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RIBOA Monthly Meeting-October

Location- Hampton Inn Suites, Smithfield, RI

October 29, 2014

WE LIKE TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO DEBRA FOURNIER AND THE STAFF OF THE HAMPTON INN SUITES FOR THE GENEROUS USE OF THEIR FACILITIES AND REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR MEETING.

A REMINDER THAT IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN HOSTING A FUTURE MONTHLY MEETING OR KNOWS A GREAT LOCATION, PLEASE CONTACT TOM DIFUSCO WITH THE LOCATION AND DATE AVAILABLE.

Meeting called to order at 1:11 PM by Secretary Wayne Pimental

Pledge of Allegiance Pledge led by Brendan Whalen, Davies Vocational Graduate and recipient of the ICC High School Certificate

Executive Board Members Present:

President: Tom DiFusco-Not Present

Vice President: Position Vacant

Secretary: Wayne Pimental

Treasurer: Bruce Zaloudek

Past President: Bill Nash

Minutes- Secretary Pimental noted that the September meeting minutes were sent to all members and requested a motion for approval. Motion by Ben N., seconded by Richard P., all members approved.

Treasurers Report:

- Al DeCorte provided copies of the September Report, which reported the following. The operating budget had a balance of \$26,592.73. The Education budget had a balance of \$22,121.29. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by Brad W., seconded by Jack L., all members approved.

Membership Report: Wayne provided copies of the new membership application to all members. Please note that the change of the membership year went from September 1st to January 1st and the increase in dues from \$35.00 to \$40.00. New membership forms were also sent via email and the forms will be posted on the website as well. There was a motion from Ben N., to accept the membership applications of Christopher Sinot of Tiverton and Christopher Congdon as an associate member. After further discussion, it was amended to require Mr. Sinot to amend his application for associate membership and not active, as he is not yet certified. There was an amended motion to request Mr. Sinot to amend his



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membership and accept Mr. Congdon's application for associate membership. Motion seconded by Steve G., all members approved.

Committee Reports:

Presentation of the "**First**" **ICC High School Technical Program Certificate** to Davies graduate **Brendan Whalen**. Brendan was accompanied by Davies teacher Bill Esser and Fred Gil, the State vocational coordinator. Congratulations to Brendan on a job well done, and we look forward to more students earning certificates. Both Brendan and Bill spoke of the programs great benefit to students and they both encouraged all schools and students to participate in this program.

- **Installation Dinner-** Secretary Pimental noted that the Installation Dinner is scheduled for November 19th, at 6:00 PM at the Red Strip restaurant, 455 Main Street in East Greenwich. The deadline to confirm your attendance is November 14th. You may confirm your attendance via email to Wayne. We look forward to seeing you there.
- **Winter Meeting-** Roger Pierce confirmed that the date for the winter meeting is December 12th at the Wicked Good Bar & Grill at Twin River from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The registration notice will be sent out this week and it will also be posted on the website.
- **Amherst Seminar Conference -** Peter Scorpio noted that the Rhode Island night went very well and was attended by 34 members. The gift cards given to all attendees worked well and will be used again next year with some minor changes. If you have any suggestions for alternate locations, please contact Peter. Bill Hanley noted that the registrations for the seminar were up this year, and there were a good variety of classes offered. Bill thanked members Joe Raymond, Jack Leyden and Brad Ward for their help with the conference as members of the board. Thanks to all for your hard work.
- **ICC Conference-** Bill Nash reported that the conference this year was one day shorter, but that it was a great conference. Some of the highlights were the Awards Luncheon presentation of the Merit Award to the Rhode Island Building Officials Association for our support and participation in the ICC High School Training Program. The official presentation will take place at the Installation Dinner. Bill also noted that he will provide more information and training on the roll-out of the ICC CDP access. This will allow all ICC members to be able to participate in the voting process of all code adoptions and modifications.
- **RIBOA Expo-** Peter reported that the program for the upcoming RIBOA Expo is going well. He is working on the program presenters, and currently has Mike Guertin, David Grandpre' and Rob Sherwood, who will presenting on some exciting topics. Peter noted that this program is geared towards contractors with proceeds to go to the education fund and vocational student scholarships. All of the vocational schools will be invited and are encouraged to attend. Peter will provide handouts for



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all Cities and Towns to display and it will also be distributed to local lumber yards. Steve G. again extended the offer by RIBA for the generous complimentary ad to be published in the Rhode Island Builders Report for the months leading up to the event. This helps get the word out to contractors and we appreciate the efforts of Steve and generosity of RIBA. Peter will be looking for member volunteers to help out with the event and the day of the event. Please contact Peter if you can help out. The event is scheduled for February 27th, 2015 at New England Tech in East Greenwich.

- **RIBOA Display Booth-** Bill N. reported that he is making progress with the booth display, but did note that one area that may need to be addressed is the RIBOA logo graphic. We have never had a good logo graphic that can be used electronically. Our existing logo has been scanned from old logo's and it may be time to have a professional provide us with computer file logo that can be used electronically going forward. More will follow on the logo and final booth display. Another thing to consider and forward to the board are any suggestions on the message we want to display on our new booth.
- **Legislation-** None, other than the reminder that a new State Law was passed which prohibits charging a re-inspection fee for any permit. After the initial inspection, if and inspection fails, a municipality cannot charge for that re-inspection. This is for all types of inspections.
 - **Education-** Commissioner Leyden reported North Kingstown Building Official Gary Tedeschi passed the ICC CBO (Certified Building Official) exam. Congratulations Gary.
 - Jack also thanked Bill Hanley for the work he and the other RIBOA members put in for the Amherst conference.
 - Jack noted that the dates for the Fortified Evaluator Program sponsored by the Insurance Business & Home Safety Institute (IBHS) have been changed to only November 17 & 18. You only need to select one. They will train everyone on methods to reduce or repair damage by Hurricanes. The training will be held at the URI Narragansett Bay Campus and you must submit the completed application and submit it to Jeanne Enos in Jack's office to register. They will then send you verification and you will then need to take, submit and pass an orientation test prior to the class. They will also offer the National Certified Test at the conclusion of the training. The cost is \$250.00, and you will need to personally pay for this exam, it is not covered by the State. The passing of the test would allow you to become a certified inspector and provide inspections throughout the country and be recognized by ICC and the Training Institute in this program. Wayne will send out the original notice to all members.
 - Jack will also offer another electrical code update class in November as the notice for the October class was not received by the members.
 - Jack also noted the upcoming Eastern States conference to be held April 12-14th in Portsmouth, NH. They plan on offering classes on both ICC and NFPA topics.



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- Jack will be attending the Green Building Conference in New Orleans next week and noted that Rhode Island was designated as the #2 State in the Country for its adoption of the most current energy codes. Jack commended the building Code Standards Committee for its dedication in this effort.
- Jack also reminded everyone that attended the Amherst Conference that you only need to send in your green attendance sheet to him. You do not need to send in the Amherst Certificate. As always, make a copy of your green sheet for your records. If you need a copy of the green sheets, contact Bill Hanley.
- **New Business-** Bill Nash noted that he is going to put a link on the RIBOA website which allow members to submit a code question. The process of this feature will be further discussed as all formal official interpretations must originate from the Building Commissioners Office. Jack noted that you must submit an interpretation form to his office for an official review by the Building Code Standards Committee. More to follow.
- Our next RIBOA meeting will be held on November with a date and location to be determined.

Health & Welfare: None to report.

Correspondence: Thank you cards received from Tom DiFusco and Al Quattrocchi for the gift baskets sent to them from the Association.

Shirt Raffle-The shirt raffle was won by Peter Scorpio Sr. and he donated it to Larry Desormier.

Charitable Donation- \$34 was collected for the Charitable Fund.

Adjourn: 2:32 P.M. Motion by Ben N., seconded by Steve G. all members approved