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ICC Building Safety Association of Vermont

January 16 Meeting Agenda

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**The top priority** of the meeting is to complete the application process so that our Association can be approved by the ICC Board of Directors as an ICC Chapter. The application must be submitted in January for the Board’s meeting in March.

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Meeting Minutes

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Location: Hartford Fire Department, Hartford, Vermont

Attending

Rob Pickett, President
Steve Leinoff, Vice President
Ward A. Smyth, Secretary/Treasurer
Jay Pilliod
Mike Bedard
Glenn Moore, Director
Lois Tweedy
Ryan Borkowski
Stan Borkowski
Tim Branstetter
Dean Zoecklein
Peter Ramus
Rob Pickett & Associates, LLC
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Turtle Creek Builders Ltd
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Montpelier Fire Department
Activator Property Inspections
B.O. Hanover, NH
Northern N.H. towns
Retail Lumber Dealers Association
Kessel/Duff Corporation
City of Lebanon, NH

Opening of Meeting

1) President Rob Pickett called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m.
2) Participants introduced themselves around the table and signed in.
3) Rob called for an approval of the 1/16/2009 Agenda. Approved unanimously.
4) Ward re-read the amended Minutes from 11/13/2008 and the new Minutes for 12/18/2008. They were both motioned and seconded. Vote was unanimous.
5) Rob viewed the website: www.BuildSafeVT.org, Bill Atkinson has volunteered to be webmaster. Please send any information you have to Rob or Bill for inclusion on the website. Ward has paid the Web-hosting for one year in advance to GoDaddy.Com.
6) We listened to Dotty Harris from ICC (on cell-phone).
   a. Due to the economic environment ICC has had some layoffs and had to cut
      back some services. This will impact us as a new Chapter, in that we can still
      obtain instructors, but they will be available by Webinar, not live.
   b. We can still get a live instructor at a rate of about $2,200 for the first day,
      Workbooks are about $14/each.
   c. There will be a “Fire-side Chat” with the ICC national President on 1/22/2009
      at 11:00 am.

**Membership**

7) Ward discussed the membership list to date.
   a. 16 ICC national/BSA-VT members.
   b. 12 BSA-VT members
   c. Total BSA-VT members = 28.

**Education**

8) Bob and Steve have not been able to get together: Steve would like to get a
    survey together to pole the needs and requirements of our membership

**Code Review**

9) Glenn held a general discussion about what they thought we might do. He still
    wants to hold a meeting and will attempt to schedule that with the others.

**Financial/Treasurer**

10) Ward presented Balance sheets, P/L statements and information about the bank
    accounts and money received for January 2009, as well as totals from July 2008
    through January 2009. He stated that there was a bill outstanding to him for
    approximately $57 to GoDaddy.Com. He has not yet sought additional members
    to the finance committee; he is awaiting a larger membership count.
    a. Dues income to date (2009): $120.00
    b. Net checking to date (2009): $618.01

**New Business**

11) Rob announced that he is looking for a volunteer to be Treasurer.
12) We discussed and agreed to standardize our meetings for the third Thursday of
    each month with one or two Telcom Board meetings called between
13) Rob obtained the required signatures for our National Chapter application.
14) Rob reviewed the logo entries (thanks Lois!). He asked everyone to consider any additions and these for next month.

15) Jay offered a tabletop booth space at the upcoming Better Buildings by Design Conference. This is a donation at no charge. He also offered that VEIC would be willing to entertain a donation to us for about $250 for an educational sponsorship.

16) Jay stated that Burlington Electric has a similar efficiency program and may be able to offer us a contribution. He will follow up on that.

17) Jay also offered that Efficiency Vermont may also be able to help with speakers at our upcoming Conference.

18) Ward presented some information about a new website being developed by a group called the Vermont Green Home Alliance. This will be a central location for customers, builders and the general public to go and find out about “Green”. It will present all of the programs available in Vermont without any bias.

19) Ward also explained about a Builder/Remodeler Registration/Certification Program he chairs for the Vermont Homebuilders. The Registration portion of the program is being launched in early March with hopes of registering a majority of Vermont builders and remodelers. The program will require minimum standards for entrance.

The next meeting date was set for February 19, 2009 at 8:30 am at the Montpelier City Hall. Glenn will coordinate this. We may have a speaker on the new Sprinkler requirements. Rob closed the meeting at 11:10 am.

These minutes are respectfully submitted as the discussions and actions taken at our above noted meeting.

Ward A. Smyth
Secretary/Treasurer
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LOCATION: to be announced
DATE: April 24, 2009

ICC Building Safety Association -- May meeting
A Review of Vermont Code Changes
DATE: Thursday, May 21, 2009
TIME: 8:30 am
LOCATION: Division of Fire Safety
1311 U.S. Route 302 - Berlin Suite 600
Barre, VT 05641-2351
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International Code Council
MEETING SCHEDULE

Eastern States Building Officials Federation -- 2009 Conference is being held at The New England Center Hotel and Conference Center, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH!

Take advantage of this year’s conference and it’s proximity to Vermont! Code certification testing is scheduled preceding the conference.

Day 1 — Mar. 30, offers full day sessions on the 2006 I-Codes and Green Building, 2006 IBC Fundamentals Nonstructural Provisions, and Continuous Load Path. Each session offers attendees 0.6 CEU Credits.

Day 2 — Mar. 31, offers AM and PM sessions on Developing Green Ordinances, 2006 IECC Fundamentals, Intro to Residential Sprinkler Systems, and a tour of the UNH Stormwater Center. CEU credits available.

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Register to attend at www.esbof.org.
Join code officials and building professionals from around our region. Learn what other state ICC Chapters are doing and bring back some ideas to our Association!

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Wed., March 18 ICC BSA-VT Meeting features a discussion with Tim Stone on Fire Sprinkler Systems. Please join us!

In December 2005, the National Institute of Standards and Technology published NISTIR 7277, Economic Analysis of Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems. The Background section of this report follows:

"Since the 1975 introduction of the residential sprinkler standard 13D by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), residential sprinkler systems have proven themselves as life safety systems. According to the Residential Fire Safety Institute, there are now at least 270 communities in the United States with regulations requiring residential sprinkler systems. While there is growing recognition of the enhanced ability of residential sprinkler systems to protect life and property from fires, in the year 2003 less than 2% of all existing one and two family homes included a sprinkler system.

According to the United States Fire Administration (USFA), in 2004 there were a total of 410,500 residential fires and a total of 117 firefighter deaths with an average of 41% of all firefighter deaths resulting from residential fires. In 2004, residential fires caused 3,225 deaths, accounting for 83% of all fire deaths. Residential fires also were responsible for 14,175 injuries and $ 5.9 billion in direct property losses in 2004 according to the NFPA.

A study based on 15 years of data from Scottsdale, Arizona categorized fire damage in two types of homes—those with fire sprinkler systems and those without fire sprinkler systems. Property loss due to a fire in a residential home with a sprinkler system was $2,166 compared to $45,019 in the homes without a sprinkler system. A study based on 12 years of data from Prince George’s County, Maryland reported fire damage in homes with sprinkler systems and estimated what the damage would have been in those same houses had there not been a fire sprinkler system. Fire damage in homes with sprinkler systems amounted to $3,429 per reported fire incident, compared to a potential loss of $326,752 per incident had the homes not been equipped with a sprinkler system. A possible cause of the difference in damage is that the Prince George’s County houses with sprinkler systems were generally new, larger and so relatively more expensive to repair than the Arizona houses without sprinkler systems.

Habitat for Humanity and the National Association of Home Builders are not in favor of mandatory sprinkler regulations, focusing instead on working smoke detectors. In Vermont, a combination smoke and carbon monoxide detector is required, and residential fire sprinklers are on their way.

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**ICC 2009 Educational Codes Forum**
**DATE:** March 23-25, 2009
**TIME:** All day events.
**LOCATION:** New England Center Hotel and Conference Center, The University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
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**Deadline for Code Change Proposals -- 2009/2010 CODE DEVELOPMENT CYCLE**
**DATE:** April 24, 2009

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BSA-VT Becomes First Vermont Chapter of ICC!

A call from Ron Piester of the ICC Board of Directors brought welcomed news and congratulate our Association as the Board approved BSA-VT’s application to become a Professional Chapter of ICC!

Piester is Director of the New York State Department of State Division of Code Enforcement and Administration in Albany, NY and a member of the ICC Board of Directors. Meeting prior to the beginning of the ICC Educational Codes Forum in New Orleans last week, the Board acted on this and other items on their agenda.

Ron mentioned that the latest additions to our membership roster helped clinch the decision and commended us for getting that roster update to Laura Scott. Good work, Ward!!! Thanks also to Dottie and Bruce for their support in our efforts to become an ICC Chapter!

Ron Piester will be at the ESBOF conference at the end of the month (Mon-Wed). If you are planning to attend (and I hope you are!), please make a point of thanking him for his support on our behalf.

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May 21st Meeting Announcement

Division of Fire Safety, Berlin

Business meeting from 8:30 am to 9:30 pm

Education Presentation from 9:30 am to noon on

**IAQ For Home & Business: An overview of good ventilation Practice**

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Topics Include:

- Residential areas to ventilate and how to size /Light Commercial areas to ventilate and how to size
- Differences in strategy between exhaust only and balanced ventilation
- Control of both types of system
- HRV vs. ERV

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Join us in welcoming Josh Bartlett of the Structural Building Components Association!

An education program on the Bracing and Handling of Wood Trusses in Construction. Part One of Two sessions, Josh will cover including standard responsibilities for design and proper installation based on WTCA/TPI BCSI book (provided to attendees) and the IRC/IBC Codes and ANSI documents. (excerpts provided as handouts).
Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14, 2009
Location: Hartford Fire Department, Hartford, Vermont

Attending

Rob Pickett, President
Steve Leinoff, Vice President
Ward A. Smyth, Secretary/Treasurer
Glenn Moore, Director
Mike Bedard
Lois Tweedy
Ryan Borkowski
Peter Ramus

Rob Pickett & Associates, LLC
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Montpelier Fire Department
Hartford Fire Department
Activator Property Inspections
B.O. Hanover, NH
E.I, Lebanon, NH

Opening of Meeting

1) President Rob Pickett called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
2) Participants introduced themselves.
3) There was an extended discussion of about the Annual Meeting. It is scheduled for July 15, 2009 at Lake Morey. Rob discussed costs. The morning coffee and luncheon will be $40 per person. Meeting room and setups, rental etc will cost approximately $10 per person. Steve is coordinating the function with Lake Morey and arranging a golf tournament to follow in the afternoon.
4) Rob reviewed the development of the website and asked the board members to send in their biographies. Ward took Steve’s photo to send to Bill.
**Membership**

5) Ryan is still working on membership and a slate of nominees for 7/15/2009. It was brought up and agreed that the officers and board will stay on in their positions for this next year, though it is hoped that other positions will fill and there may even be a race!

6) Rob mentioned that he had heard from Jay Pilliod that he needs to step off for work reasons. Paul Duane at VEIC will fill in for him.

7) Ward discussed the membership list to date.
   a. 19 ICC national/BSA-VT members.
   b. 17 BSA-VT members
   c. Total BSA-VT members = 36
   d. Ward presented a graph showing the rate of new members joining

   ![Membership Graph]

**Education**

8) Rob spoke for Bob and Steve regarding an ICC program for 6/18/2009 at the Div. of Fire Safety.

**Code Review**

9) Glenn discussed a few rule/code changes coming from Div. of Fire Safety.

**Financial/Treasurer**

10) Ward presented Balance sheets, P/L statements and information about the bank accounts and money received through May 14, 2009.
   a. Dues income to date (2009): $450.00
   b. Net checking to date (2009): $1,096.36
New Business

The next gathering date will be June 18, 2009 at 8:00 am at VTC for our first Educational program: “2006 IBC Code Changes”. Rob closed the meeting at 2:10 p.m. to listen to our guest speaker, Josh Bartlett, Educator from SBCA Northeast and Chris Smith, Truss Designer, LaValley Supply.

These minutes are respectfully submitted as the discussions and actions taken at our above noted meeting.

Ward A. Smyth
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Association News —
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If you are interesting in serving on the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, or on one of the several standing Committees of ICC-BSA VT then we need to hear from you (email us)! Elections to the Board of directors will occur at this year’s Annual Meeting, scheduled for July 15th, 2009 at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, Vermont.

At least two weeks prior to our Annual Meeting, we will be sending out an announcement by electronic mail. The announcement will include the names and qualifications of nominees for election at the meeting.

Several individuals have made recent inquiries regarding membership to ICC BSA-VT as well as having expressed a desire to serve the organization’s interests. A few details to be aware of:

- Board of Directors nominees must be members of both the ICC BSA-VT and ICC national.
- Upon receipt of your membership application the Secretary will forward to the Membership Committee Chair who will review the application with the Nominating Committee.
- They will make recommendation at the next meeting to the voting members.

Mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting! Be looking for the electronic notice of this year’s nominees! And please note that you must be a member and be present at the Annual Meeting to vote! No voting is allowed by proxy or absentee ballot.

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Dear Member,

As you may know, our 1st Annual Meeting is coming quickly. While many details are now complete, our planning is dependent on your attendance. Currently, we have plans in place for 60 members and guests. Your early registration – this week would be great! – will greatly improve the efficiency of our efforts!

I believe that this meeting is vital to our membership and organization for several reasons:

1. ICC BSA-VT is truly fortunate to have the opportunity to meet, greet and hear from our keynote speaker, ICC CEO Rick Weiland. Please take this opportunity to learn from someone who has a national perspective on issues that we are currently dealing with in Vermont. He is a very busy man and it is hard to get out of the office these days. Help us welcome Rick to Vermont!
2. The ARRA Stimulus incentive has accelerated many programs throughout Vermont and New England, with far-reaching implications. Some of those implications are still being created in new legislation in Congress. This week, many bills are being heard on the floor of the House of Representatives that will directly impact our lives – energy, code administration, housing – new and existing thermal envelope requirements, ADA and more.
3. Our panel of speakers is exceptional! Vermont and our Association can benefit from their experience and viewpoints. With staff monitoring the action in Congress, our speakers have a direct line to the latest information on what is happening and how it may affect us.
4. The panel discussion and keynote address are precursors to our Fall meeting this September in Berlin – 9/10, 3 pm – when we will have another panel discussion with leaders from Vermont to explore answers to lingering questions.

Another key issue is the election of officers and Board of Directors for the coming year --

Our current Board is listed on the website, [www.buildsafevt.org](http://www.buildsafevt.org). Our bylaws call for 9 seats on the Board, with a balance (3 seats each) of code administrators, industry (builders and suppliers), and design professionals. We have three top-notch code administrators who stepped up to serve on the Board, joining a representative of Efficiency Vermont, and two housing professionals. That means we are operating with 3 vacant seats. If you are a design professional who wants to develop efforts to help the building industry in Vermont, I urge you to participate.

We need your nominations and your votes (balloting will take place at the meeting). Nominations are being taken NOW! If you are willing to serve on the Board of Directors and have an impact on our future, please send (via email) a short bio (similar to what you see on the website), a digital photo, and a letter explaining your interest and thoughts for the future of BSA-VT to Ryan Borkowski ([Ryan.Borkowski@HanoverNH.org](mailto:Ryan.Borkowski@HanoverNH.org)). Our bylaws state that Board members must also be members of ICC (national), but that requirement can be established after election and is not a prerequisite.

After participating in this important event, we will be releasing some tension on one of my favorite golf courses in Vermont! Visit [http://www.lakemoreresort.com/golf/home.html](http://www.lakemoreresort.com/golf/home.html) to learn more about the course, and register today to participate in the BSA-VT Golf Tournament for a fun afternoon on a beautiful course. For additional tournament details, please email Steve Leinoff at [sleinoff@norwich.vt.us](mailto:sleinoff@norwich.vt.us).
Sincerely,

Rob

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This is our very first Annual Meeting, and it promises to be a good one! Our Business Meeting is very important for all members to attend as we must elect our 2009-2010 officers and Board of Directors. THEN... They will be sworn in by ICC CEO Rick Weiland! The celebration of our new Association continues with a panel discussion by several experienced leaders in the ICC Family who will share their unique perspectives on what our future may entail in VT. Mr. Weiland is also our keynote speaker over lunch, discussing the importance of our Professional Chapter to Vermont and to ICC. Learn about our Chapter Affiliations with ICC, the Northeast Region Coalition (NERC), and the Eastern States Building Officials Federation (ESBOF). Join us in welcoming this incredible group of guest speakers who join our celebration as an ICC Professional Chapter!

**AGENDA:**

7:30 am — Registration and continental breakfast

8:30 am — Business meeting, election of officers & Board of Directors

9:45 am — Panel Discussion — Lessons Learned by Our Neighbors

Noon — Lunch and Keynote address by Rick Weiland, CEO ICC

2 pm — Golf Tournament

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The ICC Building Safety Association of Vermont (BSA-VT) closed its first fiscal year with another first – the Annual Meeting. With the Lake Morey Resort providing an excellent facility, breakfast and lunch, the day could not have been better. Rob Pickett, 2008-2009 BSA-VT President opened the meeting with introductions and the year in review. Ward Smyth, Treasurer/Secretary, took the opportunity to hand out BSA-VT Membership Certificates to each member in attendance. During this portion of the meeting, Stan Borkowski and Lois Tweedy served as the voting administrators, tallying the results of the election of BSA-VT’s Board of Directors and Officers for 2009-2010. While we will miss Jay Pilliod as a member of the Board, we are very happy to welcome Paul Duane and Sandra Vitzthum for the coming year! The slate of officers saw only a change at Vice President, where Ryan Borkowski has taken over for Steve Leinoff, although Steve still serves as a Director. With the election complete, Cindy Davis, the BSA-VT liaison to the ICC Board of Directors, swore in each of the new Directors and Officers!

With the business portion of the meeting completed, our guest speakers moved to the front table and took turns speaking about their roles in ICC and the impact of the codes and legislative actions on their immediate responsibilities. With five unique perspectives to draw on, those in attendance had an opportunity to ask a broad range of questions, spurring some great discussion between the panel and audience. Following lunch, Rick Weiland again spoke to the group. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to join the BSA-VT’s inaugural Annual Meeting and recognition of it attaining Chapter Status, inviting all to become more active in the ICC organization and processes.

Richard Canuel, President of the NH Building Officials Association explains how they are responding to the demands of code administration and legislation.

Dick Lambert (Region VI Northeast Region Coalition), Dottie Harris (ICC VP State and Local Government Relations) and Cindy Davis (CBO, IDD director) listen as Rob Pickett introduces the Panel Discussion portion of the meeting.

(L-R) Ryan Borkowski, Ward Smyth, and Rob Pickett are presented with the ICC Professional Chapter plaque recognizing the Building Safety Association of Vermont by Rick Weiland, ICC CEO and Cindy Davis, ICC Director.

ICC CEO, Rick Weiland speaking about the organization of ICC, how it responds to legislative action, and the importance of our new Vermont chapter.
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Our Association's website is continually updated to provide our members and guests with the latest information related to building life and fire safety information and educational events.

Visit our home page to see pictures and a summary of events from our inaugural Annual Meeting!

Go to the Meeting Events/Calendar on the website for more details on our upcoming events (noted to the left). We are working to expand the calendar so that you can plan to attend future events.

Recently added is a page for Classified Ads. Postings are free to members and can be made by emailing content to Webmaster. All content will be reviewed prior to posting. Non-members will be charged $25 to place ads. In the email, please provide full contact information, an email address or web address that can be used for responses, and a date for closing the ad.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Implementing Vermont Building Codes — A Panel Discussion

RSVP for the 9-10-09 meeting
DATE: Thursday, September 10, 2009
TIME: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
GUEST PANEL: Members of the Vermont building community will present their positions on current issues and then open the discussion to all. Discussion points include
- Design & Construction
- Plan Review
- Inspections
- Enforcement
LOCATION: Division of Fire Safety
1311 U.S. Route 302 - Berlin Suite 600
Barre, VT 05641-2351
Click here for directions.

A Working Session to Review Code Change Proposals for the 2012 Code Cycle

RSVP for the 10-8-09 meeting
DATE: Thursday, October 8, 2009
TIME: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
MODERATOR: Glenn Moore, Code Review Committee Chair
The purpose of this meeting will be to identify code change proposals that will have an impact on Vermont when and if they are adopted. The group will also determine what action should be taken on behalf of the Association at the ICC Code Development Hearings in Baltimore, MD held from October 24 through November 11.
LOCATION: City Hall — Memorial Room
39 Main St.
Montpelier, VT 05602
Click here for directions.

ICC Annual Conference
November 1 through November 4 — Baltimore Convention Center
BSA-VT renewed its meeting schedule in September after taking off the month of August. Meeting in Berlin on Sept. 10, the group enjoyed an informal panel discussion relating to code administration in Vermont. Even though the attendance was small, there was a very worthwhile exchange of information. With the encouragement of those who attended, this open discussion format will be repeated at future gatherings.

Considerable discussion pertained to the response in Vermont to code administration in the face of Federal stimulus legislation and the strings attached to funding programs. The Div. of Fire Safety tracks all permits except for single family construction, and homebuilders are required to provide self-certification to the buyer. How will this be tracked in the future? Bruce pointed out that there is a tremendous amount of information available on the ICC and DOE websites (http://www.iccsafe.org/news/energy/links.html and www.energycodes.gov).

Ryan Borkowski and Bob Howe added some levity when they compared code trivia — what color is your solvent cement?

Bruce Johnson shared some information regarding the ICC Tool Kit on the Recovery Act. He provided the following link for those who could not attend the meeting — http://www.iccsafe.org/government/Toolkit/stimulus/index.html.

President Rob Pickett reported on some recent notes from the Board of Directors that may be of interest to members —

- Our Treasurer, Ward Smyth will be sending out Membership renewals in the coming month. The membership fee will remain at $30/year. Ward reported that we currently have 53 members. The Board is working to help develop a budget for the year.

- The Education Committee effort resulted in the several events noted in the left-hand column and is working to add more programs. The goal is to establish a full schedule of events through our 2nd Annual Meeting (likely in June). Some additional events of note:
  - 10-7: The Professional Fire Fighters of VT EMS conference features four guest speakers. For more information, click here.
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**Important Questionnaire Addresses Damage Assessment Issues**

This email is being sent to you as an ICC eNews subscriber to request your input on a questionnaire conducted by Henry Paszczuk, a trainer with the Connecticut Department of Public Safety in his role as an Executive Fire Officer student at the National Fire Academy.

The questionnaire is being used to determine roles of fire/life safety code and building code inspectors in the damage assessment and recovery phases of a large-scale natural disaster. Mr. Paszczuk will use the questionnaire as part of a research project pertaining to Executive Analysis of Fire Service Operations in Emergency Management.

The questionnaire should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Click here to take the survey.

The Executive Fire Officer Program is initiated by the United States Fire Administration/National Fire Academy and designed to provide senior fire officers and others with a broad perspective on fire and emergency administration. The program enhances the understanding of senior executives with the need to transform emergency service organizations to being proactive; with an emphasis on leadership development, prevention and risk-reduction.

On behalf of Mr. Paszczuk, thank you in advance for your participation.

**Thank You...**

Following our Annual Meeting, all of our guest speakers kindly sent notes of thanks for being part of our inaugural Annual Meeting. Cindy Davis, our liaison to the ICC Board of Directors, sent the following note that reflects the sentiments of the others:

Hope all is well in Vermont. Just wanted to touch base and see how things are progressing in your lovely state. I also wanted to let you know that I absolutely loved the gift bags you all prepared. The cheese was incredible! I’m a fan of cheese, and this was scrumptious. I’m still enjoying the maple syrup and spread, as is my granddaughter when she visits on the weekend.

Please send my gratitude and hellos to all. And please be sure and let me know if I can ever help in any way.

Warm regards,

Cindy

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[http://www.dps.state.vt.us/fire/newsletter_september09.pdf](http://www.dps.state.vt.us/fire/newsletter_september09.pdf). Of special note:

**SMOKE ALARMS REQUIREMENTS:**

For all rental and multi-family dwellings...

- **NFPA 1: 13.7.1.4.8.6 - Photoelectric Smoke Alarms:** All newly installed smoke alarms, including replacement smoke alarms, are now required to be photoelectric. Combination photoelectric and ionization smoke alarms are not permitted. Existing ionization smoke alarms are not required to be replaced unless installed in dwelling units within 20’ of a cooking appliance, or within close proximity (3’) of a bathroom containing a shower or tub. Ionization smoke alarms in these areas are required to be replaced with photoelectric smoke alarms to avoid nuisance alarms. Combination smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are permitted.

For all owner occupied single family dwellings...

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**AFSA Seminar - Residential Sprinkler Systems – NFPA 13D, 13R & 13**

October 30, 2009 by the Northern New England Chapter of AFSA

All sprinkler contractors, Building officials/Fire Inspectors and Architects are invited to attend this one day class. CEU’s/CPD’s will be offered. The guest speaker is Steve Scandaliato, who has spoken in Vermont before for other seminars.

This seminar will address the design and installation requirements of NFPA 13D, Standard for Installation of Sprinklers in One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes, 2007 edition, including their water supply requirements, along with new requirements in the 2010 edition of NFPA 13D. The program will include an overview of the new requirements for residential sprinklers provided in the recently adopted requirements of the International Residential Code (IRC). We will also highlight the differences in design requirements and water supplies for residential sprinkler systems designed to the NFPA 13R and NFPA 13 standards.

This 8-hour program will include:

- Overview and layout of the NFPA Residential Sprinkler Standards
- Residential System Components and Hardware Requirements
- Sprinkler types, spacing and location requirements
- Installation requirements
- Hydraulic Calculations with participant exercises
- Overview of Residential Sprinkler Systems designed per NFPA 13 & 13R
- IRC Requirements

Participants should bring or be prepared to purchase a copy of NFPA 13D on site. It will also be helpful to have NFPA 13R and 13 on hand. A handheld calculator with [√], [Yx] or [^] (exponential) functions will also be needed.

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Meeting Minutes

Date: October 1, 2008
Location: Vermont Division of Fire Safety Conference Room, Berlin, Vermont

Attending

Rob Pickett, President Rob Pickett & Associates, LLC
Steve Leinoff, Vice President Hartford Fire Department
Ward A. Smyth, Secretary/Treasurer Turtle Creek Builders Ltd
Jay Pilliod Efficiency Vermont
Joel Ribout, Director Mackenzie Architects
Robert Howe (Bob), Director Vermont Division of Fire Safety
Glenn Moore, Director Montpelier Fire Department
Dottie Harris ICC staff
Amanda Ibey Home Builders/Remodeler Association
Diantha Korzun Truex Cullins: Architects

Opening of Meeting

1) President Rob Pickett called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.
2) Participants introduced themselves around the table.
3) Rob called for an approval of the Agenda. Approved unanimously.
4) Rob called for an approval of the Minutes. Approved unanimously.

Discussion of Proposed Bylaws

5) Discussion began with the proposed changes to Section 12. Following a general discussion, Jay proposed and Steve seconded a motion to leave the proposed paragraphs #1, 2, 3 and delete the original paragraphs #4 and 5. Further discussion followed, after that a motion to move the question was proposed by Steve and seconded by Glenn. The motion was approved unanimously.

6) Bob proposed and Jay seconded the moving and renumbering of paragraph 9.8 to become 10.3. to place the statement in a more appropriate section. This was also approved unanimously by those assembled.

7) The discussion moved to defining the membership. It was decided to have only two categories: Member and Honorary Member. Steve proposed and Joel seconded the
motion. This was voted unanimously with the additional request, that Ward search the entire document and change any reference to previous member categories.

Glenn proposed and Steve seconded that we accept the entire document as proposed, with changes in red tracking and including the above discussed changes. There was a unanimous vote to this proposal. Rob congratulated all present for their effort in finalizing our Charter!

**Discussion of Membership Dues**

8) Joel had taken time to research other organizations’ dues structure. He proposed that we set a rate of $30 for Members with a $15 discount for active students. Ward seconded this and it was approved unanimously.

**Continued Discussion**

9) Rob stated that we should open a bank account. It was decided to use Chittenden Bank. Ward as acting Treasurer will handle opening an account.

10) Ward offered to temporarily use his P.O. box in Waitsfield for mail until we gain more funds. This was agreed by all. Our address for mail will be:

   ICC Building Safety Association of Vermont
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   Waitsfield, Vermont 05673-0760

11) Rob announced a contest for the design of an Association logo. He proposed one year of free membership to the winner.

12) The last minutes of the meeting were spent discussing our vision, and mission statements. As time ran out Rob allowed that he would spend some time ‘fleshing’ our thoughts out.

13) The next meeting will be on November 7, 2008 from 9-11 AM (tentatively set for HBRA on James Brown Drive in Williston)

These minutes are respectfully submitted as the discussions and actions taken at our above noted meeting.

Ward A. Smyth
Secretary/Treasurer
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Recent News...

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Today, we are thankful for the efforts of our Board to maintain the interests of the Association and to the Members who support our efforts. A special thanks goes out to our ICC friends — Dottie Harris and Bruce Johnson — for their contributions to BSA-VT!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Scheduled ICC Building Safety of Vermont Events for 2010

2009 was a busy year for the Association, and we have had good suggestions for 2010 events. The current plan is listed below. We feel there are many other opportunities, and we are looking for support from membership to help us make them happen. Please use this link (click here) to send us your comments, suggestions, and/or willingness to help!

Jan. 14, 3pm to 5pm — Executive Board Conference call; begin nominating process for 2011 Board.
Feb. 4, 8am to noon — IBC Update, Castleton College — see notes in sidebar to left.
Mar. 11, 3pm to 5pm — Open ICC BSA-VT Board meeting — location undetermined — All members are invited to bring their ideas, concerns, or other points to discuss.
Apr. 19-23, 2010 — ICC Residential Inspection Institute, Burlington, VT — see notes in sidebar to left.
May—2009 IEC training — We are talking with NHBOA to coordinate this training for both VT and NH. The place and date are still undetermined.
June—BSA-VT 2010 Annual Meeting and Election of Board Members — The details of our 2nd Annual Meeting are still in the works.
July — no meeting or conference call planned.
Aug. 12, 3pm to 5pm — Executive Board Conference call
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Other VT Activities:

- CSI VT — Green Elevators / The 'Initial Decision Maker' in AIA VT’s Sustainability Committee

Date: Thursday, December 10, 2009
Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: Double Tree Hotel — 1117 Williston Rd., S. Burlington, VT 05403
Cost: $35 for CSI members
(busch inc.) $50 for non-members
To Register: Contact Rebecca Leet rebeca@greenleat.com
Payment: PayPal at www.csivt.org

- VT — ASCE Engineer’s Week

Engineers Week is approaching! As you may know, Engineers Week is a great opportunity to promote the engineering profession in Vermont by attending activities such as the Eddie Car and Rube Goldberg competitions, the Order of the Engineer Ceremony, and last but not least, the E-Week banquet. This year, Engineers Week commences on Monday, February 15, 2010 and culminates with the E-Week banquet on Friday, February 19, 2010.

Please invite family, co-workers and friends to the E-Week activities, including the banquet. For more information please contact Amanda Hanaway-Corrente (401-374-8857 or amanda.hanaway@gmail.com)

- AIA/Efficiency Vermont — Sustainable Lighting and CAD-Based Lighting Design

Donna Leban, AIA, LE-BSNA of Light/SpaceDesign is presenting this program in South Burlington on Dec. 3 and in White River Junction on Dec. 7. Her presentation is important for those who are interested in learning more about how to evaluate lighting layouts for performance, both luminance in footcandles as well as Lighting Power Density. For more information, phone 802-862-1501 or e-mail lightsd@comcast.net

- Efficiency Vermont — Better Buildings by Design 2010

Better Buildings by Design is being held again next year by Efficiency Vermont at the Sheraton Conference Center in Burlington. This year’s dates are February 10 & 11. For more information, please go to http://www.efficiencyvermont.com/past-BusinessBuildingEfficiency/ BetterBuildingsDesignConference.

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12/17/09 — Life Safety Code — This program covers code updates for projects in existing buildings including the use of the new Chapter 43, Building Rehabilitation, information on the permit process, fundamentals of the requirements for interior finish and means of egress requirements. (speaker – Robert Howe) Program will be held at Division of Fire Safety, Berlin Office, from 2:30 – 4:30 pm. Pre-registration: Derek Shepardson, Assistant State Fire Marshal, phone: 479-7567, email: shepardson@dfs.state.vt.us

January - To Be Announced — Vermont Access Rules — This program covers an overview of the Vermont Access Rules with a focus on vertical access, requirements for housing and frequently asked questions. (speaker – Robert Howe)

January - To Be Announced — Historic Buildings — This program covers how the Vermont Fire & Building Safety Code, and the Vermont Access Rules, apply to historic buildings; including prescriptive code alternatives, operational features, change of use, fire ratings of materials and including case studies. (speakers – Nancy Boone, Division for Historic Preservation & Robert Howe)

The November 2009 DFS newsletter is now posted: http://www.dps.state.vt.us/fire/newsletter.htm

NIIS Annual Meeting, Dec. 7-10

The National Institute of Building Sciences is involved in many new and exciting building science-related activities that benefit communities and the world at large. Plan to attend the Institute’s Annual Meeting, December 7-10, in Washington, D.C., where you can experience the breadth and scope of what the Institute has to offer. The event, to be held in conjunction with Engineering Week 2009, is a great opportunity for you to witness the latest in sustainable practices, building information modeling and high-performance building design. Plus, the Institute is sponsoring EcoBuild™, so our members are eligible for a 20% discount! (Just enter the promotion code NIBSF09 when you register online.)

The Annual Meeting is the perfect place to rub elbows with experts and witness building science in action. It brings together the council committee work of the Institute including its Board of Directors; Consultative Council; Building Enclosure Technology and Environment Council; Building Enclosure Councils; buildingSMART alliance™; High Performance Building Council; and Whole Building Design Board and Advisory Committee. Come hear the latest progress of these groups and learn about their goals and direction for the upcoming year.

In addition to taking part in these important council, committee and board meetings, you can keep your travel expenses to a minimum by also attending a variety of outstanding educational programs—all on one trip. Conferences include:

- buildingSMART alliance International Conference - learn all about building information modeling, Industry Foundation Classes (IFCs) and information technology (IT) for design and construction during the buildingSMART alliance International Conference. The buildingSMART alliance is the developer of the National Building Information Modeling Standard™
- FedDev 2009 - The Market Outlook Conference on Federal Construction - get up-to-date information on federal building and infrastructure budgets, hear federal construction forecasts and find out the latest regulatory updates affecting federally commissioned projects.
- Building Enclosure Technology and Environment Council (BETEC) Symposium on Retrofitting Building Enclosures for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability - gain knowledge about how exterior systems can improve building performance.

You won’t want to miss the Building Information Modeling (BIM) Theater and the AEC Interoperability Center, both sponsored by the Institute’s buildingSMART alliance™. Other exhibit highlights include: the BIM Aquarium and Eco Aquarium; BIMstorm(TM) - LIVE!; Building Performance/Intelligent Buildings Theater; Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency Theater; Smart and Sustainable Theater; Job Fair; and Bookstore.

To learn more about the Annual Meeting and member discount, as well as sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities, and to see other co-located events, visit www.nibs.org/AnnualMeeting.

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Season's Greetings!

Some very important opportunities are available through the ICC Building Safety Association of Vermont in the coming year!

Two ICC training programs are available for all building professionals who provide their services and/or products in Vermont. Building professionals from Vermont and from our neighboring states are all welcome to register and attend!

1. In February, we are repeating the 2006 IBC Update with Vermont Amendments. Back by popular demand, we will hold this event at Castleton State College, Castleton, VT.
   
   Mark this date on your calendar and use the attached Registration Form to reserve your seat!

2. In April, ICC will hold its Residential Inspection Institute in Burlington, VT. This exception training and certification program will focus on the 2009 International Residential Code for One- & Two-Family Dwellings.
   
   Please go to www.iccsafe.org/RII-VT for more information about the Institute and to register.

We are working on some other programs that promise to be extremely beneficial. In May, we hope to hold a joint training program with the New Hampshire Building Officials Association on the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code. In September, we have an idea brewing that could be extremely interesting… You’ll have to stay tuned!

As always, we are looking for new ideas and participation to help us improve and grow. The BSA-VT has the potential to support building professionals in Vermont in many ways — join us and help us make a difference! We invite you to join our Board of Directors in an open meeting on March 11, 2010 to explore new directions in our rapidly changing building environment.

We look forward to the New Year and hope to see you at our events!

Happy Holidays!

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Our Mission:

To advance the professionalism of and provide assistance to code officials, design professionals, builders, manufacturers and others involved in the construction process to help improve public health and safety throughout the State of Vermont.

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