



# Wisconsin Building Movers Association

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DRAFT Minutes for April 9, 2022 Meeting

Location: 211 South East St., Blue River, WI 53518

The meeting was called to order by President Mel Virrueta at 1:30 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

Present: Bob Childs, Gayle Childs, Mike Peterson, Russ Childs, Matt Childs, Ken Shanahan, David DeVooght, Dick Charbarneau, Mel Virrueta, Marvin Eis, Cairie Virrueta

## MINUTES

Gayle Childs handed out minutes from the last meeting, November 9, 2019. *Motion by Mike Peterson to approve, second by Ken Shanahan. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Motion by David DeVooght to approve, second by Dick Charbarneau.* Gayle Childs pointed out that the bank charges \$2.50 a month because the account was inactive. *Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.*

## OLD BUSINESS

### WEBSITE

Cairie Virrueta reminded the members to send her pictures for the website to keep it fresh. She also asked that any changes on the Members page be sent to her, and that company's can add a logo to their map listing if they would like. Mike Peterson will order more decals for members to use on their vehicles and equipment.

### FACEBOOK

Facebook receives several messages from people interested in locating a mover. An automated message response directs them to the Members page of the website. Cairie Virrueta asked members to send her their moves so that she can put them on the page.

### NEWSLETTER

At the last meeting Cairie Virrueta showed a sample of a yearly newsletter she would like to write. The board approved it and she put it on the website. She would like to continue the newsletter and brought a draft of it. Everyone approved of it. Cairie said she would email a copy to everyone. She asked for ideas of articles for future newsletters.

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## MIDSTATES CONVENTION UPDATE

Midstates held their convention in Des Moines, Iowa. Edgar Dodson did a presentation on job estimating using an excel spreadsheet. Mel Virrueta said they did something similar but that Edgar's had more details. Cairie Virrueta created something similar using Google Sheets, so that it can be accessed from any computer or cell phone. She demonstrated how to use it. She will email it to anyone interested and can help them learn to use it. Mel Virrueta was elected President and Ken Shanahan Vice President at the Midstates Convention.

## NEW BUSINESS

### INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE

Cairie Virrueta showed a draft of a brochure/pamphlet she is making regarding the belief that building moving damages roads and addressing it. The members liked it. Mike Peterson would like to see it presented similar to the newsletter to distribute to members. Mel Virrueta said it could be given to municipalities. Russ Childs suggested sending it to the Towns Association and Cairie Virrueta also suggested the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. Cairie will continue to work on it.

### PROTOCOL FOR BUILDING MOVING

Mel Virrueta said it would be useful for the association to make a protocol or standard for what is needed to do moves. He said this document could help municipalities or inspectors who do not have any ordinances on building moving and create a standard across the state. He said a seminar done by Matt Sundeen from the Maguire Insurance Agency showed that building moving is safe - all the claims are not directly related to moving, but more typical of the general construction industry. Matt Childs said on the last WisDOT permit they were required to provide all the contacts for utilities, escorts, etc. before releasing the permit and that this was new and they were not aware of it. Mel Virrueta said the DOT asked him for written OK's that he contacted wire companies even if they were not required for the move. Other movers said they were asked the same thing even for buildings under 16' tall. By the association creating standards it can assist DOT inspectors and others involved in the move have information to go by. Russ Childs suggested setting up a meeting with the OS/OW office to open communication on it. As their office may not be open, Mike Peterson suggested hosting the meeting. Matt Childs will get the rules from neighboring states to help put something together and email it to everyone. Mel Virrueta told everyone to take a look at them and share the parts they think are useful. Ken Shanahan noted that standards would help create consistency across the state, such as with inspections or requirements. Russ Childs said this would be very helpful as many of the OS/OW staff who are familiar with building moving are retiring and new people who don't know anything on moving will replace them. Russ Childs said everyone should email the problems they have encountered to Cairie Virrueta, so it can be determined what needs to be dealt with. Matt Childs suggested having a zoom meeting in a couple of months to discuss the ideas for the standards.

### BUILDING MOVING INSURANCE

Russ Childs asked what companies insure movers? M&P and the Maguire Agency were the only two everyone was aware of. Mike Peterson said he looked at Pennsylvania Lumbermen a few years ago, but they had a unique CDL requirement. Marvin Eis uses Scottsdale Insurance and will look into them.

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### NOMINATIONS

According to the by-laws, as Mel Virrueta was the Vice President he would automatically become President and this was his first meeting. His term is for 2022-2023. Mike Peterson noted that the by-laws have the board terms. Russ Childs will bring the by-laws to the next meeting to review for any updates.

*Motion by Russ Childs to nominate Ken Shanahan Vice President, second by Mike Peterson. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.*

*Motion by Russ Childs to nominate Cairie Virrueta Secretary, second by Dick Charbarneau. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried. Bob Childs was Secretary for many years, thank you Bob for all your support of the Association! Bob Childs will continue as Treasurer.*

*Motion by Mike Peterson to nominate Dave DeVooght Director, second by Dick Charbarneau. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried. Russ Childs will continue his term as the second Director.*

### NEXT MEETING

It was decided to have the Fall meeting on Saturday, October 22nd. The meeting will be held again at the Heritage Movers yard in Blue River, WI.

### ADJOURN

*Mel Virrueta motioned to adjourn, second by Matt Childs. Meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.*

(Following the meeting members paid their yearly dues.)