

STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP

Our association membership is composed of persons currently working for a municipality or related industries. We have an elected executive board consisting of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recorder, and Treasurer. Each of these board members is a liaison to various committees, which consist of the following: Administration, Bylaws, Code Development/Legislation, Education/Certification, Membership, Newsletter, Peer and Scholarship/Awards.

SCHOLARSHIPS

WSAPT offers a monetary scholarship to members in good standing, children of such members and members of ICC Chapters within the State of Washington who are enrolled in an accredited course in one of the following fields of study: Construction Management, Building or Fire Code Administration, Planning or Land Use, Business Administration or a related technical field.



The Paula K. Strutzel Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the memory of our Past President, Paula K. Strutzel who was a single mother and a champion of education. She always stressed "to never stop reading and learning". Paula was not only known for her activism with the association, but as a leader who inspired us all.

WSAPT also offers funding for certification test reimbursement to chapter members who successfully pass the Permit Technician certification exam and are not funded by their jurisdiction. Currently two scholarships are offered yearly for this chapter member benefit.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

In order to maintain certification as an ICC Certified Permit Technician, each technician must obtain 1.5 Continuing Education Units (CEU's) over a period of time. These CEU's can be met in a number of ways that include attendance at WSAPT chapter meetings, serving as an officer or committee chair as well as attending the training offered. More details can be obtained directly from ICC regarding CEU's at: <http://www.iccsafe.org/certification> or visit the WSAPT website to view our certification brochure at: www.wsapt.org.

Washington State Association of Permit Technicians is committed to providing certification training on a yearly basis for our members. It is our hope that every member within our association will obtain Permit Technician Certification. This certification not only confirms your knowledge, it shows your commitment as a code professional. WSAPT recognizes this accomplishment during our membership meetings, newsletter publications and website postings.

We contract with qualified instructors from ICC trainers, local building officials, chapter leaders and experts in the code field to ensure your training experience is informative, educational and productive.

Our association also offers advanced training throughout the year for those interested in obtaining additional ICC Certifications in areas of:

- Inspection
- Plan Review
- Zoning
- Code Enforcement



For more information about WSAPT visit our website at: www.wsapt.org



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CHAPTER HISTORY

On November 3, 1995, permit technicians and coordinators met at Alpentel Lodge at Snoqualmie Pass, Washington. This symbolic location represented the joining of our states west side and east side technicians and coordinators and also marked the beginning of APT.



The main topics of discussion centered on forming a chapter of ICBO, creating a certification category of permit technicians and developing education offerings for permit technicians. The idea for chapter formation came about through the members of WABO (Washington Association of Building Officials) in June of 1994. Staff from the City of Bothell and Skagit County subsequently requested jurisdictions to support the permit technician formation and certification goals. Shortly after this request WABO forwarded their full support of permit technician certification to ICBO and the wheels were in motion.

During the Snoqualmie meeting, Roxanne Michael, Building Official for Skagit County opened the meeting by congratulating the participants on starting a movement that had the potential to become regional or nationwide and informed the group that "The whole country is watching this!" The group decided to call themselves "The Association of Permit Technicians" and adopted the motto, "APT, to be right the first time around".

An interim board of directors was formed and plans for incorporation were made.

More than sixty participants attended this meeting representing receptionists, permit technicians, permit coordinators, engineering aids and counter supervisors.

Building Officials in attendance shared their experiences in starting their own chapters of ICBO and committed to assist the group in their future endeavors to organize. Gerald McKee, a member of the ICBO Education Committee and Chair of the subcommittee on permit technician certification spoke to the group. While the permit technician subcommittee had been formed since 1993, little progress was made at that time. With the renewed interest and commitment from Washington, Oregon and the Pacific Northwest Mr. McKee was confident that the permit technician certification would become a reality. The group was charged with compiling information for a general job duty description that test questions could be based upon for certification. In May Of 1996 the first officers were elected, semi annual meetings were held and in January 1999 the ICBO chapter designation was official. In September of 1998 our members began obtaining ICBO Permit Technician Certifications. Our chapter will always be grateful for the support and encouragement from the members of WABO and ICBO. It has been a great journey and we look forward to the future endeavors with ICC in elevating the permit technician profession.



Marge Swint, Debbie Ansbaugh, Jewels Berg and Janet Currin, founders and steering committee members of APT

CHANGE TO ICC

With the change to the International Codes, our former ICBO Chapter membership elected to transfer to an ICC Chapter. We are now recognized as such and are continuing with our educational programs and support for our members.



PURPOSE

This association is organized to:

- Support, organize and participate in educational seminars and training programs relating to practices, procedures, administration and enforcement of permitting activities and building codes
- Advance the standardization of this profession within the jurisdictions engaged in building, land use and development regulations
- Promote the value and professional recognition of Permit Technicians
- Encourage the application of distinctive knowledge and skills of Permit Technicians for the benefit of the community
- Promote the attainment of ICC Certification for Permit Technicians
- Support the goals and objectives of the International Code Council

CHAPTER LOGO



The first chapter logo on the left was designed by Washington's former Governor Gary Locke. The logo was updated in 2003 when ICC chapter status was designated.