

Presidents Message

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Greetings Chapter members and construction industry professionals. I hope this message finds you and your families well. Since the 2020 elections the board members have been working for the members of the chapter. Let me take a moment to introduce your elected slate: Bob Murray- Vice President, Robert Garneau- Recording Secretary, Richard Patitucci- Treasurer, Past President- Steven Mc Dermott & Education Chair. The chapter has contributing volunteers to assist the board: Ray Brogden- AIA liaison and Membership Committee, Michael Fink- Past President emeritus- Governmental Affairs, Roger Tenant- Activities Liaison.

As the chapter embarks on its fourteenth year as a sanctioned ICC Chapter, we have faced many challenges with a global pandemic. Social distancing and personal protection hygiene posed many challenges to the norms of the chapter. As the society returns to the new normal the chapters leadership strives to get back to the activities that makes the chapter a success.

The first norm restored is in-person meetings. The initially scheduled Annual Business Meeting (ABM) for January 2022 was scuttled by an up- tick of virus cases. The E- Board wanted to protect the memberships well-being and the ABM was rescheduled to March 24th, 2022. The 2022 ABM will install the existing slate of officers as all would like an opportunity to serve the chapter. The E-Board is looking forward to seeing all those that attend and refreshing that chapter camaraderie.

Some industry news, The Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) completed the adoption process for the Accessibility provisions of the IBC/ IEBC 2021. These adoption changes will be in effect starting January 01, 2022.

The updates include:

- International Building Code, 2021 edition
 - Chapter 11 – Accessibility
 - Appendix E – Supplementary Accessibility Requirements
- ICC A117.1-2017 Standard and Commentary
- International Plumbing Code, 2021 edition
 - 403.4 – Signage
 - 403.5 – Drinking Fountain Locations
 - 404 – Accessible Plumbing Facilities
 - 405.3.1 – Water Closets, Urinals, Lavatories and Bidets
- International Swimming Pool & Spa Code, 2021 edition
 - 307.1.4 – Accessibility
- International Existing Building Code, 2021 edition
 - 306 – Accessibility
 - 1101.2 – Creation or Extension of Nonconformity
 - 1508 – Accessibility
 - Appendix B – Supplementary Accessibility Requirements for Existing Buildings & Facilities

Also, The Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) completed the adoption process for the ICC 2018 Code Editions. These adoption changes will be in effect starting February 14, 2022. This will align the local Jurisdiction of the City of Philadelphia with the rest of the State. Through this adoption the referenced National Electrical Code (NEC) will advance to the 2017 edition from the previous adopted 2014 edition.

There are provisions for designed projects with executed contracts that are submitted for permit on or before June 25th, 2022. Basically at 6-month grace period. Please see additional information on the PA UCC website at:

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/ucc/Pages/default.aspx>

The ICC and the Liberty Chapter will observe Building Safety Month 2022, the Annual Banquet and Golf Outing have been scheduled. We look forward to seeing all of you at these events. These staple events allow for the chapter to continue fund raising for the Wagenhoffer family. Please see the Banquet & Golf Outing Flyers for proposed dates on the Chapter's website at: www.libertychapter.com . Future events such as in-person trainings and the Holiday Social will revived for the Spring, Fall and Winter seasons.

Myself and the E-Board look forward to serving the Liberty Chapter and the Building Safety community. Please stay safe.