



JULY-NO MEETING SCHEDULED

Enjoy the summer!

Our next meeting will be in August at the Hartford Fire Station. Mark on your calendar so that you can plan to join us on **August 12**

Aug. 12 – Part 3 of the Structural Building Components Training Series presented by Josh Bartlett – Installation, Inspection and Field Repair of Trusses and Engineered Components, www.sbca.org. [Click here to reserve a seat!](#)

Sept. 9 – Open ICC BSA-VT Board meeting – All members are invited to bring their ideas, concerns, or other points to discuss. [Click here to reserve a seat!](#)

Oct. 14 – Building Process: A forum. To be held at Norwich University, the agenda and details are still being developed. [Click here to reserve a seat!](#)

Dec. 2 – Building Product Education: Structural Wood to Wood Fasteners – FastenMaster's Brice Hereford is offering a course designed to increase knowledge of mechanical connections with new fastener technology. [Click here to reserve a seat!](#)



Members check in for the BSA-VT 2nd Annual Meeting at Lake Morey Resort

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Chapter News –

BSA-VT Holds 2nd Annual Meeting

BSA-VT returned to the beautiful Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee Vermont for their 2nd annual meeting event. This year's event saw a significant increase in attendance. No doubt, in part, due to the timely program of information relating to sustainable design in VT.

This year's Annual meeting focused on energy and green building, providing some of the most up to date information available to members from ICC and Efficiency Vermont.

The event kicked off with a brief business meeting. Rob Pickett (2009-2010 Chapter President) gave a review of just how far the organization has come. He gave an overview of the many successful training programs held and then focused on the programs now in development.

The business meeting then continued with election of the coming year's Board of Directors and Officers. This year was exciting as we had the privilege to have more members interested in serving the interests of BSA-VT than seats available! Ballots were handed out to all active members, votes tallied, and the new board sworn into their positions by none other than our ICC Board Liaison Cindy Davis (see photos and newly elected board in box at end of article).

With Ward Smyth giving a brief review of finances and membership (both continuing to grow) we concluded the business of the Chapter and moved into the first part of our program.



Members listening to the educational program



Keynote Speaker Jack Leyden, Rhode Island State Building Code Commissioner presenting



Dottie about to begin her presentation on Green building



Stu Slote educates us on residential energy code standards

The International Green Construction Code

Our Chapter was privileged once again this year to have Dorothy Harris, Vice President of ICC State and Local Government Relations, attending. For anyone who has known Dottie, her energy and enthusiasm for assisting chapters with government relations is unmatched. However, we were privileged to have Dottie with us this time also as a technical presenter! Besides an overview of the technical aspects, Dottie provided a detailed review of the new International Green Construction Code (version 1.0). Members in attendance each received a copy from ICC of this newest publication.

Changes coming to the Vermont Energy Code

Stu Slote of Navigant Consulting provided a preview of the energy code requirements we can soon expect to see. The presentation was in-depth, covering aspects of how these changes developed, as well as proposed revisions that will take VT beyond just the minimum in energy conservation.

Keynote Address

After an excellent lunch provided by the staff of Lake Morey Resort, everyone settled in to listen to a presentation by Jack Leyden. Besides being the Building Code Commissioner for the state of Rhode Island, Jack is Past President of Eastern States Building Officials Federation, and President of ICC Northeast Regional Coalition. Jack took time from his busy schedule to visit our chapter and make a presentation that focused on the importance of co-operation of those involved with the construction environment. Utilizing his own experience, including vivid pictures of recent severe flooding in his home state, Jack was able to effectively deliver the message for the need to think in terms of partnership. Partnership among building officials, architects, builders, fire officials, police and rescue—the list is as exhaustive as the needs may be.



Part of our panel members contemplating how to address the energy mandates

A key concluding point was for us a Chapter to think about how we may be involved in needing assistance-or in being of assistance- to our neighboring states. We were encouraged to think of our Chapter as a partner with the entire Northeast Region.

The Meaning of Green

Our program concluded with what is increasingly becoming a very popular feature: A panel discussion where we, as a Chapter, have the chance to ask the experts for their views on matters effecting codes and construction. This year's panel consisted of the following: Cindy Davis (ICC), Wayne Cichon (NY Building Official), Dick Lambert (Maine Building Official), and Mike Santa (NH Building Official).



Secretary/Treasurer Ward Smyth presenting Rob Pickett a certificate of appreciation for his service as 1st President of BSA-VT

With Rob Pickett moderating the discussion, the focus quickly centered on energy code changes and the practical impacts they are already having. While each state is working to include the new energy code requirements into their adopted codes, everyone expressed the challenges included. The collective refrain seemed to be; how do we effectively carry out these new requirements effectively and efficiently, while struggling for the resources to enforce the requirements?



BSA-VT Board of Directors for 2010-11: From L. to R.: A. Brown, R. Howe, G. Moore, S. Vitzthum, W. Smyth, R. Borkowski, R. Pickett, C. LaPointe, P. Duane

While no easy answer was forthcoming, at least VT could know that as a state they are not alone in this struggle. As important as energy conservation and efficiency is, it is hoped that this issue will continue to bring forth discussion.

Who knows? Eventually such discussion may lead to a broader understanding and support of the importance of effective inspections, proactive code enforcement, and code-compliant buildings!

[Ryan Borkowski](#)

2010 Annual Meeting Elected Board of Directors and Officers

Ryan Borkowski	President
Paul Duane	Vice-President
Ward Smyth	Treasurer and Secretary
Rob Pickett	Past-President
Robert Howe	Director
Glenn Moore	Director
Sandy Vitzthum	Director
Alan Brown	Director
Chip LaPointe	Director

Announcements...

ICC BSA-VT is saddened to learn of the loss of one of our colleagues in building construction safety. John Ed Ryan, 88, of Manchester, NJ, passed away on July 3rd, 2010. A registered professional engineer, John was well known among his peers, having served with several chapters and on numerous code committees over his long career.

Obituary:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/app/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=143938440>

A link to his memorial:

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=John-Ryan&lc=4090&mid=4305355>

Watch out for next month's newsletter where we will be introducing some new features including one called Member Spotlight! Stay tuned...

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If you have news to share, please send us an [email](#).

Our Mission:

To advance the professionalism of and provide assistance to code officials, design professionals, builders, manufacturers and others involved in the construction process to help improve public health and safety throughout the State of Vermont.



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