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**Heart of America, ICC
Annual Business Meeting Minutes “DRAFT”
April 7, 2016 at 8:30 AM
KS Board Room, Kansas Star Casino
777 Kansas Star Drive. Mulvane, Kansas**

I. Call to Order:

President Talkin introduced the Presentation of Colors by the Derby High School Junior ROTC & the Singing of the National Anthem by the Mulvane High School Esprit de Corps. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Officers-

President- Greg Talkin
Past President- Rod Haney
Eastern Vice-President - Sean Reid
Western Vice- President- Mike Rees
Secretary –Bruno Rehbein
Treasurer- Brian Hunt

Board of Directors

NE- Jerry Mallory
NC- Gary Hobbie
NW- Jesse Rohr
SE- Tim Bell
SC- Ray Fleming
SW- John Arellano

All Officers and Board of Directors were present.
Special Guests present: Dorothy Harris, International Code Council Vice President, Tim Schmitz and Doug Suchick

III. Approval of March 26, 2015 HOA ABM Minutes

Bob Fairbanks made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27,2015 ABM meeting minutes as presented. Sean Reid seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Communications- none

V. Reports by Officers& Committees

1. Presidents Report-

Greg Talkin reported the membership increased 10-15% over last year. The HOA chapter continues to have representation on the ICC Board with the election of Jerry Mallory. It started with Tim Ryan then Tina Rakes and now Jerry. He felt this was a true honor for HOA to be represented on the ICC Board for so long. He presented slides showing HOA’s presence at the ICC ABM in Florida last year. He talked about the opportunity to be well represented in this area at the ICC ABM in Kansas City. He mentioned how HOA will be helping fund travel to the ABM this year and expects to have a strong presence at the ICC ABM.

He encouraged everyone to make every effort to attend the code hearings for the educational experience. He mentioned the ABM and the code hearings are free and that HOA will pay the registration fee for the conference. Tina Rakes mentioned the need for volunteers in and around the event and if anyone was interested to contact her at trakes@baldwincity.org.



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2. Treasurers Report-

Brian Hunt presented the treasurers report and highlighted some of the expenditures and income items of interest including the relief fund. Jim Hendershot mentioned the recipient of some of these funds were very grateful of some help their family had received. Greg asked for ideas of how to fund this relief account as we never made a policy for this. Jerry Mallory made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented, Sean Reid seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Education Committee- Brad Claussen, Greg Talkin, Barry Walthall, Sean Reid, Brian Hunt & Jerry Mallory.

Jerry Mallory thanked the committee for all their hard work and talked about the relationship between HAO and Johnson County Contractor Licensing program. He challenged the membership to come up with training ideas and classes they would like to see and the education committee would try to provide.

4. Disaster Assessment-

Jim Sherman talked about the Kansas department of Emergency management and a renewed interest in their relationship with HOA And the Kansas disaster assessment team. He talked about the last disaster being a while back and their needs to be some training to get people recertified, maybe at next year's HOA ABM. He mentioned to go to a disaster even if your card is expired. He said not to respond to a disaster unless the call comes from Himself or a regional director as there have been some calls going out from KDEM which were a mistake. He talked about the Kansas disaster assessment team will be the first on the ground and KDEM is looking for rapid assessment again. Jim Hendershot said HOAA can help even if a disaster is not declared on a small event. He mentioned that sign-up sheets were always available and to contact him at any time.

Rod asked who maintained the call out list. Jim said the State has the list and will eventually get to where the program of call out would go electronic and maybe I-pads would be used. Jerry Mallory mentioned revisiting the scoping of the program and our responsibilities and he would like to be a part of that. Jim asked everyone to send in a selfie with a white background to him for making ID cards for disaster assessment. Brian Hunt asked for a show of hands who would like to have disaster training and a majority of the room responded with the need to have training. Times and dates were discussed and the education committee would be looking to get this done. Bob Fairbanks suggested involving Division of Water Resources for the flood disasters. Ken Hoffman said the recertification class was two hours and the initial certification is a four hour class.

The general consensus was to have a class in Douglas County this spring or summer. Information will be posted on the website.

5. Legislative Committee-

Rod Haney briefed the membership on laws going through the Kansas Legislature relating to blighted properties and rental inspections. Membership was encouraged to make their voices heard on HB2665 to allow Cities to regulate and hold accountable landlords on their rental properties. Rod also mentioned the property tax ceiling and how it may affect City budgets.

Bob Gilmore made a proposal to have the legislative committee take over the coordination of the Kansas Mechanical Trade Board Stakeholders committee and get the dialog going again on the state issues with contractor licensing and consistency across the State. Rod asked for anyone interested to please get involved. Rod mentioned interested people could find an expression of interest form for serving on committees and boards.



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VI. Program of Special Speakers

Dorothy Harris, ICC Vice President, State and Local Government relations thanked HOA for inviting and said it is one of the best chapter conferences she attends and that HOA really had it together. She was looking forward to the ICC Conference in Kansas City this year and encouraged everyone to attend. She also reminded HOA members there are several volunteer positions needing to be filled to help the conference be successful. She said the HOA chapter should be proud of their legacy of producing ICC Board members for Tim Ryan to Jerry Mallory. She talked about her excitement for the upcoming ICC conference in Kansas City and the importance of the partnership between the area chapters, HOA and ICC for the conference to be a success. She also gave a brief history of her involvement with ICC and her local New York chapter.

Jerry Mallory thanked Dorothy and Tim for their efforts on getting out to our conference and making time for HOA.

VII. Unfinished Business

President Talkin informed the membership Sean Reid is asking for HOA support for a campaign for an at large position on the ICC Board of Directors. With that Sean talked about his desire to serve on the ICC Board and carry on the tradition of Kansas representation on the Board.

Jerry Mallory told the membership he had worked with Sean for the last 10 years and praised his dedication and hard work. He was totally confident he would be a good representative of HOA. Sean mentioned he felt it was important for Kansas to carry on the tradition of having a voice at the national level. Mike Davis made a motion to support Sean Reid in his campaign for ICC Board of Directors, seconded by Brian Hunt. Ray Hoff? Said he has known Sean for some time and couldn't think of a better representative for HOA than Sean. Jerry encourage everyone attending the ICC ABM in our own backyard this year get out and shown your support for Sean and HOA. Tina Rakes furthered the praise for Sean and with that President Talkin asked if there was no more discussion asked for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Sean thanked everyone and encouraged everyone to attend the ICC ABM. Brian Hunt added a lineup of 50 or so people in support of Sean at the ICC ABM would make quite a statement.

VIII. New Business-

1. Appointments to Chapter Committees-none.
2. Secretary Rehbein announced Andrew Talkin, Jacob Talkin, Joshua Talkin and Erick Sherman as the recipients of a \$500 academic scholarship.
3. Seventeen travel scholarship recipients were announced as follows: Sean Reid, Barry Walthall, Bob Fairbanks, Curtis Deines, Jesse Rohr, Kyle McLaren, Paul Hays, Raymond Fleming, Mike Rees, H. Kent Hamlin, Timothy Bell, Tina Rakes, Rod Haney, Marcie Weatherly, Joh Arellano Jr., Larry W. Masteller, and Bruno Rehbein.
4. Sean Reid talked about his first time meeting Martin Perez in 2002 and his code knowledge and friendliness. He informed the membership Martin recently retired after 25 years with the City of Emporia



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Sean praised his commitment and dedication and named positions Martin has held on the HOA board in the past. With that he said he would be honored to recommend Martin Perez be bestowed upon the title of “Honorary Member of the Heart of America Chapter of the International Code Council”, Mike Davis seconded the motion. President Talkin reiterated Sean’s comments about Martin and asked for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Rod Haney discussed ICC contractor licensing test for Kansas and that pre-authorization of field experience to sit for the test is not required any more. He mentioned the types of tests which would be need to cover all the types of contractor licensing in Kansas. He asked if there were any other test jurisdictions have to let him know. He asked for comments from the membership and Barry Walthall said he would like to continue to require pre-authorization.

Pre-authorization was discussed and Sean mentioned the Kansas Standard test would be much more cost effective then multiple jurisdictional tests. Once the test is taken and passed then proof of experience has to be produced before a license can be given. The Kansas mechanical stakeholders committee was discussed and their role in the current testing system through ICC.

Doug Suchick joined the conversation and introduced himself as the ICC program manager for testing in our area. He praised HOA for their friendliness and prompt action when called. He talked about pre-authorization is not necessary for any one because a test candidate can go anywhere or online and take the test without pre-authorization. His records show people taking the test unsponsored is equal to the sponsored ones. He talked about the expense of administering individual Kansas standard tests in paper & pencil compared to the national standard test. Sean Reid commented about the passing score being 75% pass for Kansas and the 70% pass for the national standard test. A problem this has created with people taking the wrong test was discussed. Doug said it was the same test word for word just a different passing requirement.

Secretary Rehbein explained the State requirement for certain information about passing the test and the continuing education requirements be noted on the actual license when issued. He explained that he sees a lot of licenses from other jurisdictions which do not have all the information and then he has to require them to provide more proof of continuing education or if they passed the correct test. Sean Reid said he didn’t think it was required to have that information on the card for continuing education. Jerry Mallory mentioned the continuing education was only for renewal not initial issuance of the license. Someone looked up the law and Sean corrected himself and read the law and said it did require a notation of continuing education on the license when renewed.

Rod Haney showed a list of tests which he would like HOA to endorse for recognition of reciprocity across multiple jurisdictions across the State. Sean Reid made a motion to support the consolidation of tests and support the concept of recognizing state wide the ICC test protocol. Bob Gilmore seconded. Bob mentioned heading towards statewide licensing with the Mechanical trades stakeholders committee. As there was no more discussion voting commenced. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further discussion President Talkin asked for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Doug Suchick reiterated the fact that the days of going to a test center are going to change as computer testing becomes more dependable.

6. President Talkin briefly mentioned the idea of extending the officers terms to more than one year. As it is a By-laws change it requires 30 days’ notice of the change to the general membership before the Annual Business Meeting.

IX. Election of Officers-

1. Nomination Committee- Jim Hendershot, Barry Walthall, Brad Claussen & Rod Haney.

Rod Haney announced the Board of directors’ and officers’ positions which were at their term limits end. He announced the recommended nominees for the positions as North East Director; Jerry Mallory for his second



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term, for North Central; Gary Hobbie for his second term and for the South East Board of Director's position; Kory Krause for his first term. All recommendations were approved unanimously by a vote of the members in attendance.

Recommendations for Officers' positions were all current officers: Greg Talkin; President, Mike Rees; Western VP, Sean Reid; Eastern VP, Brian Hunt; Treasurer and Bruno Rehbein; Secretary. As there were no nominations from the floor all recommended officers were elected by unanimous vote of the membership in attendance.

Jerry Mallory and Sean Reid encourage younger people in the room to get involved in the HOA committees. This was echoed by Doug Suchick for participation in the ICC committees. ICC will pay for any travel required and that there isn't a lot of travel involved for ICC committee members. There are pre-qualification requirements to serve.

X Other Business-

1. Bob Dwyer carbon monoxide safety expert trainer addressed the members and said that his organization gave to awards for carbon monoxide safety above and beyond awareness. Two counties in the country received this award; one in Arizona and Johnson County Kansas, thanks to the efforts of HOA and JOCO contractor licensing program. He read a recent news article about a restaurant which had high level of carbon monoxide and the problem was discovered by a person who had taken his class and had a detector on them when entering the restaurant. He thanked the membership for what they do and reiterated that they are role models and their efforts do save lives.

Sean Reid reiterated the increasing of awareness through these classes and the high level detectors provided, and praised Bb Dwyer and George Kerr for the work they do in the carbon monoxide industry.

2. Rod Haney informed the membership of his efforts in working with Winfield High Schools and Washburn Technical School on the ICC High School Technical Program to train young students in various technical trades and inspecting. He announced there are currently 29 students who are the first in the State of Kansas to receive a certification through this program. He said hopefully this was the beginning of getting young students involved in the technical trades and inspecting.

XI. Adjournment-as there was no more business President Talkin declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Attachments to these minutes;

1. Treasurer's report.
2. ABM attendance sign in sheets.
3. Letter to contractors for State licensing.
4. ICC Contractor Kansas standard test list.