

Eastern Oregon Building Officials Association

Quarterly Business Meeting

December 8, 2023

800 SE Emigrant Ave

Pendleton, OR 97801

In Attendance:

Warren Jackson, State of Oregon
Heaven Doherty, City of Pendleton
Jose Fernandez, City of Boardman
Wendy McKay, State of Oregon
Glenn McIntire, Morrow/Gilliam County

Katherine Denight, State of Oregon
Adele Schaffeld, Malheur County
Joe Fisher, City of LaGrande
Dawn Kitzmiller, Baker City/County
Kylee V. Ruby, Wasco County

Call to Order:

Meeting began at 8:13am, PST

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Warren Jackson motioned to approve Meeting Minutes from October 20th Annual Business Meeting. Joe Fisher seconded. Minutes were approved by all.

Guest Speaker:

N/A

New Business:

Heaven Doherty offered the use of the City of Pendleton's conference room for future meetings. This would be a great option, as they have a large screen and "owl" camera so that it would be easier to see/hear everyone.

Wendy McKay presented the BCD update:

- Program renewals for Group 2 are due by 12/31/2023. This includes Grant County, Wallowa County, and the Cities of Pendleton, Hermiston, and Umatilla.
- New Statewide Code Interpretation on Backflow Device Freeze Prevention is on BCD website.
- Code Updates –
 - OPSC update is online. If you have a plumbing certification, you must read the materials and self-certify that you have. This is due by 9/30/2024.
 - Electrical update video will be online by end of year.
 - All updates are FREE and can be shared with local Contractors. Can get them CEU's through CCB. Adele Schaffeld has certificates if anyone needs to make some up.
 - ORSC final revisions have been made for training videos. Will be online soon.
 - Books are not published yet.
 - Electronic version will hopefully be online soon.
 - There is a 400+ summary of changes and amendments on BCD site that can be looked at for now to see what the updates are.
- New class is available (SIA Skills Class) for Commercial Inspectors. This is a skill enhancement class – NOT a certification class or a test-prep class. It is meant to help Commercial Building Inspectors be better at their

jobs. Kevin Ellis will be teaching this class, which is limited to 20 people. It runs from January 9th – July 11th, 2024.

- In order to qualify for the class, you MUST have ALL of the following:
 - Current OIC, CAS, CAX, and SIA certifications;
 - Be employed for an Oregon municipality;
 - Have completed at least one year of CAS and/or SIA code inspections, as verified in writing by your Building Official.
- State will be transferring their training program to an online Learning Management System in 2025. This is where all jurisdictions will be able to register for training, and see what is available. It will make training options more visible, but not necessarily create additional training opportunities or availability.

Adele Schaffeld presented EOBO update:

- EOBO does not have committees yet. The focus is for members to plug into OBOA committees and report back to group. OBOA committees include Education, Codes, Legislative, Outreach, and Standards.

Katherine Denight presented OPTA update:

- We are all very proud of Katherine being named as an OPTA Board Member!
- OPTA's last meeting was 12/7/2023.
 - Renewals are rolling out. There have been some issues, but OPTA is working through them. A reminder email will be sent out on 12/10/2023.
 - There are currently 158 OPTA members; the goal is 201 by 2024.
 - There will be a spring training event in Bend May 2 – May 4, 2024.
 - OPTA is trying to develop more Oregon-based training, as our Code is different from IRC/IBC. There will be focus on Permit Tech training for Small Homes and Commercial Tenant Improvements.
 - OPTA is looking for people to present at trainings.
- OPTA is looking for a list of all Building Officials and their Departments in order to better communicate with the entire State. Adele Schaffeld mentioned that OBOA has a list that Katherine can request.
- The OPTA ABM will most likely be moving to the end of September, rather than the beginning of November.
- The State published a Plan Review Guide to help inform customers of what Building Departments are looking for when they submit plans for review. This will be a living document, so the State would like feedback on how well it works.
- The new Commercial Mechanical Checklist should be published today. Katherine will send it out to EOBO members as soon as it is.

Adele Schaffeld presented the OBOA update:

- There will be a virtual education event January 23th – January 25th, 2024.
- The next Codes Committee meeting will be 12/31/2023.
- Renewals have been sent out. Please make sure you renew!
- OBOA is working hard to restart committees that have been idle. Please volunteer if you can!

Joe Fisher presented ICC Region II update:

- Region II met last month. There is an Executive Session today as well.
- The new President (Cash Olson) is now in Caldwell, Idaho.
- They will be working on getting their committees going for the new year.
- Joe will send Adele Schaffeld the application so that EOBO can apply to be a member of Region II.

Adele Schaffeld and Kylee Ruby will be helping a local Girl Scout Troop in The Dalles work on, "The House that She Built" patches.

Adele Schaffeld is still working with the Oregon Secretary of State to get EOBO set up as a non-profit in their system. The October ABM minutes needed to be approved before she could finish this, as SOS needed proof that we approved our By-Laws.

Adele Schaffeld will submit for reimbursement for the EOBO ABM meal to Joe Fisher and Kylee Ruby.

EOBO membership applications will be going out in January.

Brady Hickman (Little Warren) is a hoot!

Departments are hoping to slow down for the winter season so we can all catch up on other things. Most of us were very busy in November; some are anticipating that they will be very busy through December.

City of Portland laid off 84 people.

Wasco County has Senior Building Inspector position posted. Harney County is still looking for a Building Official so that they can fully manage their own Building Department. The Pendleton BCD office also has an Inspector position open. A few departments expressed frustrations on how difficult it is to work with Human Resources on job postings/pay scales sometimes.

Warren Jackson commented on how few A-Level certified people are out there to even consider.

Glenn McIntire has enrolled Jose Fernandez in the Chemeketa Building Program, which is working great for them.

There is a Small Home Specialty Code on the BCD website. We can now use this, ORS 455.616, IRC Appendix Q, and HB 2423 for resources on small homes.

Warren Jackson stated that the State cannot add small homes to their pre-fab program. The State is working on updating the Ready-Build Plans, and hopes to add an ADU option to them.

Glenn McIntire will be inspecting a small home "manufactured dwelling" park that will have homes constructed and inspected off-site, and then placed on engineered foundations.

ICC now has a Standard for off-site construction.

Adele Schaffeld commented on the results of the Governor's HPAC meeting. There were some interesting ideas on the table. Governor Kotek will be asking the legislature for another \$600 million to address the housing crisis this next year.

HPAC has finally realized that it is not Building Departments that are the hold-up when it comes to development timelines.

Mark Heizer sent out an email for the Mechanical Chiefs next meeting that we can listen in to. We can also sign up to get notes on the Plumbing Chiefs meetings if we want.

The next EOBO QBM will be in March. Adele Schaffeld will work with Wendy McKay on timing and technical issues.

Old Business:

Discussed in conjunction with New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03am.