



Building Code Committee

Report to the Board

2022 Annual Meeting

Minneapolis, MN

August 16, 2022

Chair, Grant Bishop, West Virginia Department of Agriculture

The Building Code Committee serves as the expert committee for the Association on issues related to building codes and construction practices that impact pest management and pest control regulation. Polyurethane Spray Foam insulation used in new and existing construction has been the recent focus of the committee resulting in the development of a state survey and white paper. These documents can be viewed on www.ASPCRO.org, [Spray Polyurethane Foam Insulation \(SPFI\) survey](#) and [SPFI white paper](#).

The Building Code Committee convened in person on August 16, 2022, prior to the Board of Directors Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN. Topics of discussion included continued efforts to revise the International Code Council Energy Codes that address spray foam and building relationships with National Association of Home Builders and National Association of Realtors.

In 2019 ASPCRO finalized a Spray Polyurethane Foam Insulation White Paper. The document advises state lead agencies to work with their building code officials to insert building code provisions for inspection gaps in spray foam applied in crawl space to allow for inspection of termite activity. The group agreed to revise the document with similar language to successful code revisions in GA. The amended version provides for a visible inspection of the foundation and framing interface (FFI) of a crawl space and basement construction. To allow for inspection it is recommended that airspace leaks be sealed with caulk and rigid foam be placed in this area.

Via International Code Council membership, the Building Code Committee will continue efforts to revise International Energy Codes with language to allow for inspection of the foundation and framing interface (FFI) as outlined in the Spray Foam White Paper. A unified front from ASPCRO and NPMA to encourage this revision is ongoing.

An action item was acknowledged by the group to build relationships with the National Association of Home Builders and National Association of Realtors to further the efforts of International Energy Code revisions.