

OC/NIBS  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
BOCA Mideast Regional Office  
Westerville, Ohio

July 6, 2000

**ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT

Bill Smith, Chairman  
Dave Williams, Vice-Chairman  
Bruce Larcomb, Secretary-Treasurer  
Kerry Illes  
Paul Myers  
Jim Shoaff  
Dave Denison  
Joe Schmitt  
Larry Brown  
Laik Ali  
Dave Ledvinka, Executive Director

ABSENT

Sara Ward  
Hank Sherowski  
Bob Schmitt  
Donn Ellerbrock

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bill Smith called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2000, Board of Directors meeting without amendment.

Bruce Larcomb presented a detailed treasurer's report (see attachment). A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept the report.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Smith's comments related to the OC/NIBS website. In a past discussion with Dave Ledvinka, Smith offered the idea to explore piggybacking the OC/NIBS website onto the NIBS website. This would offer the advantage of strengthening the linkage between the two organizations and build awareness of the partnership between them. Ledvinka followed up on this idea with NIBS and had a discussion with Earl Kennett, Vice President of CCB programs. Kennett presented the idea to Dave Harris, NIBS President, who supported the idea. Effort will now be directed to restructuring the OC/NIBS website through linkage to NIBS and achieve better synergism. There will be no cost to OC/NIBS. Ledvinka and Smith will review the OC/NIBS website, delete out-

of-date information, and begin building the new site. Ledvinka will meet with Earl Kennett on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> to get the process started and get introduced to Pam Towns, NIBS Webmaster.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dave Ledvinka reviewed a number of current activities to update the Board.

PATH CoRP WORK STUDY PROJECT: A letter was received from Jack Snell at NIST indicating that the proposal submitted by OC/NIBS in conjunction with Lorain County Community College was not selected for federal funding. Ledvinka has already sent a memo to Andy Fowell of NIST asking for contacts at OSHA to explore interest there. Ledvinka will follow-up with Fowell at the Consultative Council meeting to discuss further options.

NIBS STRATEGIC PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE TO DEVELOP OUTREACH TO STATE AND LOCAL ENTITIES: Ledvinka, who chairs this committee at NIBS, reported that the final draft report will be in the hand of the NIBS Board of Directors by their July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Included in the report is a detailed discussion of the work of the Ohio Council as a model for achieving the committee's objective. Part of the role of the Strategic Planning Oversight Committee is to determine the best operating structure for NIBS. Serious consideration is now being given to eliminating the NIBS Consultative Council in lieu of more project-oriented subgroups.

OC/NIBS MEETING WITH THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE: Dave Ledvinka and Bruce Larcomb met with Susan Cave, Executive Director of the Ohio Municipal League on July 5. This was a "historic" event, given the past disposition of the League to view OC/NIBS in somewhat of an adversarial light. The meeting was highly productive. Primary issues explored focused on a statewide residential building code and flood disaster response. The League's position on a state-wide residential code remains unchanged, but may be open to new discussion if new ideas can be accommodated to reflect concerns of the cities. By far, there is much more agreement regarding the flood plain issue, particularly with regard to flood insurance. This whole issue area can be a rallying point for the two organizations. Sue Cave extended an opportunity for OC/NIBS to participate in the Municipal League Annual Meeting in September. The lines of communication between the two groups now appear to be open and much more positive.

MEETING WITH JOY PADGETT, OFFICE OF APPALACHIA: Ledvinka has scheduled a meeting in late July with Joy Padgett, former legislator, now director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia. The primary focus will be on economic development issues in Ohio's Appalachia area, with special emphasis on flood disaster response. Ledvinka has invited Randy Hunt, Executive Director of the Ohio Rural Development Partnership to accompany him.

MEETING WITH CHARLES WILSON, OHIO LEGISLATOR: Ledvinka has contacted Representative Wilson's office to set up a meeting to discuss flood and building code related issues. Wilson, who hails from eastern Ohio, has expressed interest in the flood issue as it relates to his area, all of which is located in Appalachia. Wilson is also a member of the minority leadership. Future updates will be provided.

BRIEF UPDATES: Ledvinka also mentioned the following:

OC/NIBS QUESTIONNAIRE: The questionnaire distributed at last years regional code forums has been condensed into a front/back handout. It was distributed at the meeting.

FLOOD PLAIN CONFERENCE: A brochure describing the flood plain conference being held in late August under the auspices of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Flood Plain Administrators Assoc. was distributed to Board members.

LEGISLATIVE INFO PACKAGE: Ledvinka reviewed items he is compiling for an information package he is preparing for key legislators.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Membership renewals for this year are coming in slowly. A follow-up invoice will be sent to last year's mailing list.

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Due to the lack of membership renewals to date the Board decided to pu0 -28ancorporatinga full membership/board meeting to coancide with the annual OBOA conference in January, 2001.Ledvinka will contact OBOA meeting planners and explore possibilities.

OHIO RURAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (ORDP): Ledvinka attended the ORDP Steering Committee meeting in May. A summary describing OC/NIBS interest in flood plain is -2s was given to the group.

## BYLAWS

The lunch hour was devoted to completing the OC/NIBS bylaws, which had items to be addressed carried over from the March meeting. Paul Myers had submitted several additional suggested revisions based on his complete review of the interim document considered at the last meeting. After thorough discussion the final amendments were completed and a motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the bylaws. See attachment to these minutes for the completed version. It was also decided to write several board policies to supplement certain sections of the bylaws. This related primarily to election procedures for board members and election of board officers.

## OC/NIBS IMAGE BUILDING

The final discussion of the meeting related to strategies for advancing the OC/NIBS organization. The strategies presented emanated from discussions between Ledvinka and John McGory who consults in the areas of communications and promotional programs. Attached is a list of the ideas reviewed and discussed.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on November 16, 2000.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to adjourn at 2:15 p.m.