

ICC REPORT- December 2006
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ICC President California Visits- ICC President Wally Bailey will be visiting with California Chapters and members during the weeks of February 12-16 and March 12-16, 2007. Thanks to feedback and help from the Presidents and members of California Chapters, the following is a tentative agenda for the two week-long visits:
February 12- meeting with the Sacramento Valley Chapter Officers and CALBO Board
February 13- joint meeting with the East Bay, Peninsula, and Monterey Bay Chapters
February 14- SoCal Fire Prevention Officers meeting
February 15- joint meeting with Orange Empire and LA Basin Chapters in Long Beach
February 16- Coachella Valley Chapter
March 12- California Fire Prevention Institute in Buellton
March 15, 16- CALBO Annual Meeting in Sacramento
We have scheduled a mix of formal presentations and informal gatherings for these dates. Please let me know if other chapters are willing to join with these meetings or schedule events that can be incorporated into this schedule.

Code Changes- The 2006 Report of the Public Hearings is available online at www.iccsafe.org and the printed version has been mailed (several members reported they received their copy during the week of 11/27/06). The deadline for receipt of public comments is January 24, 2007. The task force working on a common solution to the 22 height and area code proposals has been meeting with the goal of filing a public comment. The code proposals that receive a public comment and those proposals that had a floor action in Orlando will form the agenda for the Final Action Hearings in Rochester, New York on May 21-26, 2007. This is the first of two "18-month" cycles in the development of the 2009 International Codes.

California Codes- The Building Standards Commission (BSC) has adopted the 2006 International Existing Building Code Appendix and has tentatively scheduled code adoption meetings for January 16, 17, 29, and 30, 2007 to consider the adoption of the 2006 IBC, IFC, UPC, UMC, and 2005 NEC. The State HCD Agency has recently published language for comment on their change in position regarding plastics (CPVC, PEX, ABS, and PVC). Please provide comments and attend these hearings which will determine the California Codes we enforce.

Task Force on Hearings- I have been appointed to Chair this committee which will continue with the work of improving our hearings. I welcome your suggestions on methods to improve our code hearings. In early 2007 you will hear of opportunities to participate in this effort.

Chapter Benefits- I previously reported that the ICC Board of Directors approved an enhanced Chapter Rewards Program. The Board recently approved a budget which provides free seminar books for the Chapter Education Benefit seminars. ICC now has 315 chapters.

Training- CALBO and ICC have merged their draft training plans, have agreed on a MOU, and are working with a “steering committee” of chapter representatives to finalize a 2007 California training plan. The plan provides an additional day of free transition training when scheduled in conjunction with the Chapter Education Benefit. I continue to emphasize that the plan is a partnership with local chapters, CALBO, and ICC. The way to achieve the goal of a coordinated training effort in preparation for enforcement of the new California Codes is to work together. We can support and promote Chapter training efforts. CALBO and ICC volunteered to post California training on the calbo.org and iccsafe.org websites.

Members Helping Members- Brent Snyder, former ICBO Chairman and seminar instructor passed away. I know many chapters and ICC members contributed support and dollars to Brent and his family. It is wonderful to hear of this and the many things that our chapters and members do to help make the world a better place.
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