1. Introductions – Committee members introduced themselves and told a little about their background.

2. Discussion Items
   a. Dan Schenkel volunteered to act as secretary.
   b. 2020/2021 agenda was discussed
      i. Building Code Adoption
      ii. IBC Chapter 17 Adoption
      iii. Indiana 811 Issues
   c. Building Code adoption. The current building code adoption expires at the end of 2020. ACEC, AIA and other partners have submitted a letter requesting re-adoption of the current building code until which time the Commission adopts an updated code. The ACEC and its partners feel that it is important to maintain a statewide building code even though it will be outdated.
i. Based on discussions with several Commission members, their recent focus and efforts have been on updating the Indiana Residential Code.

d. IBC Chapter 17
   i. Discussed the continued need to push for Chapter 17 inclusion in the Indiana Building Code.
   ii. Discussion on how to rally other organizations, particularly possible opponents (IBA, ABC, AGC, BOMA, School Board Association, ICR etc). We need to find out what their objections are and whether they are valid/how to address them. We need to find out whether we know individuals that have ties to these organizations that might help us rather than cold calling them.

e. Commission engagement regarding Building Code Adoption and IBC Chapter 17
   i. Don and Colleen have spoken to Mike Popich, Vice Chairman of the Commission, and he is supportive of Chapter 17 inclusion, but did indicate an interest in being a champion of the change on the Commission.
   ii. Steve is working on trying to make contacts with Robin Nicoson, James Greeson, and Michael Corey from the Commission. Steve has engaged Mark Riffey, who has a relationship with Nicoson and Greeson, to start the conversation regarding building code adoption and Chapter 17.
   iii. Don has spoken with Joe Heinsman and Wes Jordan from the Commission about building code adoption and Chapter 17. Both are supportive but neither seemed in a strong position to push the agenda within the Commission. Both Joe and Wes are structural engineers. Wes is a past president of the Indiana Structural Engineers Association.
   iv. Ralph will make contact with David Henson from the Commission prior to the next committee meeting.
   v. Steve will make contact with Scott Pannicke from the Commission prior to the next committee meeting.
   vi. Shelly suggested that we contact legal counsel to the Commission, Philip Gordon and Justin Guedel, to help assess their thoughts on how to advance the building code adoption and IBC Chapter 17 with the Commission.
   vii. Shelly has information on code adoptions of other states and will send that information. This might be helpful when talking to Commission members so that they can see how Indiana compares and how far behind our code adoptions are falling.
   viii. Don has some information comparing the different code adoptions that might be helpful when speaking with Commission members. It will help to show some of the issues that operating under the older code causes.
ix. Colleen will make available to all Committee members our position paper, talking points, roadmap to adoption and other past pertinent materials developed by the Committee.

x. Don has developed a tracking spreadsheet for contacts with Commission members relative to building code adoption (attached to minutes). This is generally about a 2-year process.

f. Issues with Indiana 811 were briefly discussed. There are concerns about priorities given to surveyors for these services. This was championed previously by Greg Silcox and Rick Miller. It was discussed that this issue may be better taken up other entities than the Vertical Committee.

3. Steve mentioned possible collaboration with Craig Burgess (State Building Commissioner) on his “Building Academy program at Purdue. Colleen indicated she would reach out to Craig to determine if this program is moving forward and if there is any potential synergy with the Vertical Committee.

4. Future meetings will be set as bi-monthly with possible breakout meetings with selected individuals as necessary. We will plan on meeting on Wednesdays at 3:00. Colleen and Don will coordinate getting meeting invites out so everyone can get these on their schedules early to avoid conflicts. Meetings will be via Zoom conference for the near future until social distancing requirements in the state are relaxed.

5. Colleen discussed upcoming ACEC events and Indy Chamber’s 2020 Monumental Awards and asked for help in judging.

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Dan Schenkel, Secretary