



# Rhode Island Building Official's Association

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## **RIBOA Monthly Meeting-September**

**Location- 39 West Restaurant & Lounge, Cranston**

**September 26, 2013**

**WE LIKE TO THANK CHRISTOPHER DEGRAVE, THE STATE ADA COORDINATOR FOR HIS PRESENTATION ON THE HOW'S AND WHY'S OF ACCESSIBILITY.**

**WE ALSO WANT TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO THE 39 WEST RESTAURANT FOR THE GENEROUS USE OF THEIR FACILITY AND TO CHUCK PHELPS FOR COORDINATING THE LOCATION.**

***A REMINDER THAT IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN HOSTING A FUTURE MONTHLY MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT BILL NASH WITH THE LOCATION AND THE DATE AVAILABLE.***

**Meeting called to order** at 1:56 PM by President Bill Nash

**Pledge of Allegiance** Pledge led by Chuck Phelps

Executive Board Members Present:

*President: Bill Nash*

*Vice President: Tom DiFusco*

*Secretary: Wayne Pimental*

*Treasurer: Bruce Zaloudek*

*Past President: Dave Tacey*

**Minutes-** Motion made by ben N., seconded by Steve G. & Brad W. to approve the July Minutes, all members approved.

## **Treasurers Report:**

Bruce presented the report for the period from 8-1-2013 to 9-25-2013. The amount paid out was \$7,520.36, which included ICC fees, accountant fees, summer outing, Scholarship, New accounting software yearly cost and next year's golf deposit. The amount taken in was \$13,041.70 from dues, permits, summer meeting, clothing and scholarship. The balance in the checkbook was \$29,857.42. The amount in education savings was increased from book royalties of \$4,486.11 and is now \$22,541.25. . Motion to accept by Ben N., seconded by Al D., all members approved.

President Nash also noted that food was provided at today's meeting and requested a motion to fund the food. A motion was made by Brad W., and seconded by all members, and all members approved.

## **Committee Reports:**



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- **Membership**- President Nash noted that the new membership renewal is in full gear and that this year, an electronic registration is being used and urged everyone to use that to assist us in tracking. Payments must still be made to Bruce at the P.O. Box noted in the registration. We currently have 58 registered, 51 have paid. Even if your payment is in the process stage, please complete the on-line registration form. It is on our website. [www.riboa.net](http://www.riboa.net)
- An email request was received from John Matuza requesting consideration for an honorary membership. A motion was made by Jack L., seconded by Warren D., all members approved.
- **Golf**- Chairperson Chuck Phelps reported that the deposit to secure next years tournament at Crystal Lake on June 6<sup>th</sup> has been sent out.
- **Scholarship**- President Nash reported that the scholarship committee meet under Chairperson Bill Hanley and reported that the committee voted to award two \$500.00 scholarships to the first time applicants and four \$250.00 scholarships to the second time applicants. In July, a motion was made by Joe Raymond, seconded, and approved by the membership to approve up to \$3,500.00 for distribution to the recipients. He noted that there has been discussion and questions regarding this years distribution of the funds, and that the current scholarship by-laws need to be re-visited to avoid any future confusion. He requested additional member volunteers to assist in the by-law review, and Brad Ward, Steve Gianlorenzo and Stan Dickerson all volunteered to join the committee and were appointed by President Nash. He also reported that there is currently \$55,000.00 in the scholarship fund not including this years golf tournament proceeds. There was additional discussion regarding the merit, guidelines, etc., and it was noted that the committee will address of all these issues and bring it back to the membership for review and approval. The discussion then centered on the original motion and intent as noted by Al D. Joe Raymond explained that his intention was to allocate enough money to evenly distribute to the six applicants. His motion was then revised to allocate \$3,000.00, and distribute \$500.00 to all six applicants, both first and second time applicants, which was seconded by Dave T., all members approved.
- **Social**- Chairperson Peter Scorpio reported that Rhode Island Night at Amherst is all set, and the individual food/drink cards will be used for the first time. This event is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Amherst Brewery. He also reported on web sponsors. There are currently six on the site, with one more soon. This is a great way for our organization to raise money for our education, as well as help promote local businesses. The cost for one year is \$325.00, and includes an associate membership as well. He also noted that the ICC Final Code Hearings are set for next week in Atlantic City, New Jersey and urged other members to attend an ICC event to experience the process and meet other code officials from across the country.



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- Roger Pierce reported that the Winter Meeting is all set for December 13<sup>th</sup> at Twin River. A buffet lunch will be served. More information and electronic sign-up via the website will be provided next month.
- **Education-** Joe Raymond reported that the educational program set for October 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> in Amherst is offering a diverse line-up of courses with many choices.
- Commissioner Leyden noted that next months RIBOA meeting scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> will have Michelle Burnett as guest speaker along with FEMA to discuss the ASCE requirements for the 1' freeboard and other building code questions. The location will be posted soon.
- Commissioner Leyden also reported on the upcoming education classes that will be offered by National Grid starting in October. There will be forty-five courses offered over the course of one year, all half-day, with many duplicate offerings to allow you to attend with the option of many date offerings. The courses will be held at RIBA headquarters and CCRI Hackett Theater. He will send out the offerings in blocks of three months at a time. Jack will also be sending out individual credit hours earned for re-certification beginning in January.
- **New Business-** President Nash noted that we have a new line of clothing and a new salesperson for our clothing line, and they are now offering many different products, such as jackets, sweatshirts, etc. Take a look at the website to check out the great products.
- Ben Nascenzi Thanked the organization for the recent scholarship given to his daughter and noted that with little to none assistance given, this is a great help.
- **Old Business:** Wayne P. reported on the status of the ICC High School Technical Training Program. The good news is that we now have the commitment of all technical schools and their applications will be submitted to ICC. We have 100% participation. With this in place, we would like to have a couple of building officials volunteer to act as mentors. Although this is a new endeavor, it would involve the building official to meet with the instructor to develop a mentor ship program which may require a few hours per month to teach the students about building codes, inspections, permitting, our profession and perhaps site visits. The instructors are excited to work with us, and I think it can become a tremendous program and a good opportunity for us to give back. We will also work as a group to see what works, doesn't work as we develop this mentorship program. Please email your name if you are interested in the mentorship program. I will forward the list of participating schools shortly to everyone as well. Members offering to act as mentors as of this date include Al Decorte, Mike Scanlon, Stanley Dickenson, Bill Nash and Wayne Pimental. He also noted that Jack and Bill attended the Technical Advisory Meeting last week at New England Institute of Technology to show our support for the High School Program to the teachers, and Jack offered to provide a complete set of the 2013 Rhode Island Code Books to each participating school. Thank You Jack. Wayne also would like the scholarship committee look into



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providing a separate scholarship to a Technical high school student yearly to help promote the program and to also broaden our scholarship giving.

- President Nash provided an update on the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Building Official Expo and Education event scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> at New England Institute of Technology. We are extremely excited about the new date and this year's presenter, Mike Guertin. Mike will be offering education on four hot topic items of great interest to builders, such as deck construction, blower door test requirements, weather resistive barriers, flashing and roof flashing. Mike is an extremely knowledgeable builder, but also an engaging presenter. We are looking for help to secure vendors for the event and volunteers to help during the expo. Please forward your name to Peter, Bill or Wayne to volunteer or help with getting vendors. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated. We are promoting this event to builders and tradespeople, but RIBOA members are also invited. Steve G. will be assisting to get an ad in the November edition of the RIBA newsletter. Thanks to Steve and RIBA for their support. The auditorium can hold up to 170 people and the expo area can accommodate 25 booths, and our goal is to sell out both. If you plan on attending the event and will not have the box lunch, please note that on the sign-up form, so we don't have to pay for extra meals. The cost for RIBOA members is at no charge. The cost for RIBA members is \$90.00, and \$100.00 for non-members. We want to again Thank Mike Guertin for his generous support of our organization. **Please make every effort to lend a hand for this event, so we can make sure it is a success.**

**Health & Welfare:** President Nash reported that Bill Packard was not feeling well, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

**Correspondence:** A Thank You card was received from Natalie Nascenzi for her recent scholarship award.

**Shirt Raffle:** After numerous drawings, the winner of this month's shirt was Neil Hall.

**Charitable Donation:** \$28 was collected for the donation Fund.

**Adjourn: 3:05 P.M.**