

CENTRAL IOWA CODE CONSORTIUM  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Minutes for the September 19, 2018 Meeting

1. Call to order

Chair Lund called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

2. Roll call

Members present: Bishop, Junker, Lund, Mayer, Robinson, Sanders, Schemmel, Whitsell

3. Agenda approval

Moved by Whitsell, seconded by Schemmel to approve the agenda; ayes-unanimous

4. Approve the minutes from the June 29, 2018 meeting

It was noted that on item 7B there was an incorrect acronym (IFC, should be IFGC). Moved by Junker, seconded by Whitsell to approve the minutes as corrected; ayes – unanimous

5. Finalize appointments to the CICC executive and code committees

a. One vacancy remains on pool/spa/PM code

It was determined that the committee will meet with 6 members. Schemmel will be the liaison

6. Discuss Gas Codes (2018 additions of NFPA) – Delay in adoption?

The 2018 Plumbing Code references the 2015 NFPA 54 and 58. Since the 2015 codes are referenced it is OK to use them. The I-codes do not reference NFPA 54 & 58.

The Department of Public Health is working on the 2018 code but has had trouble with filling appointed position to review the code. We need to acknowledge if the current codes reference older codes.

If the state mandates a code we should use the current codes (i.e. fuel gas), we can't pick and choose which codes to use.

The committee is to proceed with the 2015 codes including reviewing code proposals.

Update on Code Committees:

IMC/IFGC/Plumb – Sanders reported he was not able to attend the first meeting. The committee has been reviewing the significant changes and is waiting for code proposals. They had a question regarding review of the fuel gas code (see agenda item #6).

IFC/IBC - Junker and Whitsell reported the committee has reviewed previously adopted codes and significant changes. They are waiting for the code proposals. They have identified an issue that may be controversial (see agenda item #9).

IFC – Robinson reported they are through the significant changes and are waiting for code proposals to review.

IBC-IBEC – Bishop reported they have reviewed the significant changes and provisions approved last time. They have looked at some of the new proposals but are waiting until they are all submitted

IRC – Lund reported they have completed about 85% of the significant changes. They are making sure changes are coordinated with other codes.

NEC/IECC – Mayer reported they are waiting for the amendments from the state code update so they can be reviewed. They are creating information to help communities that do not have any codes, especially on panel upgrades. They will share their ‘cheat sheets’ with the communities

Energy – they have reviewed multi-family and commercial. They want to link it to state code, which is 2012. They are going to work on their recommended code and share them with the state to see if they can get them to line up.

#### 7. Discuss creating a commentary for CICC codes

After the 2015 code review the Fire Code Committee held a meeting with staff from consortium cities to explain the adopted code changes and how to interpret the codes. The committee discussed we should consider conducting presentations/workshop when the 2018 code review is completed. The session(s) could include a PowerPoint or could be recorded so people that cannot attend can see the information being presented.

#### 8. Review proposals (number per committee, timeline, etc.)

The deadline for proposals is Friday (September 29). From October 1 to January the committees will review the proposals and make final recommendations. The proposed codes can be published by April 1 and presentations scheduled in May.

Lund volunteered to send an email to communities reminding them to complete their submittals by the deadline. Most if the proposals were submitted by Des Moines and Ankeny. There was discussion regarding if there was a lack of interest in the process.

There was an intern that worked on a document showing the differences in codes and amendments adopted by each community. It was a good effort, but it needs to be updated or tweaked. Lund is going to distribute the documents to the communities so they can fill in the blanks.

#### 9. Discuss anticipated controversial topics

IFC/IBC has identified the retrofitting sprinklers into a A-2 assembly as being controversial. If the building accommodates 300 or more people, they must install sprinklers.

#### 10. Other business

- The committee reviewed who serves as the chair, co-chair and secretary for each community. Lund will distribute an updated committee list
- It was noted that Marty Barkley has not attended an IBC/IEBC committee meeting. There was a question if we had received other applicants for the position. We will have Marty send an email to do determine if he is resigning. It was noted Ryan Companies would be a good replacement if Barkley resigns.
- The committee discussed the legal issues for adopting codes. Local codes can be more restrictive than state codes, but they cannot be less restrictive. The determination as to what is more or less restrictive is the city attorney for each community. The codes when adopted by the committees come to the Executive Committee. Once adopted by the Executive Committee we will publish the codes and make sure the communities are informed. There may be some question regarding if the adopted codes are more or less restrictive.
- It was noted that the state was invited to participate in the last code review and they declined to participate. If necessary, a state code proposal can be handled through the 'public comment' process if the state approves a code after the CICC code review is completed.

#### 11. Upcoming meetings

Next scheduled meeting is October 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Johnston City Hall, 6221 Merle Hay Road

#### 12. Adjournment

Moved by Whitsell, seconded by Bishop to adjourn; ayes - unanimous

Schedule for 2018 code review:

- a. April 1 thru September 28, 2018 – accept code proposals
- b. May 1 thru July 1, 2018 committees meet and discuss changes to 2018 codes
- c. October 1 thru January 1, 2019 committees review proposals
- d. January 1 thru April 1, 2019 committees finalize recommendations
- e. April 1, 2019 CICC publishes recommended codes
- f. May - presentations on the code amendments

