

***Minutes of Tuesday, September 15, 2020 Chapter Meeting  
Teleconference***

Meeting called to order at 10:04 am

Those in attendance:

<b>Dennis Hirsch – Miles City – Past President</b>	<b>Tad Lisowski - Whitefish</b>	<b>Eric Copeland – State DLI</b>
<b>Russell Murphy – Colstrip – Vice President</b>	<b>Kim Mack - Helena</b>	<b>Paul Tschida – State DLI</b>
<b>Karen Courtney – Laurel Secretary/Treasurer</b>	<b>Bob Risk – Bozeman</b>	<b>Kraig Stevenson – ICC Gov’t Relations</b>
<b>Rick Benton – Lewistown</b>	<b>Dave Peterson – Havre</b>	<b>Jim Sayers – ICC Board</b>
<b>Jeff Clawson - Kalispell</b>	<b>Jim Yeagley – Cutbank</b>	<b>Jack Applegate – Region II ICC</b>
<b>Travis Fenton - Billings</b>	<b>Dick Swingley – State Fire Marshal</b>	<b>Mike Boso - ICC</b>
<b>Kale Rasmussen - Sidney</b>	<b>Pat Clinch – Deputy State Fire Marshal</b>	<b>Jim Brown - ICC</b>

- Introductions
  - Established that there is a quorum present (5 members per by-laws)
  
- Secretary/Treasury report:
  - Account Balances:  
Savings: \$3,145.93  
Checking: \$4,332.20
  - Motion to accept Treasurer Report – Motion to accept by Kale Rasmussen, Rick Benton 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion passes.
  - Minutes from July reviewed: Jim Yeagley made the comment that the date was incorrect on the minutes as July 12 was a Sunday. Correction will be made. – Motion to approve by Rick Benton, Kale Rasmussen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.
  
- Request for everyone to mute their microphones due to background noise.



- Vice President's Comments:

- Richard Coffey sent out an email yesterday inviting everyone to a free webinar for FEMA's BRIC program, which stands for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities. September 16<sup>th</sup> at noon MST. Russell plans to attend and encourages other Building Officials to attend as well.
- Region II did not hold its September meeting. As we are all familiar with fires, we are all hoping and praying for the safety of our fellow friends on the west coast. It is the hope to hold the October meeting as scheduled.
- Has tried to reach out to Cody but has not received a response since Cody has moved to Perry, Georgia. Once he hears from Cody, he will let everyone know how he is doing. As well as sending him our well wishes.

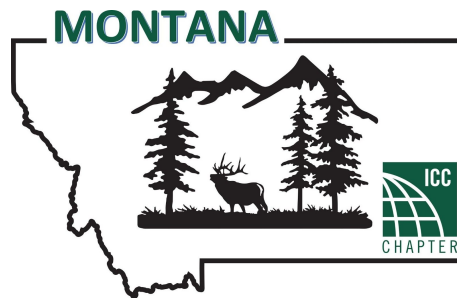
- Appointment of new Board Members:

- With Cody's absence Russell will need to appoint a new President. Karen, Dennis and he have been talking the last month about how we would handle this situation.
  - Karen has graciously agreed to step up and accept the position of President for the next 15 months until we have elections. Therefore, Russell officially appoints Karen as the Chapter's new President.
  - With the now open Secretary/Treasurer position, Travis Fenton has stepped up to accept the position as Secretary/Treasurer for the next 15 months until elections. Russell therefore appoints Travis Fenton as Secretary/ Treasurer.
- Jim Brown was gracious enough to agree to swear in the new Board members.
  - Jim swore in new Board of the Montana Chapter of ICC.
  - Jim extended to the Board to feel free to reach out to him anytime for assistance. Dennis has his personal information and will share that with the Board.

**Previous and Continuing Business-**

State update:

- Energy Code update – Eric Copeland
  - Energy code has been received back from legal department. Attempted to get it on the agenda for the interim Telecommunications and Energy Committee that meets this month. They were unable to be added to the agenda. So, they will be on next month's agenda. They will be sending out invitations to all the Building Code Council members soon. Plan on having it adopted and in place in the next couple of months.



- Currently, they are delaying the Tall wood building portion because they do not want to hold up the energy code more than they already have.
- Their current inspectors are working in various roles. Working on approval to use View Inspect, a virtual online inspection tool. This will be able to upload video inspection results into their current software. This will assist in those locations that are more remote and allow for inspectors to concentrate in areas with tremendous growth such as Gallatin County which is having a boom in construction at this time.
- In process of hiring a third plan reviewer – the time to apply has closed and they are in the process of screening those applicants at this time. They had several good applicants and will continue to grow their plan review staff moving forward.
- Jeff – City of Kalispell – question posed to Eric – Any ideas when the State Fire Marshal will be coming on board with the 2018 IFC so it aligns with our building code?
  - Eric deferred to Dick Swingley on this as he does not know the timeline.
  - Dick stated that as per the Attorney General’s Office the State is waiting on that until some legal issues that are still pending in court. Once that is settled, they will be able to move forward in the adoption. They are ready to go, it is just the issue with the court is holding it up.
  - Jeff stated that there are references in the Building Code that refer you to a table in the IFC that have changed since the 2012 that are better to use.
  - Karen stated that it is her understanding that Billings had gone forward and adopted that 2018 IFC. So, if a jurisdiction wanted to adopt the code they could do so?
  - Dick stated that there is nothing in the State law that would prohibit a jurisdiction from adopting the 2018 IFC, it only states that it cannot be less stringent than what is currently adopted.

#### **New Business-**

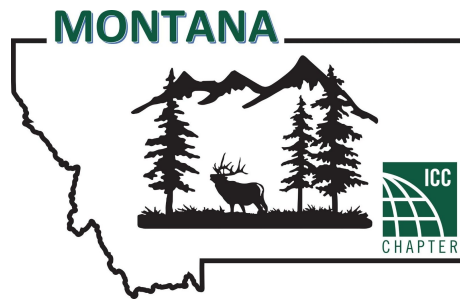
- Although there was nothing on the agenda for new business, in the past few days there has been some emails sent over and forwarded from Pat Clinch pertaining to training opportunities for Fire Inspectors and from Bob Risk talking about some training opportunities. Karen offered the opportunity to both to speak about their training opportunities if they would like to.
  - Dick spoke on behalf of Pat due to some technical difficulties. Received the flyer from the Washington State Fire Marshal’s Organization giving Montana opportunity to join some of the training that they are offering. There is a fee for each training opportunity that they have which is listed at the bottom of each training course being offered. It was just another opportunity for additional CEU’s for Fire Marshals or Building Officials to take advantage of if they wished to do so.



- Bob was also having issues with being able to speak. Karen stated that there will be more information coming through concerning the winter training that Bozeman has been offering. Once the information is available will be posted and passed on to the entire Chapter.

#### ICC Comments-

- Jim Brown – ICC Board
  - Board Meeting tomorrow will be taking up the first of the appeals on the 2021 Codes. There are quite a few appeals on the Energy Code. These have gone through the Appeals committee and the Board will be addressing the first of two group appeals tomorrow.
  - By- Laws Committee – ICC has been highly active. You will see some new things coming out in the coming months. Wanted to make the Chapter aware that he is chairing the By-Laws Committee as appointed by President Wheeler. Dave Spencer was appointed vice chair. Jim announced the other members on the committee. President wheeler has also appointed three of the Emerging Leaders to this committee.
  - Wyoming is on track to adopt the 2021 Codes affective January first of next year. The process is the state adopts and then the jurisdiction that have authority have a six-month window to adopt.
- Jack Applegate – Region II ICC
  - Reason behind lack of meeting is the devastation in those states fighting wildfires currently. Two Oregon chapter members lost everything in fires. Encouraging Chapters to send a donation out to the Southern Oregon Chapter. Today he is going to the State of Washington to visit some of the Chapter members up there and look at the fires in that area to see if he can provide any assistance up there to help them out.
  - Region II has chosen to keep their officers in the positions that are at now for the additional year.
- Kraig Stevenson – ICC Gov't Relations
  - The BRIC program that Russell had spoken about, has sent the link to register for that webinar. It is the new disaster mitigation program. The State Hazard Mitigation Officer will be the grant funders and they have money for national compactional projects, infrastructure, training, code adoption aspects to use their mitigation dollars. Deadline for sub applicants to have into the State Hazard Mitigation Officer is between end of September through January.



- Off Chat – Bob states that there are 4 classes under contract with ICC now. Will have a notice with class descriptions out this week.
- Jim Brown – Wyoming Building Officials are still planning on a face to face ABM in Casper, WY in November. The classes that they are having are the 2021 code updates, if anyone is interested in attending go to [wcbo.us](http://wcbo.us) to find the registration form. In case Co-Vid prevents face to face they are working with ICC on a virtual back up.
- Mike Boso – ICC Staff
  - Nothing to report.

**Other Discussion -**

- Karen opened it up for any Chapter member comments. None stated.

Next meeting scheduled for November 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM via teleconference.

Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Hirsch, seconded by Jack Applegate.

**Adjournment at 10:45 am MST**

Karen Courtney  
Chapter President