

NEBRASKA CODE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Business Meeting

4-23-09

Kearney, NE

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Attendees: Franklin, Printy, Johnson, Evans, Fleming, Hovseth, Olivas, Albright, Lewis, Halligan, Parsons, Grimm, Nordhues, Wood, Nisbet, Zimmerman, Lyman, Aerni, Merwick.
3. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the NCOA meeting on 2-5-09. Motion passed.
4. Discussion on residential sprinklers. Homebuilders Association nationally are proposing legislation in States to prohibit the adoption of residential sprinklers. Has already passed in North Dakota and is pending in other States. In Nebraska the Building Code is automatically updated when the new ICC Code is published. No action in Nebraska yet but may occur in the 2010 legislative session. Fire Chiefs, Building Officials and City Administrators are often times on opposite sides as this issue is discussed.
5. State Building Code in Nebraska is automatically updated to the latest Building Code when the Building Code is published said Steve Nordhues.

6. ICC is downsizing and has cut staff and some programs. The Chapter Day has been eliminated and the cost of a one-day seminar is now \$ 2200.00. ICC charges for seminar workbooks but is considering eliminating workbooks. ICC is going to offer three-hour webinar classes on many topics that can be accessed at a person's office or a central location. As costs of seminars go up the NCOA may have to increase seminar fees.
7. Members discussed future locations of NCOA seminars and decided to change some locations for the 2009 – 2010 seminars. October 23, 2009 seminar will remain in Grand Island. February seminar will move to LaVista and try to use the Metro Community College Library for the meeting. April 2010 meeting will be held in North Platte. July meeting will remain in Lincoln. Members wanted the Education committee to look at having all two-day seminars because it is hard to justify a one-day seminar with lengthy travel distance. Seminars would be one day ICC and the other day some other area of interest. Nordhues, Aerni and Evans mentioned subjects and business that would be willing to put on seminars for NCOA free of charge for the second day. Information on these individuals will be forwarded to the Education committee
8. Discussion took place on the Constitution and By Laws of NCOA. Since a government no longer employs the current Secretary it will be necessary to replace him as soon as possible. Discussion on succession to President

by the current Vice President Dale Miller. Members wanted Merwick to contact Miller to see if he was interested in serving as President. (Merwick contacted Blair City Hall on 4-24-09 and was told that Miller left the City sometime ago). Election for all Board members is Feb. 2010 and the President needs to appoint a nominating committee as soon as possible.

9. Permit Tech status was discussed. Members want the Permit Tech's to develop a plan on what they want to do and present it to the membership at the Lincoln meeting for review and possible financial assistance. Todd Aerni will contact the Permit Tech's to advise them of NCOA request.
10. Members decided to have the second day of the July 23 seminar done by organizations or contractors. Several topics were discussed and Merwick will develop a second day program based on topics discussed.
11. The 2008 SP Benson Award is being put together by Steve Carmichael and he will report back to the membership at the July meeting.
12. Steve Nordhues said the State Homebuilders are developing guidelines for Contractor Licensing to be adopted for the State of Nebraska. Members voted to have Steve Nordhues and Steve Carmichael represent NCOA on the Homebuilders committee. Nordhues said he is also attending meeting on lead based paint. Members felt that the NCOA members should stay out

of enforcing lead based paint standards. The State and many local health departments are currently enforcing the standards.

13. Membership would like the minutes of the business meetings published on the web page. Merwick to take care of this. Web site will be updated and old information removed.

14. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Michael Merwick
Secretary