



Chapter Meeting of the Southwest Washington Chapter of ICC

Wednesday March 18, 2026

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MICHELLE FINLEY, treasurer; **WESLEY BAUMGARDNER**, president; Sue Koning, education committee chair. Absent: **PATRICIA THOMPSON**, vice president & TAG chair; **ERIC Stinson**, secretary.

Members in attendance: 55

LOCATION:

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

MINUTES:

1. 8:03 am – A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order
2. 8:03 am – Introductions
3. 8:04 am – Announcements/chapter recognized Jeri Newbold's retirement
4. 8:08 am - Treasurer's report (Michelle)
 - 18 Mo Certificate 23,150
 - Base share account 6120
 - Draft money 43, 185
 - Total 51,657.18
5. 8:10 am – Read through of January's minutes (Wesley). Date to be corrected. Motion made to accept minutes by Michelle, seconded by Brian. Motion carried.
6. 8:11 am - TAG Committee (Wesley)
 - Next meeting will be held on site in Battle Ground.
 - Last meeting was 3/10 virtually We discussed:

- Where we are with Middle Housing rules per jurisdictions, what is mandated, but decided to table creating handouts for those until November. There was good discussion and we can expect Appendix X to be available in the 2024 WSRC update to address one form of middle housing, multiplex units. It will be used for multiplex up to six plexes no more than 3 stories above grade, including a basement for up to a total of 6 dwellings, depending on city size, and access to public transportation and affordability factors.
- The single stair proposal as well, which modifies R-2 buildings that meet certain requirements.
- RCW 64.55 (house bill 1848) changes regarding “express warranties.” Jurisdictions don’t collect them or check for them. Nothing has changed as to exempt buildings where the building has ≤ 12 dwelling units AND is fewer than 3 stories above grade plane where 2 stories max are dwellings and the main level is used for parking or retail, then nothing in RCW 64.55 applies and is still the case.
- Looked at a case study of a church converted to townhouse style dwellings, and where there is a problem for common spaces.
- Revised the 2015 basement wall insulation methods detail.
- Will bring forward the interior residential stair and handrail details. Noted there is an ICC 2027 proposal to increase the height of residential stairs to 8 inch max treads and 9 inch min tread depths. We as a group are concerned about that.
- Accessible details, and how to make them accessible.
- Call for volunteers

7. 8:16 am - Education Committee (Sue)

- Proposed class list for rest of 2026 and halfway through 2027
- Waiting to hear back from area BOs as most of the 2026 classes are 2021 but 2024 code change is around the corner
- Call for volunteers

8. 8:18 am - Other committees: By-laws (Wesley)

- Board is committee until one is formed, call for volunteers
- Next meeting is virtually on April 7 to go over first draft, to be presented to membership at May chapter meeting

9. 8:20 am - Old Business

- Tax Situation – All requested information was presented to CPA who will then submit to IRS
- Website- updated but some areas need work, such as membership/payments. Wesley and Michelle to be working on that

10. 8:21 am - New Business- no new business

11. 8:22 am- Closing comments

- Paul with Clark County new certification

12. 8:23 am – Meeting called to end and presentation by Bill Hanes with Maxitrol