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BIANEW minutes - April 7, 2011

1. Call meeting to order 9:30 a.m.
2. Member introduction
3. Old Business
4. Special May 26th, 2011 UW – Commerce Energy Training may meeting training-  
assoc voted to pay the 45 that would normally be paid by individual. Continuing ed  
credits are available for 6 hours comm Build insp, 6 hrs commercial electrical, 6hrs  
journey elec, 6 hrs master electrical. Attendance is max 200 with the target being  
120 possible attending the training. If not able to make our class members can go to  
the other three assoc meetings to take the class.  
Free for BIANEW members – UW to send out mailing to design professionals in the  
NE Wisconsin area. This will be a full day of training and is the replacement for the  
regular May 5th meeting.
5. Inspector Round Table Discussion was held. Mother- in-laws buildings (two  
occupancy's same family) was questioned on how others are handling the issue.  
Receptacles on exterior walls, foam gaskets in lieu of caulking the back of the boxes  
and also the front where the box meets the drywall was discussed, code requires one  
or the other. Not many contractors sealing the box to drywall. Contractor  
registration discussion was held and how contractors are saying "well I don't have to  
have this in this other municipality" when the inspector will not issue a permit  
without the DCQ and BC. The discussion continued onto the cautionary statement  
on the building permit and who uses it. Some inspectors are finding that the DCQ  
that is provided by contractor does not always match the person/contractor that  
pulls the permit. Owner occupant pulling permits and flipping houses without the  
proper licensing which is not allowed, the owner must occupy or intend to occupy. If  
it happens once you have past history to not issue. A discussion was held on the list  
of questions that was sent to state for answers with no reply from state. Redirection  
of questions was suggested. A discussion was held on backfilling with clay, a soils  
test could be required to know what type of clay the site has. Would inspectors  
require a soils test or change to gravel or sand, no answer was given. The discussion  
reverted back to the DCQ issue. A discussion was held on when the exterior  
penetrations are sealed (during rough inspection for example) the amount of  
inspections required, extra inspections may be wall bracing, truss bracing.  
A motion was made by Nicole Krahn to request from state that Braced walls get an  
extra separate inspection by code.  
The motion was seconded by Dennis Jensen.  
Motion failed.  
A discussion was held on the responsible party. The permit applicant and owner are  
ultimately responsible as the discussion continued.

## AN ORGANIZATION OF INSPECTIONS OFFICIALS FROM TWENTY-ONE WISCONSIN COUNTIES

Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marinette, Marathon,  
Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Portage, Shawano, Waupaca, Winnebago, Wood, and Vilas

A discussion was held on rebuilding a fire damaged home. When replacements are needed they shall be installed according to today's code....(basically what you touch you must bring up to code). If it is just a repair it shall be repaired with like in kind materials. A discussion started on the fire issues with the plastic decking materials in lumberyards today, they catch fire easily and rapidly consume the deck. A discussion started on the 50 cfm requirement and how it applies to this situation. Three bath fans attached to the same pipe to the exterior, the group talked and most stated that as long as they meet the 50 cfm per fan that it would work. A discussion started on decks being built over and around electrical and gas services, gas and electric companies require this access, inspectors should watch out for these situations. A discussion started on accessory garages and adopting the UDC code for outbuildings and what do other inspectors are requiring if anything on wind bracing requirements, no decision came out of the group. Next it was talked about when a shed becomes a garage....most agreed... when you can put a car into it. A discussion started on a detached garage that turned into a dwelling without permits and how far would most inspectors make them go to show compliance with code now that the building is completed, general thoughts of the group was to make him remove the garage or prove the compliance at the time that it was converted. A group discussion started on the picture that was shown on the screen regarding steps and a landing, whether or not they meet code or how to look at this special circumstance. Some blooper pictures were shown and discussed.

6. The group broke for lunch at 12:05 and lasted until 12:47

7. The meeting resumed with a discussion on HUD and the changes to come in the future and log home construction techniques.

8. Motion to approve the March minutes made by Mike Richie

2nded by Lorlei Fuehrer

Discussion, corrections, rob to cut individual checks to members for reimbursement and one check to the League Motion carried.

9. Committee reports,

Rob presented the treasures report motion made to approve the treasurer's report by Jack Van Der Welle,

2nded by Mike Richie

No discussion, motion carried.

Commerce Report, as presented by Leroy....commerce is moving real slow and there is talk that they may re-institute contracts for inspection might happen around May 1<sup>st</sup>, the department is recruiting for plan reviewers, the department plan reviewing staff is now down about 40% compared to a year ago. Plumbing inspectors, last year state had 6 inspectors covering the state they are now down to 3. Randy Baldwin retired from being the Bureau Director; Tom Casper is now acting in that position. Leroy is now working the State again but in a limited fashion as an LTE.

Inspectors Institute Report, a discussion was made on the \$500.00 fee, Jack Van Der Welle will get more information and bring it back to the next meeting.

10. New Business, WCOA, discussion continued and then a motion was made by Jon Oldenburg to direct the BIANEW not to respond to any correspondence from WCOA or to call that organization and to not have any interest in them.

2nded by Kevin Kettner.

No discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Note was made to send the WCOA a copy of the minutes.

Motion to form a special committee to meet with representatives of the Northwest and Southwest Building Inspectors Associations to discuss league matters made by Jack Van Der Welle

2nded by Mike

Members will include Jack Van Der Welle, Chris , and Leroy Stublaski.

Motion passed.

11. Next meeting.....May 26<sup>th</sup> will be the UW Energy training in Shawano.

12. motion to adjourn by Jon Oldenburg at 2:10

2nded by Scott Tatro motion passed.

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