



# Niagara Frontier Building Officials Association

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Report of NYSBOC Annual Business Meeting 12:45 pm, September 20, 2024, at the Radisson Corning NY. Dave Metzger, Mike Fields and Rod Cameron represented NFBOA.

Prior to the commencement of the regular business meeting President Sal Pennelle introduced six guest attendees and asked each to speak to our group.

The first was Matt Tebo, Deputy Secretary of State and the Chairperson of the Codes Council. He spoke about the progress on adopting the next version of the codes and the steps necessary for the Codes Council to proceed. At the next meeting the council must approve SEQR and then request comments, then provided there are no major problems they may be able to vote to adopt in either the March or June meetings. (Note the update to the energy code will not occur until after adoption of the other codes. *Ed Note: It seems likely that the new code will not be adopted by the Codes Council until at least July.*)

Next to speak was Dominic Simms the current CEO of ICC. He spoke about the positive effects of NYSBOC and ICC's efforts to update and improve the codes. He also spoke about the coordination with Codes Division on code updates and how these collaborations have improved the codes writing process. He also said that the current codes council is in the best shape ever and that ICC is now truly international as they have expanded to Australia and Dubai.

The next speaker was John Belcik the incoming CEO of ICC. He spoke about the number of employees that ICC has working in NYS and how instrumental Dottie has been in coordinating efforts both in NY and Florida.

The next two speakers were Mike Boso, Sec/Tres of ICC, and Bill McKinney of ICC region VI. Bill spoke about how most ICC regions efforts focus on training whereas our region has such robust training in place they concentrate on codes development. This code development effort has had a large and positive impact on the codes writing process.

Next to speak was Todd Vandervorst, our NYSBOC lobbyist, on the current legislative efforts and how thanks to NYSBOC's actions legislators are becoming aware of how valuable this organization is in the codes process. Legislators now are much more willing to collaborate with us to enact sensible legislation and now have a much better understanding of what CEO's do. He also briefly reviewed the current legislation under review.

Now the actual annual meeting began after roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Sal Pennelle gave the presidents report on the state of NYSBOC.

The first VP, Valerie Scott spoke on the need for those attending the ICC conference in Long Beach California contact her so our delegation may coordinate activities. Also, it is imperative that those members verify their status with ICC so that they can vote at the sessions. Note that our Steve McDaniel is running for Sec/Tres of ICC and should be well supported. Also, Ed Cusato is running for chair of region VI.

Treasurer Doug Scarson provided his report and provided a printout of the status of NYSBOC's finances.

Secretary Alan Gustafson provided his report and noted that some chapters have not yet sent in their reports.

Brian Tollison provided the NYS Division of Standards and Codes report. He also provided a report from Nathan Paquin about the emergency responses that their department provided to communities this year.

Kevin Durr-Clark reported on the Codes Council meeting scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> that must address SEQR before they will be able to consider the next code adoption, which hopefully will occur in March, but maybe not until June.

Ron Stark reported that the Codes Division is almost done with the replacement for the SLMS system for tracking in-service training. (Note the new system will not have history) Ron then spoke about that there will be advanced in-service training of 18 to 24 hours for the new code once it is adopted. Next year there will only be 12 hours of on-line training the additional 12 hours must be obtained at an educational conferences or local training provided by NYSBOC Chapters. Once the updated code is adopted by the Codes Council then codes enforcers will have 12 months to obtain the mandated training.

The Events, Association & Conferences Committee provided a report on planning for the 2025 ABM which will be in the Capital district. The precise location has not been finalized at this time; a full report will be available at the December delegates meeting.

The ways and means committee put forth a proposal to purchase insurance to protect the treasury from any potential theft of funds by officers. A motion to do so was made and after discussion regarding the cost it was adopted unanimously.

The Scholarship committee reported that three scholarships were awarded, two \$500 scholarships went to a member of NFBOA and one \$1,000 scholarship to Rockland.

Next the Honorary Membership reported that NFBOA had submitted applications for Kevin Rank, Dave Metzger and Rod Cameron. After discussion they approved the applications unanimously. *(Note we had been unaware that they were going to approve these this year.)*

The fundraising committee put forth a proposal to raise funds with a “300” club proposal, like split tickets but more expensive for a chance. If successful it may provide a decent return. *(We will have chances available at our next local meeting.)*

Adam Peltz provided a report from the Code Official committee regarding efforts to have CEOs designated as peace officers due to the dangers that are increasing for enforcement officials. He also provided information on safety training for CEO’s.

Marty Moseley reported on legislative actions that will be in the works at the next legislative session and that NYSBOC’s efforts are achieving impressive results.

Richard LaJoy spoke about Building Official peer to peer support. This program will be like our local consensus committee program since it will provide a forum for discussing concerns common to CEO’s.

Marty Moseley asked that members support the codes coalition in its efforts. Marty also spoke for the Code Development committee and that there is no voting on future code changes until the 2026 ICC meeting to be held in Connecticut, since that meeting will be “next door” we should be able to have a large number of attendees.

Dottie reported on ICC activities and reminded everyone that the deadline for verification of voting credentials is 9/21/2024, she went on to thank everyone for all the efforts on behalf of codes development.

Under new business Sal reported on awards that were given out at the banquet Thursday evening, there were a number of awards for years of service, one to Valerie Scott for her efforts on the website and the Code Official of the Year to Richard LaJoy.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rod Cameron