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RIBOA Monthly Meeting-January.

Location- East Greenwich Free Library, East Greenwich

February 26, 2014

WE LIKE TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO THE EAST GREENWICH FREE LIBRARY FOR THE USE OF THEIR FACILITY. COFFEE AND DONUTS (ALLIES) PROVIDED BY OUR ASSOCIATION.

WE ALSO WANT TO THANK WARREN DUCHARME AND THE ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL REGULATION BOARDS FOR THEIR PRESENTATION.

A REMINDER THAT IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN HOSTING A FUTURE MONTHLY MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT BILL NASH LOCATION AND DATE AVAILABLE.

Meeting called to order at 2:25 PM by President Bill Nash

Pledge of Allegiance Pledge led by Richard Case

Executive Board Members Present:

President: Bill Nash
Vice President: Tom DiFusco
Secretary: Wayne Pimental
Treasurer: Bruce Zaloudek- Not Present
Past President: Dave Tacey

Minutes- Motion made by Ben N., seconded by Carlo T. to approve the November Minutes, all members approved.

Treasurers Report:

- President Nash noted that Al DeCorte and Richard Case will be assuming jointly the duties of treasurer until elections are conducted in September to replace Bruce. He noted that new accounts were set up with Centerville Bank to establish separate accounts for an operating, education and scholarship accounts. This will make it easier for Al and Richard to track income and expenses properly. Al, Richard and Bill met with the accountant, and he has in the past coordinated our business activity. We will now track our activity on the Quickbooks software and it will automatically be passed on to the accountant, which will lower our fees with him. We also plan to track memberships and generate invoices. As of the meeting, the balance in the operating account was \$17,842.02, the balance in the education account was \$24,455.89, and the balance in the Edward Jones Scholarship Fund was \$59,279.81.

Membership Report:



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- Secretary Pimental noted that membership renewals for the 2013/14 year total 127. Old memberships not paid to date have been removed. It was recommended by the accountant to change our membership dues accounting January from September. We will have further discussion on how to handle the transition and the dues. A motion was made by Richard C. to give Honorary memberships to Bruce Zaloudek, Rhett Bishop, Bill Packard and Ed Civito, with a second by Carlo T., all members approved. As of this writing, I sadly report that Bill Pacard passed on the day of our meeting. Our thoughts and prayers to Bill's family.

Committee Reports:

- **Social-** Peter Scorpio reported that as of right now, the summer meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Atlantic Beach Club. They will honor the same price as last year, but the only date available without time restrictions is August 8th. There was discussion by Warren D. on a joint summer event with the Rhode Island Builders Association, but due a legal conflict of interest, it was decided not to pursue that option. The idea of a Block Island event was also discussed, and Richard C. will contact Mark Tillson on available options and report back to us. Peter will report at a later date about the Amherst event. Peter also discussed the need to change the RIBOA EXPO from November to February to both allow more time to organize due to the busy time leading up to November, and there is also less going on during February, which will allow more vendors and contractors to attend. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into planning that event, and a sub-committee will be established, but we need volunteers to step up and help out. This event also funds the majority of our education events and also provides funds for members to attend ICC, Eastern States, Amherst, etc. Your help is extremely important and helps lessen the burden on other members.
- **Golf-** Chuck P. reported that the Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 6th, and everyone needs to start thinking about getting sponsors and players. Final pricing will be available soon. There is a need for corporate and tee sponsors. Another important part of the tournament is the prizes available to the players. We mention every year that we ask every City and Town to get at least one prize. This isn't asking for much, but doing your part adds up and again lessens the work of others. Providence has always excelled in getting prizes, and we are asking for everyone else to help out.
- **Education-** Commissioner Leyden reported that there will be 30-35 more educational seminars offered by National Grid over the course of the year. Also, he urged everyone to keep track of your credit hours for the upcoming State certification period which ends December 31st. Everyone receives certificates for attendance, so these should be retained as proof of attendance. There may not be any grace period this cycle. Jack also noted that the Eastern States Education and Expo will be held on March 24th & 25th in Mystic, CT and urged everyone to attempt to attend for one or two days. Jack is planning on attending the two day event and requested funds for the seminar. A motion was made by Joe R., seconded by Steve



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G. to allocate up to \$1,400.00, which would allow up to four people to attend for the two days. All members approved. Anyone interested must be a member in good standing and must submit their written request to President Nash. No reimbursements will be made without submitting the paid invoices.

- **Scholarship**- The committee, led by Chairmen Steve G. will meet after the meeting to discuss the amending the by-laws. Other members are Bard W. and Joe. L. John DeSautel stepped down from the committee, and we wish to extend our Thanks for John's help over the years.
- **CRB Liaison Committee**- One issue mentioned by Brad W., a member of the CRB liaison committee, was to look further into the issue about builders that build for themselves, then sell them. Other members are Stan P., and Chuck P.
- **Awards Committee**- President Nash noted that with the upcoming new board elections, it has been past practice to present the Vincent DiMase Award at the installation dinner. Dave Tacey volunteered to sit on that committee, and President Nash selected him to chair the committee and asked for members to contact him to sit on that committee.
- **ICC High School Program**- Wayne reported that the SkillsUSA competition is coming up next month and they are looking for volunteer judges. If interested, please contact me. Richard C. noted that the URI Transportation Center will host the 2014RI Construction Career Days on April 30th and May 1st at the RIDOT facility, 2400 New London Trpk. In East Greenwich. Contact Jeff Cathcart at 368-4850 with any questions. Wayne received a request for sponsorship from the Warwick Area Career and Technical School to allow them to purchase a construction trailer to transport their large construction equipment. They are requesting \$300.00, and our organizational logo will also be advertised on the trailer as a supporter. A motion was made by Wayne P., seconded by Mike S., all members approved.
- **New Business**
- The Rhode Island Builders Home Show is scheduled for April 3, 4, 5 and 6th at the Convention Center. Contact President Nash if you are interested in helping out at the booth. Mike Guertin noted that the JLC Show is scheduled for March 21st and 22nd, also at the Convention Center and expects another terrific turnout and many vendors. We hope to have our booth available for next years show. We were working with George on getting a booth jointly, but due to conflicts and obstacles with State purchasing, that may not be possible. John H. has been working on that for George and reported a booth display cost of between \$2-3,000.00. We will look into purchasing our own, and John will provide us the information on the booth that he has.
- George Whalen, as President of NASCLA, will be hosting the annual convention in Newport on August 25-28, and his seeking our sponsorship of the event. NASCLA prints our code books. The cost is \$500.00, and we will be noted as a sponsor in their material. A motion was made by Carl R., seconded by Gil P., all members approved.



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Old Business: Carl R. questioned the allocation of funds for books needed for the CBO testing and why the organization needed to supply the books. Ben N. questioned the validity of the requirements. Warren D. noted that the State requirements were developed after a thorough review of the needs and requirements of inspectors and building officials. Wayne reported that the all of the books are now available for anyone to borrow to take the test.

Health & Welfare: Chuck Phelps reported that contractor John Meehan passed away. A motion was made by Chuck P., seconded by the group to donate \$50.00 to the Leukemia Society, all members approved. It was also noted that electrical inspector Dick Newman also passed away. Our condolences to the families of both John and Dick. Richard Case and Steve Gianlorenzo are both feeling fine after some health setbacks. Get Well to both.

Correspondence: A gracious "Thank You" note was received from Bruce Z. thanking the organization for the generous gift and to all those that joined him at his retirement party. Steve G. commented on how heartwarming and enjoyable the event was. Communication received from RI Division of Finance re: a survey.

Shirt Raffle-The shirt raffle was won by Chuck Torano.

Charitable Donation- \$23 was collected for the John Pagliaro Memorial Fund.

Adjourn: 3:45 P.M.