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Board Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2026
Microsoft Teams

President Lucas Gonyier called the regular meeting to order at 8:32 am. Officers present were President Lucas Gonyier, 1st Vice President Adam Coyle, 2nd Vice President Hollie Bergus, 3rd Vice President Todd Nathem, Secretary Nick Lindberg, Treasurer Meredith Clark, and Sergeant-at-Arms Michelle Metzger. Quorum reached.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Michelle, seconded by Todd; all ayes. Motion to approve the 3-5-26 Regular Meeting Minutes made by Todd, seconded by Adam; all ayes.

No Announcements.

President's Report. Rick Hauffe from the International Code Council asked if lowACE wanted to proclaim May as Building Safety Month. Motion to proclaim such made by Hollie, seconded by Todd; all ayes. Lucas spoke with Jon Humston with Bradley & Riley PC about restoring lowACE's tax exempt status. It sounds like only a few forms need to be submitted. Although the attorney that helped the Iowa Association of Building Officials (IABO) resolve a similar issue retired, the firm retains the records and is confident that they can assist. Estimate is a few thousand dollars to complete this. Motion to hire Bradley & Riley PC to restore lowACE's tax exempt status made by Nick, seconded by Adam; all ayes. Motion to terminate work with H&R Block made by Meredith, seconded by Michelle; all ayes. Michelle reported that IABO uses Kasik Tax and Accounting in Marion for filings. Motion to secure Lynch Dallas Legal as the speaker for the April 29th Spring Webinar made by Adam, seconded by Todd; all ayes. Motion to provide lowACE members with free access to the Spring Webinar but charge non-members \$80 made by Todd, seconded by Adam; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report. Meredith reported an account balance of \$30,402.58. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Adam, seconded by Todd; all ayes.

1st Vice President's Report. Fall Conference locations were discussed. Motion to secure Hilton Garden Inn in Urbandale as the Fall Conference location made by Todd, seconded by Meredith; all ayes. Preliminary speaker planning was discussed.

No 2nd Vice President's Report.

3rd Vice President's Report. Todd informed the Board that if memberships are not renewed by the end of March, they will be dropped. Hollie will send a mass email encouraging renewals.

Sergeant-at-Arms' Report. Nick provided the Legislative Report. Michelle recommended reaching out to New Eagle Insurance in Dubuque (with West Bend as the carrier) to acquire Directors and Officers Liability Insurance. Lucas informed the Board that his director is connected to this company and will reach out for more information.

No Secretary's Report.

Unfinished Business. Motion to raise annual lowACE membership dues from \$70 to \$80 effective calendar year 2027 made by Michelle, seconded by Hollie; all ayes.

New Business. Becoming an ICC Preferred Provider of Education does incur a cost. Board opted to not pursue PPE status.

Open Discussion. Board discussed the upcoming Annual Business Meeting. Motion to authorize Nick to draft an emergency by-laws amendment pursuant to Title VIII, Section 3 to allow for the annual business meeting, normally to be held in March, April, or May, to be held during the Fall Conference made by Todd, seconded by Adam; all ayes.

Meeting Planning. The next board meeting is tentatively set for April 24, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Pizza Ranch in Grinnell. Meeting may be subject to virtual hosting depending on Board Member availability.

Motion to adjourn at 9:39 am made by Adam, seconded by Hollie; all ayes.