**Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting Minutes**

**Office of State Fire Marshal**

**November 14th, 2019 9:00 a.m.**

**Board members present**: Marc Veilleux, Mike Pullen, Eric Dube, Steve Wintle , Barry Chase , Dave Matero, Randy Poulton, Steve Martel, Mike Stoddard

**Excused**: Jeremy Martin

**Staff present**: Rich McCarthy

**Review of July 24th, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to accept minutes – Mike Pullen

Second- Marc Veilleux

Vote unanimous approved

**Financial Report**: $625,166

**Report from Board Chair – Richard McCarthy**

Melissa O’Neal from the office of Commissions and Boards was present to swear in Dave Matero and Steve Martel this provided the Board a quorum at this meeting allowing votes to take place. Rich updated the Board on ICC memberships and premium access provided to Towns who enforce the MUBEC. He also updated the Board on the status of the 2 employees that we are waiting for hiring approval.

**Legislative Update – Rich McCarthy**

There is one MUBEC bill that has been proposed as a place holder to try to deal with the funding issues created by LD 855. The sponsor was asked to table the bill until we had some financial data to determine what exactly was needed to fund the CEO training and MUBEC training and administration. This also allows some time for the dust to settle with all the new changes.

**Unfinished Business**

Eric Dube asked that we hold a meeting next year up in Orono to do a tour of the Mass Timber lab and hold our Board meeting at the same time. Contact will be made with those folks to get some dates for the next meeting. The board agreed to this approach. Randy Poulton asked that the Northern MBOIA group be contacted to discuss training needs, Rich explained that he had been in contact with the MBOIA Board to partner up for trainings. Steve Martell inquired what trainings had occurred, it was explained That the office had partnered with MBOIA, Maine Fire Chiefs to provide 3 days of training one day of IMC both North and South and one day of Accessibility.

**New Business**

Discussion started about what requirements are there to be a Municipal Building Official, Eric Dube asked how long do towns go without a certified CEO, Steve Wintle commented that his Towns CEO covers 6 Towns. Randy Poulton Stated that many Towns find it very difficult to fill open CEO positions. Mike added that towns can use TPI’s if they wish. There was concern that under the current rule and Statute that the grace period could mean that the building official could be on the job for a year without any training. Discussion continued in to why towns are not using TPI’s and what they require for insurance, and do we provide codes and training for TPI’s. Steve Martell commented that reducing the grace period would be appropriate and 3 months seems reasonable.

Rich gave an overview of the current testing system which included the following information, currently when you fail a test you only have to retake the parts you missed and being multiple choice makes it easy to correct your mistakes. It also allows candidates to take the test multiple times a day. The following were comments from Board members. Dave Matero would like a class to be taken before testing is allowed, Mike Stoddard thought flexibility was crucial and create policy into a rule, Steve Wintle believes that the IMC will be harder to test for, Mike Pullen wondered if standardization was possible. Randy Poulton made motion to change testing requirements

Motion to allow 1 test per day for a person and that if the test is failed they must retake the whole test

Motion – Randy Poulton

Second -Steve Martell

Vote Unanimous.

Rich started a discussion into the new CEO tracking database and where it stood at this time. Dave Matero mentioned that architects do not require continuing training to maintain their license , but members of the AIA are required, Eric Dube said that Professional engineers are required to have 30 hours every 2 years.

Board members were given copies of the last 2 versions of rulemaking with the 2015 IECC to show the various versions that had been presented before. Eric Dube explained why this process of phasing had been proposed trying to get people to use blower door testing, Dave Matero said cost is a big issue and availability of blower door testing. Randy Poulton wondered how residential builders would react to the changes.. the discussion continued surrounding if phasing is used what is cost and what would be the economic impact, and if an air system is required what is the cost. Cost will be passed on to the consumer. Steve Wintle commented that this is a big step, randy Poulton added that if the requirement is 3 ACH then no venting is required. Steve needs more information before he can make a decision.

TAG group chairs were discussed and a question of whether a non board member could be a chair was raised. Chairs for the TAGS are as follows

IECC TAG – Co-Chairs Steve Wintle & Eric Dube

IMC TAG- Co- Chairs Steve Martell & Steve Wintle

**Public Comment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich McCarthy, Chair