



Building Officials Association of Texas 2019 MINUTES

**Board of Directors Meeting
May 21, 2019
Irving Convention Center
Irving, Texas**

- 1) Call to Order: President Olson called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m., and requested Kurt Kasson to open the meeting with a prayer.
- 2) Roll Call: All Board members were present except Kevin Robinson. Included Past President Jim Olk
- 3) Presidents Opening Remarks: President Olson thanked everyone for attending and moved straight to the agenda.
- 4) Approval of Minutes: Board Meeting, Houston BPI
Secretary Brett King presented the minutes of the Board meeting held February 18, 2019 at the Houston BPI. Motion by Kurt Kasson, second by Teresa Adrian to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Building Professionals Institute update.
Charles Clawson thanked everyone for their help setting up on Sunday. Charles mentioned the Houston BPI, where we expected to lose money, but were able to make \$5,000. We need to continue to find speakers that don't cost money. Lubbock BPI is coming up this fall, and Lawrence is taking care of most of it, and will be working on the Austin BPI as well. Next year in Irving, we will need to work on moderators who will get everything done on time; Architectural and Code Enforcement were both very late with speakers and materials this year, so we need to do better next year. Kurt Kasson had to step in and set up the Planning track. There was discussion about how some of the tracks need proactive moderators. President Olson discussed all of the BPI's and that we need to provide Board presence at all BPI's. Since the Board meets in Houston, all will be there for part of the meeting, and some will need to stay to help moderate and provide coverage during the week. Charles also discussed the relationship with ICC, and the lack of response from an individual regarding certificates for classes taken in Houston. Badges were not sent from ICC after registration, and our contact did not come to this BPI, but sent a substitute. We may need to consider other options for registration. Overall, BPI is healthy; Charles thanked everyone for their help in keeping BPI up and running. There was discussion regarding the use of an additional printer or even a kiosk that would help with on-site registration. The app used for this BPI has been very good. Houston had about 400 attendees without the City of Houston there; if we could tap into San Antonio to get them more involved in the Austin BPI, it would help. Next year's Irving BPI will be moved to May 10-14 due to a conflict. This will likely increase in the future. We need to discuss next year and the future with the Irving Convention Center. Today at 3:30 we will have a vendor reception on the veranda if the weather is good, on the fourth floor if not.

6) Technical Training Grant Program

Past President Jim Olk discussed a grant program to be given to schools starting ICC's HSTTP as a statewide program. Past President Olson agreed to get an update from Garland ISD to be presented at the Board meeting in August. There was discussion on the budget and that a line item was agreed to be added to the budget at the meeting in Houston in the amount of \$1,500.

7) Disaster Response updates

Past President Jim Olk stated that so far this year, no responses have been made to any of the disasters; were on hold anticipating response to near College Station, but were never called. ICC is working with the structural engineers' group and calling it the Disaster Response Alliance (DRA), and any of us can sign on to that national database if we choose. There seems to be a disconnect nationally in emergency response vs. damage assessment, which is apparently not taught in most emergency management programs. Some states have certification programs, ICC no longer offers a certification. Jim has been working with ICC to include some of the SAP training (which is recognized by FEMA) information in "When Disaster Strikes". There is a possibility that some of this Board could go to Colorado for a SAP "train the trainer" class, so that the Board could come back to teach the course here in Texas. The cost would be around \$600-750 per participant. The training itself would be free. Teresa Adrian made a motion to allocate a maximum of \$3500 to fund sending up to 5 people to attend this training in Denver CO. Second by Virgil Gonzalez; motion carried unanimously.

8) Legislative Update presented by Past Presidents Kurt Kasson and Jim Olk

HB 852 has been approved by both houses and can be assumed to either be signed or become law.

HB 3622 –plumbing code law stalled in committee; Kelly Sadler of ICC has tried to push it over to the Senate side

HB 1120—CO's being held for accessibility died in committee; Jim Olk testified and worked with the committees; got re-written but never made it out of committee

HB 2439—building materials—if allowed by the code, a city cannot prohibit it. This should have been fought by the planners, but that was not until too late. The House bill was passed, and amended on the floor by the Senate. The bill is now 6 pages long; the amended bill will have to go back to the House.

9) Financial Report:

Vice President Jeffrey Widmer brought a report for the previous nine months ending March 31, 2019. He also mentioned the \$5,000 made at the Houston BPI. Beginning balance was \$323,904 and ending balance was \$214,273. Motion by Virgil Gonzalez, second by Michael Beard to accept the financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Fiscal Year Budget discussion and action

Vice President Jeffrey Widmer addressed that in Houston at the previous Board meeting, it was agreed that Teresa Adrian would make some changes to the line items. Per the previous motion at this meeting, the \$3500 for SAP training should be added to the line item for Disaster Response Expenses. The discussion about the grant money for the HSTTP was to be included in the scholarship line item. Motion made by Vice President Widmer, second by Virgil Gonzalez to accept the modified budget presented by Teresa Adrian with the amendments discussed above. Motion carried unanimously.

11) 2019 Conference – La Cantera Resort & Spa - Discuss Conference & agenda

Lauren Grossman briefed the group on some of the details; La Cantera has waived the resort fee, which makes it more affordable; similar rates are available pre- and post-conference by two days. Golf is on site and is currently \$89; will lower to \$80 if we get more than 12. Lauren went through a list of

details; we have signed the contract and are waiting on La Cantera to execute it on their side. Additional discussion on plans for the Texas Shoot-Out and other events.

12) BOAT Hall of Fame discussion

President Mike Olson discussed the difference between Hall of Fame award and Honorary Member. Hall of Fame is for people who have done something extraordinary for the organization. Honorary Members are lifetime members who do not pay fees but retain voting rights.

13) Upcoming Nominations for Board

Past President Selso Mata informed the Board that even existing members already on the Board, will need to re-apply at registration. Past President Selso Mata went through the list of current Board positions and noted which terms would be expiring and which positions would become available.

14) Resolutions if any that may be needed. Honorary members etc. Motion by Teresa Adrian, second by Vice President Widmer to bestow Honorary Membership on Lawrence Crow and Randy Childers at the Annual Conference in August.

15) TML Service Agreement

Item not discussed

16) Other Business: ICC 2024

President Olson discussed the potential for ICC to bring the conference to Texas in 2024, when it will be back in this region. Ron Piester with ICC will be coming to the BOAT conference in August to discuss it with the Board and help the Board understand the process. Past President Olk discussed the experience in 2002 and the commitment required from local chapters, both time and money. A decision will need to be made as to where in the state it should be held, and local support should be considered. This will be discussed at length in San Antonio at the annual BOAT conference.

17) Next Meeting: La Cantera in San Antonio; Tuesday morning August 6th 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

18) Adjournment:

President Olson adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Business Meeting

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1) Opening Meeting/Check for Quorum – Brett King

a. Meeting was opened by President Olson at 12:06 p.m.

2) Approval of Minutes—No quorum was established so no votes were taken.

3) Financial Report – Jeffery Widmer

a. Vice President Widmer presented a brief discussion of the financial report

- 5) Discussion & Update about 2019 Annual Conference – Mike Olson
 - a. President Olson noted that the original venue canceled our reservation, so there has
 - b. been a change to La Cantera in San Antonio, which has more amenities

- 6) Board Member Updates
 - a. Legislative – Kurt Kasson passed this to Jim Olk for discussion on:
 - i. HB 852—cities cannot collect valuation information
 - ii. HB 2439—prohibits cities from limiting building materials if they are approved in the building code. Appears to be stalling in the Senate and may have to go back to the House due to amendments in the Senate.
 - b. BPI – Selso Mata briefed the group on the four BPI’s to be held around the state, including one in Lubbock starting in October and in Austin in November. The Yapp app is now available to be used at each BPI and at the annual conference.
 - c. Code Review – Brett King
 - i. Final Changes of Group A made available on March 21st on ICC website
 - ii. Report of the Committee Action Hearings will post June 11th
 - iii. Public Comment Agenda will post September 4th
 - iv. Public Comment Hearings will be October 23-30 in Las Vegas, NV
 - d. Disaster Response – Teresa Adrian briefed the group to let everyone know that there were no STAR requests for assistance. Jim Olk has coordinated some “train the trainer” training so that we may train around the state.
 - e. Awards & Scholarship – Mike Beard
 - i. Michael Beard, Kevin Robinson and another will be reviewing the applications for awards and scholarships. Six scholarship applications have been received along with other applications for the awards.

- 7) Other Business
 - a. ICC Board Member Shirley Ellis briefed the group on the 5-year 2025 strategic plan that the ICC Board has been working on and met during the code hearings in Albuquerque. The shadow program will be in effect again this year at the annual conference. There will be three new chapters in Texas—Central Texas and Houston chapter have re-activated and Texas Fire Protection Association.
 - b. Special Presentation by Kurt Kasson to Greg Contreras for his years of service to BPI. Greg has recently retired from the City of Duncanville. Kurt presented Greg with a leather portfolio on behalf of BOAT.

- 8) Adjournment
 - a. Virgil Gonzalez motioned and Shirley Ellis seconded to close the meeting, the vote was unanimous.

Evote Minutes
August 13, 2019

- a. Motion by Immediate Past President, Michael Olson for Board to provide letters of support for the following ICC Board Candidates:
 - i. Cindy Davis – Vice President
 - ii. Michael Wich – Secretary/Treasurer
 - iii. Alan Boswell – Section Chair F
 - iv. Tom Peterson – Section Chair other than F

- v. Michael Boso – Director at Large
- vi. Michael Savage – Director at Large

Second by Past President Selso Mata

Motion Carried Unanimously..

