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ICC Upper Great Plains Region III President Summit



Representing MBPTA this year as part of the ICC Upper Great Plains Education's President Summit, Secretary Vang attended this event on February 8, 2012. This was an awesome opportunity to meet other chapter officers, ICC Region III Officers and learn what is happening in our industry. Some of the topics that were discussed at the summit were: Chapter 1300 and the Plumbing Code.

(left to right: Patrick Parsley City of Fairmont MN ICC Board member, May Vang MBPTA Secretary, Christine Rose Plan Reviewer City of Fargo ND and Region III Secretary, Ron Hoover City of Marion IA and ICC Board member and Immediate Past President Region III, Ron Piester Department of State Division of Code Enforcement and Administration, Albany, New York & Vice President ICC, John Crook City of Fitchburg WI

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Thank Roger!

MBPTA appreciates your dedication, enthusiasm and time in educating our group about the minimum requirements for the construction of residential foundations as identified in the 2006 IRC, soil types, forms, placement of concrete, CMU, CIP and ICF foundations, as well as damp proofing and waterproofing!

MBPTA Officers & Members



Message from your President...



Hi all!

I would like to thank all of our members for doing your best to attend the meetings - I am not immune to the toll that short-staffing has taken. While I comprehend that the cities are doing what they can, the bottom line is this: if you're not supporting your staff's continuing education, ultimately your residents will pay the price. Staying updated in our jobs is critical, especially when we've all been asked to do more. We appreciate the support of our members but having you attend the meetings would be even better yet.

The education portions held after the business portion of our MBPTA meetings this year will have a 'progressive theme' so to speak: residential building from the ground up. At our first meeting, Roger Axel, New Hope's building official, discussed footings, foundation and soils. At our next meeting in Roseville, the topic will be mechanical and plumbing inspections. Since there are so many of us that are not given the opportunity to join the inspectors out in the field, this series is a great way of bringing the field to us!

-See you next week!!

MBPTA President

Barb Williams



Annual MBPTA membership dues vary by size and type of your City and/or organization.

Memberships start as low as \$50 per year. The 2012

Membership Application can be found at:

WWW.MBPTA.ORG

Benefits of Membership Include:

- Quality Education and Training Opportunities
- Discounts on Seminar Rates
- Wide Variety of Networking Opportunities
- Scholarships for Higher Learning Programs for Members and Children of Members

Mail your completed membership form and check to:
Katie Schlundt
City of Roseville
2660 Civic Center Dr
Roseville, MN 55113

Make checks payable to:

MBPTA

Regular Meetings typically include a business meeting, an educational/informational component, and refreshments.

MBPTA Members: The meeting fee is included in the annual membership dues.

Guests are welcome to attend: \$20.00 at the door.



RSVP Gail Keykal at
gkeykal@ci.new-hope.mn.us
if you are
attending the
March 27th
meeting in
Roseville.



MBPTA
MEETINGS ARE
THE LAST
TUESDAY OF
EVERY OTHER
MONTH AT
9:30 A.M.,
UNLESS
NOTIFIED
OTHERWISE.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 City of Roseville at 9:30 a.m.

The Education Committee is meeting immediately after the education presentation.
All members are welcome to stay for the meeting.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions of Members, Guests and Officers
3. Approval of Minutes: February 28, 2011 (New Hope)
4. Approval of Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Education Committee *annual building institute updates*
 - i. U of M – Michele Engberg
 - ii. Region III – Roger Axel
 - b. Communications Committee – Barb Williams / May Vang
6. General Business
 - c. Education Meeting announcement (will follow meeting)
 - d. MN Rules Chapter 1300 Committee – Michele Engberg
 - e. Volunteer Events *Ad Hoc* Committee
 - i. Volunteer Events *i.e. Feed My Starving Children*
 - ii. Cash donation(s)
 - f. Bylaw Changes
 - g. Review Permit Tech Questions
 - h. Open floor for Comments / Questions / Discussions

Adjournment

Immediately after the regular meeting James Williamette, Chief Building Official of the City of New Brighton, will give a presentation on the basics of mechanical & plumbing equipment, permits and inspections.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY:



CASH OR CHECK DONATIONS FOR FOOD TO "HUNGER SOLUTIONS OF MN" ARE BEING ACCEPTED. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO "HUNGER SOLUTIONS OF MN" AND THANKS FOR GIVING.



MBPTA NEWS & UPDATES

2012 MBPTA MEETINGS:

March 27 - Roseville
May 22 - New Brighton
July 31 - New Hope
September 25 - Mounds View
October 25 - TBD (Fall Education Day)
November 27 - Otsego (ABM Meeting)



VISIT OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE AT WWW.MBPTA.ORG !

THINGS YOU CAN FIND WHEN VISITING:

- ◆ Exam Details and Fees
- ◆ How to Become a Certified Permit Tech
- ◆ MBPTA's Lending Library
- ◆ MBPTA 2012 Event Calendar

THANK YOU BARB WILLIAMS FOR MAINTAINING THE MBPTA'S WEBSITE!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

MBPTA currently has openings on several committees.

Just e-mail an officer if you are interested. (Nearly all communications are done through e-mail!)
Get Involved.

Volunteer today!

- ◆ Education Committee
- ◆ Bylaws Committee
- ◆ Communications Committee

10K Golf Tournament:

10,000 Lakes Chapter of ICC is having its annual Jim Beane Memorial Golf Tournament at **Oak March Golf Club in Oakdale.**

This event is on **Friday, June 1st 2012** and is a scramble style tournament.

The 10K Chapter is inviting members of FMAM, MAHCO, MBPTA and their spouses or any fellow colleagues to participate in this great networking event. This is a fun way to get together with people who share similar interests that help protect the public health, safety and welfare.

The entry fee is \$75.00 which includes golf, 1/2 cart and dinner. Registration will begin promptly at 11:00 am with a shotgun start at 1:00 PM.

See registration application attached to this newsletter.





PERMIT TECH QUESTIONS

3-27-12

1. What does ICC stand for?
 - A) International Council of Contractors
 - B) Interstate Construction Council
 - C) International Code Council
 - D) International Code Compliance

2. Which of the following is *not* under the authority of the building official?
 - A) Issue permits
 - B) Perform inspections
 - C) Grant variances
 - D) Review applications

3. A building official may issue a Stop Work Notice when _____.
 - A) A contractor disagrees with the building official
 - B) Code violations have not been corrected
 - C) Additional revenue is required for operating costs
 - D) A scheduled inspection has been cancelled

4. HVAC stands for _____.
 - A) Height variance above curb
 - B) Heating, ventilation and air condition
 - C) High velocity air circulation
 - D) Home vacuuming system

5. A(n) _____ view of a construction drawing shows the proposed construction as if it were being viewed from the air.
 - A) Elevation
 - B) Plan
 - C) Framing
 - D) Section



IMAGINE LIVING HERE?

'The Crooked House' was built in 2004 as an addition at a popular shopping center, and is a major tourist attraction in [Sopot](#), Poland.



OR
HERE?

The Longaberger Basket Company erected a building that should inspire architects and fill other companies with shame. Photographs don't do it justice. In images, it just looks like another [Longaberger Medium Market Basket](#). On closer inspection you notice that the weave is actually windows, and the basket is 160-times the regular size for a basket. Being there is an entirely different experience. It bends the mind in unusual ways and plays tricks with your sense of perception. How did they do it? With a lot of steel, a lot of stucco, and wood grown, harvested, processed, and installed by the company, itself.

Answers to Permit Tech

Questions: (ANSWERS FROM PAGE 5)

- 1) International Code Council
- 2) Grant variances
- 3) Code violations have not been corrected
- 4) Heating, ventilation and air conditioning
- 5) Plan



Directions to City of Roseville
2660 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
ROSEVILLE, MN 55113 ♦ 651-792-7000



From East: Take I-694 WEST, keep LEFT to take I-35E S via EXIT 46 toward St. Paul, merge on to MN-36 W via EXIT 111B toward Minneapolis, take the LEXINGTON AVE exit, turn right onto LEXINGTON AVE, turn left onto COUNTYROAD C W (just past Rose Place), take 1st RIGHT onto CIVIC CENTER DR 2660 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE

From West: Take I-694 EAST, keep RIGHT then take exit 42A toward SNELLING AVE south, turn LEFT on COUNTYROAD C W, turn LEFT CIVIC CENTER DR 2660 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE

From North: Take 35W SOUTH, exit onto I-694 E, keep RIGHT then take exit 42A toward SNELLING AVE south, turn LEFT on COUNTYROAD C W, turn LEFT CIVIC CENTER DR 2660 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE

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