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Winter Committee Meetings

January 29, 2026
Zoom Conferencing

Agenda

9:00 a.m. WABO Business Meeting Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Introduction (Attendee list in meeting packet)

- Agenda Approval: January 29, 2026
- Fall Minutes Approval: November 6-7, 2025

ACO & MCP Recognitions
Leadership & Award Nominations
SBCC Guidance HB1757 Section 1(2)(g) Update

Business Meeting Adjourn

9:15 a.m. Outreach Welcome – Stacy Criswell
9:30 a.m. Legislative Overview – Tim Woodard and Marian Dacca
11:40 a.m. Open Forum
12:00 p.m. Committee Meetings Adjourn

Announcements:

- Annual Education Institute: March 16-20, 2026 – Lynnwood Event Center
- Annual Business Meeting: April 16-17, 2026 – Leavenworth, WA
- ICC Leadership Week/Hearings (PCH): Group A & B April 19-28, 2026 – Hartford, CT
- Summer Quarterly Business Meeting: July 16-17, 2026 – Richland, WA



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

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Proposed MINUTES – 2025 Fall Business Meeting

Chelan, Washington

November 6-7, 2025

Call to Order

The Fall Business Meeting of the voting representatives was called to order by President Ray Cockerham on November 6, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call

The following executive board officers were present:

Ray Cockerham	- President
Todd Blevins	- 1st Vice President
Angela Haupt	- 2 nd Vice President
Andy Higgins	- Immediate Past President

The following executive board directors were present:

Brian Smith	- Certification & Registration
Micah Chappell	- Technical Code Development
Tim Woodard	- Government Relations
Andie Lorenz	- Finance
Ryan Mumma	- Education
Stacy Criswell	- Outreach Services
Quyen Thai	- Emergency Management
James Tumelson	- Accreditation
Kurt Aldworth	- Past President
C. Ray Allshouse	- Past President

The following executive board directors were absent:

Trace Justice	- Past President
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The following management personnel were present:

Tara Jenkins	- Executive Director
Troy Jenkins	- Jenkins Management Solutions
Tanner Jenkins	- Jenkins Management Solutions

Introductions

The active member voting representatives, associate members, and guests introduced themselves. The registration list is on file at the WABO office.

Agenda

President Ray Cockerham presented the proposed Agenda for the November 6-7, 2025, Fall Business Meeting.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be approved as presented.
The motion carried.

Minutes

President Ray Cockerham presented the proposed Minutes for the WABO Summer Business Meeting held on July 18-19, 2025.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Minutes be approved as presented.
The motion carried.

President's Report

The President reported on the liaison efforts that have been made with the WA State Permit Tech Association. Ray provided an update on his attendance at the International Code Council Annual Business Meeting, highlighting that WABO received the ICC President's Award at the Gala. Ray reported that the Permit Technician track of the Code Official Accreditation Program has strong registrations. Ray thanked BIAW for being in attendance and highlighted discussions that will be held on the WUI mapping and the State Building Code issues with the adoption cycle.

Executive Board Report

No Report.

First Vice President

No report.

Second Vice President

No Report

Election of Board of Director Nominations

Ray Cockerham announced that this is the last quarterly business meeting before WABO's Annual Business Meeting being held in Leavenworth. Ray reminded members that anyone can run against incumbents and situations could change where a position could open before the next meeting. You must be one of two voting representatives for your jurisdiction and obtain management approval for involvement. The nomination for leadership application was provided in the meeting packet. For more information on serving and time commitments please contact Andy Higgins.

Executive Director

Tara Jenkins reported to the membership about the meeting logistics, the scheduled Professional Development, and reminded that the Committee Volunteer page on the WABO website is a great resource to review all WABO committees and encouraged members or staff

members to get involved. Further, she informed members of outreach tools for WAsafe and that the Emergency Management Committee created informative business cards that can be distributed to staff members interested in signing up as a building safety responder. Tara announced the Plumbing, Design & Installation course being available for registration, that it is a completely online program, and is a great CEU option.

Meeting recessed for committee meetings at 8:45 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

GUEST REPORTS:

International Code Council

Bryan Imai informed members of ICC's Board IRC Review Committee (BIRC) which will review the IRC's safety, usability, and construction cost efficiencies. Bryan encouraged members to participate in the American Planning Association survey to evaluate best practices. He also encouraged committee involvement and to ensure staff are verified to vote before the next ICC meeting.

Andy Higgins announced he was appointed to an ICC Director At Large Position in June of 2025 due to a board member vacancy. He informed the members that he submitted a nomination form for the 2025-2026 board, went through the nominating committee process, and was successfully elected to a Director At Large position.

Ray Cockerham announced the bylaw proposal presented at the ICC Annual Business meeting failed.

ICC Region II

Andie Lunde reported that the ICC Region II Chapter met at the ICC Annual Business Meeting and Ted Zuk was elected President. The Region II coalition of Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, and Alaska hold monthly virtual meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month. If interested in attending the virtual meetings visit the Region II website.

ICC Local Chapters

Western WA Chapter

Quyen Thai reported that the Western WA Chapter President has stepped down and he is acting as the interim President until a new election can be held. The chapter is considering holding virtual meetings to make it easier to attend.

North Central Chapter

Kevin Harmon informed the membership that they have been hosting the Short Course for 27 years and the 2026 session will be held March 11-13, 2026 at the Enzian in Leavenworth. Kevin stated that the chapter is trying to establish a scholarship fund to bolster involvement in the chapter.

WSAPT

Tela Gardner reported on the 30 year anniversary conference held in Chelan and highlighted the silent auction, keynote speaker, and bylaw change. Tela informed that WSAPT memberships are individual memberships and as a WSAPT member you are also a member of Permit Tech Nation. She announced that the Spring conference will be held Apr 13-14, 2026 in Leavenworth and the Fall conference Sept 21-22, 2026 in Chelan. Tela also announced that she was elected to the Permit Tech Nation board of directors.

WPLBO

Ray Cockerham provided an overview of the makeup of the Western Pacific League of Building Officials for the first timers. The group is made up of WA, CA, Southern NV, and OR. The candidate's forum is also attended by ICC Region I and Region II members. Ray provided an overview of the process of the candidate's forum and informed that the board decides who will attend the 2026 candidate's Forum.

OBOA

Ray Cockerham stated that OBOA is currently going through restructuring and will ensure to connect with members soon.

WABO/ SEAW

No report.

State Agencies

No report.

State Building Code Council

Angela Haupt reported on the upcoming meetings dealing with childcare issues, legislative issues, and full council meeting. Angela shared that public comment hearing for 2024 codes will be on March 24 and March 27 (westside and eastside locations) and encouraged members who want to provide comment to attend.

Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW)

Patrick Hanks, Codes & Policy Manager, reported on the makeup of BIAW (parent association and local associations). He informed members that BIAW focuses on state issues while the local associations focus on housing and local issues. Partick announced BIAW is working on a housing attainability report.

MyBuildingPermit.com (MBP)

Ryan Mumma reported that the management team for MBP voted to allow non-members to sit on committees. If you or a staff member are interested in participating, please contact Ryan.

Liaison Reports

Electrical Board

James Tumelson reported that the 2026 National Electrical Code will have an implementation date of December 31, 2026.

WSEC Plans Examiner Certification

Brian Smith presented a high-level overview of the WABO Washington Energy Code Plans Examiner Program.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the WABO WSEC Plans Examiner Program.

The motion carried.

Brian Smith will work with the WSEC Plans Examiner Subcommittee and WABO office to finalize administrative items for program launch.

Meeting recessed for code forum at 2:30 p.m.

Friday, November 7, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. – Meeting reconvened

President Ray Cockerham reconvened meeting at 8:05 a.m.

Motion and Action Items

None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Certification & Registration Committee

No report.

Technical Code Development Committee

Micah Chappel reminded members that TCD Scholarships as well as ICC Code of Honor Scholarships are available for members to attend code hearings and encouraged participation.

Finance Committee

Andie Lorenz provided the membership with an overview of WABO's 2025/2026 first quarter financials.

Education Committee

Ryan Mumma reported the 2026 Annual Education Institute schedule has been finalized. The schedule was altered slightly due to the State Building Code Council adjustment to the adoption schedule. Ryan reported that if the implementation date of November 1, 2026 holds, WABO will provide code update seminars across the state (in areas that have a need) in the Fall.

Outreach Services Committee

Stacy Criswell recognized the eight first timers that attended the meeting and encouraged them to look at areas they can get involved in. Stacy highlighted the code development process and stated how much time and effort is involved from WABO members and the effects it has nationally.

Emergency Management Committee

Quyen Thai announced that ICC holds 'When Disaster Strikes' training each year at the Annual Business meeting. Please reach out to Quyen for coordination if you are interested in attending. Quyen reported that two WAsafe trainings will be coming up that will be hosted by Tacoma and Puget Sound Regional Fire Department. Quyen reminded members that there is an online renewal course that current WAsafe responders can take in lieu of in-person training.

Accreditation Committee

Jame Tumelson gave a high level overview of the Code Official Accreditation Program (COAP) and the Accredited Code Official (ACO). James reported marketing efforts are still underway and a videographer has been working in Kirkland, Covington, Edgewood, and Pierce County to develop A roll's (interviews) and B roll's (action videos of staff members performing their jobs) to implement in marketing campaigns and outreach efforts. James also reported on the self-paced Plumbing and Illustration course and the development of the Wood Framed Construction.

Ray Allshouse reported Dunn Lumber has a series of videos available to help through the permitting process.

Announcements

None.

Unfinished Business

Tim Woodard brought up the 2026 draft legislative positions for the membership's continued review from the government relations committee meeting.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the 2026 Legislative Positions be approved as presented.

The motion carried.

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

WABO Winter Committee Meeting
January 29, 2026
Attendee List

KURT ALDWORTH CBO, ACO
CITY OF KIRKLAND

SEAN ANGELEY CBO
CITY OF BELLINGHAM

TIM BLEVINS
CITY OF SEATTLE, DCI

MICAH CHAPPELL CBO, MBA
CITY OF SEATTLE, SDCI

STACY CRISWELL CBO, ACO
CITY OF MONROE

MARIAN DACCA
WASHINGTON ASSN OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

STEPHANIE DAY
CITY OF KIRKLAND

JOHNATHAN GOLDSMITH CBO, ACO
CITY OF SPOKANE

ANGELA HAUPT CBO
CITY OF KIRKLAND

ARDEL JALA PE, ACO
CITY OF SEATTLE, DCI

FRANK KALIGIS
CITY OF SEATAC

LUKASZ LISOWSKI
PORT OF SEATTLE

ANTHONY MERRILL
ISLAND COUNTY

RYAN MUMMA ACO
CITY OF BELLEVUE

RACHEL PARRISH
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

MOLLY SEVERNS
CITY OF SPOKANE

BRIAN SMITH CBO, ACO
CITY OF CAMAS

C. RAY ALLSHOUSE AIA, CBO, ACO
CITY OF SHORELINE

R. LOWELL AUSMUS
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

R. TODD BLEVINS CBO
CITY OF WEST RICHLAND

RAY COCKERHAM CBO
CITY OF PUYALLUP

DUSTIN CURB
STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

MICHAEL DAGGS CBO, AIA
CITY OF SHORELINE

MARTY GILLIS CBO
WEST COAST CODE CONSULTANTS, INC.

KEVIN HARMON
GRANT COUNTY

C. ANDREW HIGGINS CBO, MCP, ACO
CITY OF SEATTLE, DCI

TARA JENKINS
WASHINGTON ASSN OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

JEREMY LARSON CBO
KITITAS COUNTY

ANDIE LORENZ CBO, ACO
ADAMS COUNTY

JEROMY MOORE CBO, ACO
CITY OF PULLMAN

ANDY NORTON
CITY OF FEDERAL WAY

TAMRA PATTERSON
ISLAND COUNTY

SCOTT SHANNON CBO
CITY OF SEATAC

LIA SOMMER CBO, CFM
PIERCE COUNTY

DAVID SWASEY CBO, ACO
SWASEY CONSULTING

ELIZABETH TORSKE
CASCADE NATURAL GAS

JOSHUA WEEKS CBO, MCP
CITY OF BATTLE GROUND

QUYEN THAI CBO, MCP, MPA
CITY OF TACOMA

JAMES TUMELSON CBO, MCP, ACO
CITY OF EDGEWOOD

TIM WOODARD CBO, ACO
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON



Relocations, Recognitions, & Memorials

Alex Edison – Walla Walla County – New Building Official / Fire Marshal

Bryan Morris – Town of Bucoda – New Building Official

Brandon Minter – City of Cheney – New Building Official

George Bailey – Clallam County – New Building Official

Dan Woodard – City of Shelton – New Building Official

Tim Rubert – Thurston County – Retired

Jay Ponce – WABO Technical Consultant – Passed Away Dec 18, 2025

New Master Code Professionals

Rob Kilmer – City of Medina

Molly Severns – City of Spokane

COAP Relocations, Recognitions & Memorials

David Werner – Whitman County – Permit Technician Accreditation

Kendal Harner – City of Elma – Permit Technician Accreditation

Edwin Duran – City of Seattle – Building Inspector Accreditation

William Tran – King County – New Position as Plans Examining Engineer II

**Please Let Us Know When You Learn of Code Official Relocations,
Recognitions, & Memorials**

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National Fire Sprinkler Assn.
Oracle
Simpson Strong-Tie
Tyler Technologies
GovWell Technologies



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Year 2026

Jan 29	Winter Committee Meeting	Zoom Conferencing
March 16-20	Annual Education Institute	Lynnwood Event Center
April 16-17	Annual Business Meeting	Icicle Village, Leavenworth
July 16-17	Summer Business Meeting	Holiday Inn on the River, Richland
Oct 29-30	Fall Business Meeting	Ruby River Hotel, Spokane

Year 2027

Jan/Feb	Winter Committee Meeting	Zoom Conferencing
March 15-18	Annual Education Institute	Muckleshoot Resort
April 15-16	Annual Business Meeting	Icicle Village, Leavenworth
July 21	Summer Business Meeting	Zoom Conferencing
Oct 21-22	Fall Business Meeting	Marcus Whitman, Walla Walla

Year 2027

Jan/Feb	Winter Committee Meeting	Zoom Conferencing
March 20-23	Annual Education Institute	Muckleshoot Resort



*Save
the
Date*

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Registration Fee:
\$119 Member / \$140 Non-Member
(Lunch & Banquet Included)

Location:
Icicle Village Resort
505 US Highway 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826

Date:
April 16 - 17, 2026
Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (12:00 Lunch Break)
Thursday Awards Banquet (6:00 PM)
Friday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.WABO.ORG

For More Information Call
(360)628-8669



ACCREDITED CODE OFFICIALS

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Application forms available on our website at www.wabo.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ACOs!



Kurt Aldworth, CBO, ACO

S. Kelly Mayo, CBO, ACO

C. Ray Allshouse, CBO, AIA, ACO

Mary Kate McGee, CBO, ACO

Michael Barth, MCP, ACO

Jeremy Moore, CBO, ACO

Sean Carlstrom, MCP, CBO, CFM, ACO

Ryan Mumma, CBO, ACO

Gregory Colvig, CBO, ACO

Dermott Murphy, MCP, CBO, ACO

Stacy Criswell, CBO, ACO

Shane Nilles, CBO, ACO

Joel Dressel, CBO, ACO

Thomas Phillips, CBO, ACO

Steve George, CBO, ACO

Chris Ricketts, CBO, ACO

Dean Giles, AIA, ACO

Gary Schenk, CBO, ACO

Jonathan Goldsmith, CBO, ACO

Jon Siu, PE, SE, ACO

C. Andrew Higgins, MCP, CBO, ACO

Brian Smith, CBO, ACO

Ardel Jala, PE, ACO

David Spencer, CBO, ACO

Trace Justice, CBO, ACO

David Swasey, CBO, ACO

Lee Kranz, CBO, ACO

James Tumelson, MCP, CBO, ACO

Andie Lorenz, ACO

Tim Woodard, CBO, ACO

WABO
Budget Comparison
07/01/2025 to 12/31/2025

		<u>This Period</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Member Services				
	Income	\$ 41,151	\$ 83,250	49.4%
	Expense	\$ 157,117	\$ 285,039	55.1%
Bookstore				
	Income	\$ 36,291	\$ 274,283	13.2%
	Expense	\$ 18,213	\$ 262,972	6.9%
Welder Program				
	Income	\$ 245,852	\$ 567,776	43.3%
	Expense	\$ 122,500	\$ 257,293	47.6%
Special Inspection Program				
	Income	\$ 54,024	\$ 95,348	56.7%
	Expense	\$ 70,959	\$ 132,879	53.4%
Education Institute				
	Income	\$ -	\$ 199,032	0.0%
	Expense	\$ 9,045	\$ 192,286	4.7%
Seminars				
	Income	\$ -	\$ 3,060	0.0%
	Expense	\$ 63	\$ 4,477	1.4%
Accreditation				
	Income	\$ 43,281	\$ 68,534	63.2%
	Expenses	\$ 39,786	\$ 72,018	55.2%
Finance				
	Income	\$ -	\$ -	-
	Expense	\$ 13,435	\$ 26,750	50.2%
Government Relations				
	Income	\$ -	\$ -	-
	Expense	\$ 20,429	\$ 42,388	48.2%
Outreach				
	Income	\$ -	\$ -	-
	Expense	\$ 363	\$ 2,250	16.1%
Technical Code Development				
	Income	\$ -	\$ -	-
	Expense	\$ 41,717	\$ 109,500	38.1%
Emergency Management				
	Income	\$ 8,640	\$ 3,600	240.0%
	Expense	\$ 12,299	\$ 12,425	99.0%
Administration				
	Income	\$ 34,717	\$ 48,000	72.3%
	Expense	\$ 22,533	\$ 50,565	44.6%
Total				
	Income	\$ 463,955	\$ 1,342,883	34.5%
	Expense	\$ 528,459	\$ 1,450,842	36.4%

**WABO - Summary
Profit & Loss
July through December 2025**

	Jul - Dec 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Accreditation	
Accreditation Renewal	75.00
Accredited Code Official Progra	<u>570.00</u>
Total Accreditation	645.00
Bookstore	
Apparel Sales	343.87
Book Sales	14,397.39
Book Sales - ICC Sales	19,953.69
Shipping & Handling Income	<u>1,595.60</u>
Total Bookstore	36,290.55
Interest	
Money Market	<u>186.50</u>
Total Interest	186.50
Investment Income	
Dividends	<u>34,530.32</u>
Total Investment Income	34,530.32
Job Postings on Web Page	3,507.00
Membership Dues	28,579.00
Registrations	
Self-Guided	3,163.00
COAP	39,472.60
Registrations - Other	<u>13,093.00</u>
Total Registrations	55,728.60
Returned Check Fee	145.00
Special Inspection	
Fabricators	
Facility Application	1,030.00
Facility Audits	6,958.37
Facility Renewals	1,187.00
QC Personnel	3,012.40
Fabricators - Other	<u>0.00</u>
Total Fabricators	12,187.77
SI	
Agency Applications	1,172.00
Agency Audits	5,389.26
Key Personnel	6,932.86
Special Inspectors	<u>28,342.28</u>
Total SI	41,836.40
Special Inspection - Other	<u>0.00</u>
Total Special Inspection	54,024.17
Sponsors Income	4,612.00

**WABO - Summary
Profit & Loss
July through December 2025**

	Jul - Dec 25
Welder Certification	
Agency Applications	2,014.00
Agency Audits	7,467.63
Examiner Application & Renewals	3,205.00
Welder Applications & Renewals	232,558.00
Welder Performance Test Records	462.00
Welder Certification - Other	0.00
Total Welder Certification	245,706.63
Total Income	463,954.77
Gross Profit	463,954.77
Expense	
Administration	8.83
B&O Taxes	5,000.28
Bank Charges	100.00
Bookstore Purch - COGS	0.00
Apparel Purch - COGS	11,997.00
Bookstore Purch - COGS - Other	11,997.00
Total Bookstore Purch - COGS	11,997.00
Computer Expenses	
Computer Software	764.02
Web Page Fees	3,206.03
Computer Expenses - Other	151.18
Total Computer Expenses	4,121.23
Credit Card Fees	10,766.95
Dues & Fees	
Membership Fees	250.00
Registration Fees	307.44
Dues & Fees - Other	347.00
Total Dues & Fees	904.44
Executive Board	
Donations/ Other Agency Support	1,000.00
Meetings	20,214.06
Travel	5,091.59
Total Executive Board	26,305.65
Insurance/Licenses	2,432.00
Lobbyist	19,436.90
Management Fees	305,615.76
Marketing/ Advertising	
Scholarships	18,534.50
Total Marketing/ Advertising	18,534.50
Meeting Expenses	
Quarterly Meeting Expenses	
Meeting Scholarships	3,487.70
Member Promotions	4,628.46
Quarterly Meeting Expenses - Ot...	13,652.68
Total Quarterly Meeting Expenses	21,768.84

**WABO - Summary
Profit & Loss
July through December 2025**

	Jul - Dec 25
Meeting Expenses - Other	1,689.30
Total Meeting Expenses	23,458.14
Postage and Shipping Expense	10,602.91
Printing	
Amendment Printing	31.77
Printing - Other	4,152.58
Total Printing	4,184.35
Publication Expense	249.12
Speaker/Presenters	14,488.00
Supplies	2,965.81
Tech Consultant Services	
Consultant Travel Fee & Expense	8,941.16
Fabricator Consultant	8,329.91
SIRP Consultant	10,166.05
Technical Code Consultant	31,950.00
Welder Consultant	4,733.80
Tech Consultant Services - Other	80.00
Total Tech Consultant Services	64,200.92
Telephone and Internet Travel Expense	2,448.33
	637.46
Total Expense	528,458.58
Net Ordinary Income	-64,503.81
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Unrealized Gain/Loss	61,799.97
Total Other Income	61,799.97
Net Other Income	61,799.97
Net Income	-2,703.84



Nominations for WABO Leadership

Volunteer leadership and participation of the members is what makes the Washington Association of Building Officials a superior organization and we urge you to consider serving on the Executive Board or as a Committee Chair. Candidates for elected office must be a voting member. Committee membership is open to all WABO members.

Application for WABO Executive Board

Name: _____

Title: _____

Jurisdiction: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____ FAX _____

EMail: _____

Elected Positions

Officers:

President First Vice-President Second Vice-President

Directors (Committee Chairs)

Technical Code Education Institute Certification and Registration Outreach Services
 Finance Government Relations Emergency Management Accreditation

I am applying for the position indicated above and understand there is a time commitment involved in serving WABO membership in this capacity. I understand that I will be expected to attend quarterly business meetings and participate via email and/or teleconferences.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Supervisor: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Please return to WABO, P. O. Box 7310, Olympia, WA 98507 or fax 360-918-8021



Annual Awards



JURISDICTIONAL OUTREACH AWARD

Purpose: The Jurisdictional Outreach Award is to salute jurisdictions that have made an exceptional effort to communicate with their communities and customers. This annual award recognizes a jurisdiction that demonstrates a commitment to its customers through the successful implementation of a program designed to expand the awareness of building codes and safety in the community.

Who: Any department or division of a local government in Washington that has the authority and responsibility for administration and enforcement of the building codes is eligible to receive the award. Nominations may include more than one jurisdiction to recognize mutual efforts.

Award: A plaque honoring the recipient. A certificate is presented to the jurisdiction's chief executive officer, administrator, or elected official and to the ICC Chapter president.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Purpose: The Outstanding Educational Achievement Award is to honor ICC Chapters and the members that are leaders in educating building code administration and enforcement professionals in standards of professionalism. This award recognizes an ICC Chapter or Chapter member that has demonstrated outstanding commitment, effort, and achievement in promoting high standards of professionalism for individuals involved in building code administration and enforcement in Washington.

Who: All ICC Chapters and Chapter members in the state of Washington.

Award: A plaque honoring the recipient

CODE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Purpose: The WABO Code Official of the Year Award is to recognize individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the Washington Association of Building Officials and to building officials throughout Washington. Criteria for the award are contribution to WABO, promotion of WABO ideals, philosophy, and goals, and contribution to building safety on a statewide level.

Who: Must be a member of WABO.

Award: A plaque honoring the recipient

ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Purpose: The WABO Associate of the Year is to recognize an Associate Member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Washington Association of Building Officials and to building officials throughout Washington. The criteria for the award are contribution to WABO, promotion of WABO ideals, philosophy, and goals, and contribution to building safety on a statewide level.

Who: Must be an Associate Member of WABO.

Award: A plaque honoring the recipient.

Nomination Procedures:

The official nomination form for all awards must be completed and returned to the WABO office thirty days prior to the ABM. Awards will be announced at the WABO Annual Awards Banquet during the Annual Business Meeting. Nominations will be screened by the Nominations Committee and voted on by the Executive Board. All award winners will be featured in an article of *The WABO News*.



Awards Program Nomination Form

(check one)



- Jurisdictional Outreach Award
- Outstanding Educational Achievement Award
- WABO Code Official of the Year Award
- WABO Associate of the Year Award

Name _____

Jurisdiction _____

Chapter _____

Company _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Individual or Group Making the Nomination:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Description of accomplishments (use additional pages if necessary). Samples of materials, web addresses, and other pertinent materials may be included.



2026 WABO Legislative Positions

- **Funding for State Building Code Council:** The Washington State Building Code Council (SBCC) is mandated by state law to develop the construction codes used in Washington and that effort requires adequate funding to accomplish their mission. WABO supports continued adequate funding, the ability to readily access funding, and clarification for consistent fee application by local jurisdictions.
- **Protect Local Authority:** WABO supports protecting local authority to amend, adopt and administer construction codes.
- **Code Cycle:** WABO supports keeping Washington consistent with the national model code adoption cycle.
- **Consumer Protection:** WABO supports measures to protect the public from unqualified and illegal contractors, such as requiring contractor training and education, and establishing minimum qualification standards for contractors and Building Officials.
- **Electrical Code:** WABO supports legislation that provides jurisdictions with equal authority to develop and adopt the Washington State Electrical Code.
- **Unfunded Mandates:** WABO recognizes that jurisdictions have limited fiscal capacity and opposes unfunded and under-funded mandates.
- **Seismic Resilience:** WABO supports legislation to assist building owners in retrofitting existing seismically vulnerable buildings, and to promote research on codes that support community recovery from seismic events. Focus in these areas may reduce the impact of seismic events by promoting economic resiliency and functional recovery of our communities.
- **Certification and Training:** WABO supports improving the efficiency of the construction permit and inspection process with training and certification for code officials and code technicians.
- **Energy Code Compliance.** WABO supports legislation that promotes resource allocation for effectively achieving substantial compliance via plan review and inspections of the WA State Energy code.
- **Increase in Housing Supply:** WABO understands the statewide need to increase all housing types and urges lawmakers to ensure housing continues to comply with the state building code council adopted codes to ensure a safe built environment.
- **Building Permit Efficiency:** WABO urges the legislature to consider the significant role that building permits play in ensuring health and safety in the built environment. All permitting efficiency efforts intending to speed up the permit process also need to be viewed in the lens of the essential purpose of the permit itself: ensuring substantial compliance with the applicable laws in effect at the time of permit application.
- **Code language in RCW:** WABO recognizes that the role of the legislature is to set policy direction, however requests that all new code development is tasked to the appropriate state agency, such as SBCC, and is funded appropriately.
- **Volunteer Organizations for Disaster Response:** WABO supports legislation that increases State support for emergency response/recovery volunteer programs (e.g., WAsafe – Building Safety Evaluations), or promotes those types of programs.



“Codes should be written by the State Building Code Council”

- The SBCC (State Building Code Council) is comprised of subject matter experts from varying backgrounds.
- We ask that whatever policy decision the legislature wants to make (electric vehicle charging stations / wildfire mitigation / building code changes), they still task the SBCC with writing the actual building codes and fund them appropriately.

“Limiting impacts to life and safety”

- WABO understands there is a housing crisis and wants to work with lawmakers to be part of the solution.
- However, building codes have been improved over time to support life safety measures that are critically important to protecting the residents of Washington.
- Similar to our top priority, any changes that are made as a way to address the housing crisis should be viewed with a lens of health and safety, and a robust discussion should take place at the SBCC.

Specific Bills to Highlight:

- [**HB 1254: Implementing International Wildland Urban Interface \(WUI\) Code \(Duerr\)**](#)
 - **WABO POSITION [SUPPORT]**
 - The WUI code establishes minimum regulations for land use and the built environment in designated wildland areas to help mitigate wildfire hazards.
 - WABO has three priorities as this bill advances: 1) restore the ability of the SBCC to update the WUI code as needed, 2) ensure completion of maps prior to the code going into effect, 3) Maintain the ability for local adoption of maps if statewide maps are not sufficient for a jurisdiction

Given the pace of the legislature and ensuring information is current, this document will be updated and sent out prior to WABO’s virtual week on the hill.



Washington Association of Building Officials

2026 Meeting Tips

Meeting Tips:

- Introduce yourself, and reiterate that you are a constituent
- Share that you are a member of WABO and what you do (Building Official / Plans Examiner / Inspector)
- Use the below/attached talking points to talk about industry issues
- Meetings are typically 10-15 minutes long
- Thank them for their time and offer to be a resource in the future

Example Meeting:

- Thank you so much for meeting with me today.
- I am [name] and am a constituent in your district
- I am here today as part of the Washington Association of Building Officials Virtual Hill Week.
- The Washington Association of Building Officials is a nonprofit, professional association of state, county, city and town officials in Washington State engaged in the development, enforcement and administration of building construction codes and ordinances. Members are building officials and inspectors, plans examiners, architects, structural engineers and others interested in providing safe buildings for our communities.
- I am a [job role] for a local jurisdiction (You can reference your specific city if approved to)
- I wanted to talk to you about issues we are experiencing and hopefully dive deeper into each topic.
- ***Discuss talking points***
- Thank you so much for your time today. If there are any issues I can be helpful to you on or if you have any policy questions in the future, please don't hesitate to reach out.
- Thank you



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