

**SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA CODE OFFICIALS**  
**Membership Business Meeting Minutes**  
**December 1, 2010**  
**Red Wing Country Club**

Minutes submitted by Ron Ripley, Secretary

**Present:** Ric Budhal, Steve Carson, Gene Durand, Allen Ernste, Brian Grudem, Paul Heimkes, Craig Hoium, Tom Joachim, Doug Johnson, Jay Kruger, Dennis Mannim, Glen Mooreland, Doug Morem, Pat Parsley, Frank Peterson, Ron Ripley, Tim Saari, Scott Safe, Mike Thedens, Russell Thornburg, Gary Yoder, Steve Zuelke

**Called to Order and Approval of Minutes:** The meeting was called to order by Russell Thornburg. A motion was made and passed to approve the September 1, 2010 meeting minutes.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion passed to approve the financials.

SEMCO Balance	\$ 898.22
Deposits	\$ 260.00
Expenses	\$ 150.54
SEMCO Account Balance	\$1,007.68

**State of Minnesota: Tom Joachim**

1. 2011 Legislative Proposal
  - a. Remove \$1.515 million from the general fund.
  - b. Establish CCLD permit and plan review fees for service model
    - Adjust plumbing fees
    - Adjust elevator fees
    - Adjust electrical fees
    - Drop SSA (HUD) MFD Home Program due to cap of \$80 for inspection. This results in a loss of revenue every year and will allow CCLD to rehire staff and fund other activities.
  - c. Clean up language
    - Last year's LISC bill
    - Medical gas language
    - Backflow certification
    - Pipe layer registration (current language that allows these individuals to continue working there way)
    - Sign contractor bond
2. Plumbing Plan Review and Inspection
  - a. Current law/rule handout
  - b. Overview of the handouts
3. 2012 Code Adoption
  - a. ICC publishes March/April 2011. There is discussion on a green code and the possibility of an appendix chapter allowing the municipalities the flexibility to adopt.
  - b. Residential Sprinkler Advisory Committee
  - c. Two meetings have already taken place with a third one scheduled for December 13 at 1 pm. Commissioners have instructed fire and building people to work out

their differences if they brought to the legislators, nothing will happen. Tom Joachim is retiring from public service on December 12, 2010. He will be missed. We the members of SEMCO appreciate all that Tom has done for our organization over the years and wish him well in this retirement.

### **Lobbyist Report: Remi Stone**

#### Overview of 2010

- Contractor LISC Continuing Education ICC Course Chapter 260 (SF.2944)
- Certified Building Official – Other Items Chapter 347 (SF2510)
- Lead Compliance – EPA Remediation, Municipal Contractor Responsibilities Chapter 321 (SF 3128)
- Housing Maintenance Code Chapter 308 (SF 2759)
- Municipal Building Permit and Development Fee Reports and Other Enforcement Issues Chapter 280 (HF 3048)
- Plumbing Licensing and Education Exterior Permit; Water Conditioning; False Advertising Chapter 183 (HF 927)
- \$5.00 Building Permit Surcharge Fee Supplemental Budget Chapter 215 (HF 1671)

#### Upcoming for 2011

- LISC Plumber performing inspections on state LISC facilitate for jurisdiction without agreement with the state.
- Special Duty and Care Insurance for each inspection performed. This bill was defeated in 2010 but will more than likely be revisited. This stems from a single incident that has mushroomed.

### **ICC: Pat Parsley**

1. Economy has had a negative effect with the reduction of staff and services.
2. Meeting in Charlotte, NC best attendance in years.
3. ICC is present in Washington, DC consulting on code issues.
4. 345 Chapters with 8 new chapters still growing in this down economy.
5. ICC has grant money available for attending ABM.
6. Upcoming ABM meeting held in Arizona.
7. Pat's term is up he will be running for the secretary position.

### **AMBO Report: Gary Yoder**

1. Region 3 School information is on the AMBO website.
2. Someone from the SEMCO Chapter will have to be nominated to the AMBO Board.
3. Al Klienbeck Award nominations—All nominations forwarded to Gary, Russell or the AMBO website.
4. New awards to be presented by AMBO
  - a. Permit Tech
  - b. Home Inspector of the Year
  - c. County Building Department of the Year
  - d. Building Department of the YearThese awards will be presented at the 2010 Region 3 Institute with locate recognition.
5. There is a need for someone from SEMCO to be elected to the AMBO Board of Directors. Tim Saari from Rochester accepted the nomination and will fill the vacant board position.

### **Awards**

There were four awards presented.

- Retirees—Glen Mooreland, Denny Manning, Tom Joachim

- Past President—Al Ernste

### **Constitution Committee**

The following Articles of the Bylaws to be updated:

- Article X Political Activities

Committee to possibly look at wordage of other organizations.

### **Discussion of Organization Status**

- It was determined that the current status of SEMCO is not recognized by the State of Minnesota as a corporation--a business, as a non-profit corporation. Ron Ripley as the Director of the President had a meeting with an Austin Attorney, Paul Spyhalski in regard to filing Articles of Incorporation with the State of Minnesota and the cost that the SEMCO organization would incur in doing so. The filing fee is \$160, attorney fees not to exceed \$350. A motion was made by Craig Hoium to proceed with the fee amount not to exceed \$600 and seconded and was carried. Ron Ripley will meet with the attorney to start the process.

### **Discussion on Finance Committee**

A Finance Committee was formed of Doug Morem, Gary Yoder and Craig Hoium. Their tasks are to:

- Establish a minimum balance for the SEMCO account
- Line item by line item for expenditures
- As part of this committee, Gary Yoder and Brian Grudem as part of the Dream Team to put together a cost analysis for the following items as discussed by the Dream Team:
  - Special needs project in a community (Accessible Ramp)
  - Scholarship for children of SEMCO members
  - Code books for jurisdiction Libraries IRC and IBC Books
  - Send a representative to the annual business meeting
  - Send a representative to the code development hearing. Cost is approximately \$1,000 to \$1,500
  - Donate to AMBO for the Lobbyist funding

Brian said that committee would work at putting some figures together.

### **Vice President**

Due to personal reasons, Gary Karow, active vice president has to resign in August leaving vice president vacant. He suggested Scott Safe from Red Wing as a worthy replacement. Scott accepted the nomination. Motion made by Denny Manning and seconded. Motion was carried.

### **Nomination for Region 3 Awards**

Nominations from the floor for the following:

- Al Klienbeck Award motion by Craig Hoium for Gary Yoder. Motion passed.
- Brent Schnieder Award— Tim Saari nominated Russell Thornburg. Motion passed.
- Education award Glen Mooreland nomination Ron Ripley motion made and passed

It is the responsibility of the person who nominated the individual to fill out the appropriate paperwork which can be found on the AMBO website.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.