code. At this point they now must enforce the 2015 code.

Legislative Update – Brianne Hasty

No proposed MUBEC bills for this short session.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Ethics of Certified Officials

Marc informed the board that he has received calls and complaints of TPIs and CEOs inspecting their own work. This is unethical. Russ, as one of the original board members, recalls that the board did discuss and recognize that there was potential for situations like this to happen. The board discussed what authority they and the state have over the certification of CEOs and TPIs. At this point the only way a certification can be revoked is with the direction of district court. Brianne mentioned that she has considered putting together a task force and getting the CEO Program statutory authority to revoke certification with the task force reviewing the situation. That task force could include board members. The board feels that they volunteer enough of their time and that the task force should be compiled of other individuals. It was recommended that Brianne reach out to MBOIA to create this. Brianne will contact the MBOIA president and update the board.

ASHRAE 62.1

Russ informed the board that he feels it was an oversight to not have ASHRAE 62.1 for commercial ventilation be a mandatory part of the code. Brianne previously read through all the minutes and found that this was discussed but was never voted on. A bit of history – 62.1 was required prior to the adoption of MUBEC but that was sunsetted because of the adoption of a new statewide code.

ASHRAE 62.2, residential ventilation, was kept as a standard because it is more stringent than the language around mechanical ventilation that is included and adopted in the IRC.

The Rules do strike the language in IBC Section 2801.1 which references the IMC and inserts ASHRAE 62.1 2013.

The board asked Brianne to search through the IBC to see if it references ASHRAE 62.1. It does not. This means that at the next board meeting we need to vote on making 62.1 mandatory via a rule change.

ICC Membership for board

Brianne is going to inquire about getting ICC Maine Membership Bundles for all the board members. Bill Nash from ICC thought that the premium access (provided with the bundle) includes a direct link to the ASHRAE standards. It does not. Brianne will order PDFs of the 2013 ASHRAE standards for the board.

Rule Questions

Brianne created a summary of questions regarding rule language. In some places the rules say to delete language in the code and when you go to that part of the code the language does not exist. Because rule-making still lies at DPS, Brianne will forward this summary to Rich.

Commercial Hood Permits

Code Officials seem surprised that there is a FMO permit requirement for commercial hoods. This is not a new requirement. This permit is required for all hoods in commercial kitchens and if the hood is valued at over \$50,000 then the plan must be stamped by a design professional. This language is part of NFPA 96 and in Title 25.

Public Comment

none

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianne Hasty, Chair

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