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**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

January 16, 2026  
Pizza Ranch in Grinnell, IA

President Lucas Gonyier called the regular meeting to order at 11:44 am. Officers present were President Lucas Gonyier, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Adam Coyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Hollie Bergus, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Todd Nathem, Secretary Nick Lindberg, Treasurer Merdith Clark, and Sergeant-at-Arms Michelle Metzger. Quorum reached.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Michelle, seconded by Hollie; all ayes. Motion to approve the 10/17/25 Regular Meeting Minutes made by Todd, seconded by Adam; all ayes.

Reports and Announcements. President's Report. Lucas praised the 2025 fall conference's success and looks forward to a productive 2026.

Treasurer's Report. Meredith reported an account balance of \$29,949.79. Meredith made contact with Ann at H&R Block, who reassured her that the IRS still has 30 days to receive notice from them to reinstate lowACE due to last year's government shutdown. Lucas suggested hiring a tax attorney if this remains unresolved by March meeting; Board was supportive of this plan. Michelle suggested getting Directors and Officers Liability Insurance to cover the Board; Board was supportive. Michelle will get more information for next meeting. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Adam, seconded by Todd; all ayes.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report. Adam presented a financial summary from the 2025 Fall Conference. Expenses were \$17,341.40, and actual revenue was \$20,145.75. This resulted in a \$4,750.60 profit with ICC reimbursement for the conference presenter. All three 2024 scholarship winners attended a qualifying conference for \$715 each. Adam recommended putting an expiration date on scholarship use moving forward; Board was supportive. Adam would like the Board to discuss conference locations for the 2026 Fall Conference earlier this year; Board was supportive. Christine Jackson was recommended as a potential speaker. Adam also suggested a policy change allow all new paid memberships received between the Fall Conference and the end of the calendar year to be automatically applied to the next year; Board was supportive of pursuing this change.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report. Conference certifications were sent out. Hollie asked if anyone received training study guides from Ceci, the last conference speaker. No one has. Lucas reported that he had to ask for receipts twice before getting them back. Hollie announced she will likely be absent from the next meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President's Report. Todd reported 85 renewed memberships as of this morning. Star Chapter's new automatic membership renewal method was discussed. Todd announced several new memberships from new cities including, but not limited to: Cresco, Harlan, Fort Dodge, Mobile, Polk City, Orange City, and Storm Lake. The Board welcomes all new members.

Sergeant-at-Arms' Report. Michelle informed the Board that the Iowa Legislature is now in session again, and numerous proposals have been made. February 16<sup>th</sup> is the first funnel. Sidewalk liability and 2-4% property tax caps are hot topics to follow. Todd informed the Board that cities can no longer charge fees to defendants whose court cases are dismissed by the city.

Secretary's Report. Nick brought to the Board's attention that the American Association of Code Enforcement announced changes to the Certified Code Enforcement Officer (CCEO) and Certified Code Enforcement Administrator (CCEA) designation process. Per the email: "Effective January 1, 2026, [AACE] will assume responsibility for the issuance of new AACE CCEO and AACE CCEA designations, transitioning this function from the International Code Council (ICC) to AACE." Nick will post the email to the lowACE Facebook page.

No Unfinished Business. New Business. Lucas would like lowACE to offer 2 free webinars for members this year. Hollie presented conference feedback to help with topic planning (hoarding, de-escalation, bed bugs, mental health, small city code enforcement, etc.). Board cautioned against self-defense classes due to liability concerns. A possible 2027 membership fee increase was discussed; Board tabled to see what AACE does. Board discussed creating a central policy document for easy publication and reference. Nick will search past minutes to try to create a starting point; Board members will email Nick with additions. Board will then review and re-adopt once compiled.

No open discussion. Meeting Planning. The next regular meeting will be held on February 20, 2026, at 11:00 AM at the Pizza Ranch in Grinnell, Iowa. Motion to adjourn at 12:43 pm made by Nick, seconded by Adam; all ayes.