

ICC REPORT- November 2006
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CEO, COO, and Senior Advisor- The ICC Board appointed former COO Rick Weiland to the position of CEO. Rick has announced the appointed of Dominic Sims as the Chief Operating Officer and David deCourcy as Senior Advisor to the CEO. David will assume additional responsibilities in addition to serving as General Counsel, including overseeing the three ICC subsidiaries, ICC-ES, IAS, and the ICC Foundation.

ICC President Initiatives- ICC President Wally Bailey wants to focus on several issues during his term: spotlighting code officials including a national advertising campaign and working with ICMA, partnering with AIA to include codes in the architectural school curriculum, establishing a committee to evaluate what is important to the membership, more communication with the members, promoting sustainability and green buildings (ICC's new DC headquarters is in the only new green building in DC), partnering with others on promoting building safety throughout the world, and emphasizing that ICC is no longer a legacy organization.

Governance- a forum was held in Orlando to discuss the draft recommendations from the Governance Committee. The members in attendance at that forum stated that a 28-member ICC Board would not be a good situation. The members were divided on other issues. The committee will incorporate this and other feedback in their deliberations.

Task Force on Hearings- I chaired this committee in 2006, which has developed recommendations on improving the ICC code hearings (i.e. electronic voting, investigating remote access and voting, 8am to 8pm maximum hours, no member activities scheduled to conflict with the hearings, rotating the order of the hearings, etc). Wally has appointed me to Chair this committee so we can continue with the work of improving our hearings. I will expand the membership feedback and welcome your suggestions on methods to improve our code hearings.

Code Changes- Approximately 2200 proposed code changes were acted upon at the ICC code development hearings in Orlando. The results are available on the www.iccsafe.org website. The full Report of the Public Hearings will be available December 1, 2006. The deadline for receipt of public comments is January 24, 2007. 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, 2008. This is the first of two "18-month" cycles in the development of the 2009 International Codes.

California Codes- ICC has met with the Building Standards Commission and State Agencies staff members in order to facilitate the adoption and publication of the IBC, IFC, and IEBC in California. The Building Standards Commission has tentatively scheduled code adoption meetings for January 16, 17, 29, and 30, 2007. ICC is committed to publishing a quality California Code in a short time period.

California Code Certification- Currently there are three certification options in California: certification to the International Codes, Legacy Codes, or the California amendments (a joint ICC/CALBO effort). Eventually, the Legacy Building Code certification will disappear. The International Code certifications switch to the 2006 editions in January 2007.

Chapter Benefits- The Board of Directors approved an enhanced Chapter rewards Program. Active Chapters now have an opportunity to earn benefits in addition to the one day of ICC training, complimentary Chapter President registration, newsletter, magazine subscription, 20% chapter discount on publications, banner, etc.

Training- In Orlando, I invited chapter education folks to attend an impromptu meeting discussing California training. Over 40 people attended, representing most of the 26 California chapters. CALBO and ICC agreed to work in partnership with local chapters to provide much needed training. CALBO and ICC agreed to merge their draft training plans and work with a “steering committee” to finalize the plan. The merged plan will be distributed to the steering committee soon. CALBO volunteered to post training in California on the calbo.org website. The goal is a coordinated training effort in preparation for enforcement of the new California Codes. We can support and promote Chapter training efforts.

Helpful Publications- ICC has several publications to help in transitioning from the Uniform to International Codes such as the International Code Interpretations, 2006 IBC Code and Commentary, IBC Study Companions, workbooks for the IFC and IBC Fundamentals and 2006 IBC Transition from the 1997 UBC seminars, Analysis of Revisions to the 2006 IBC Non-structural and Structural Provisions, and 2006 IBC Code Changes Resource Collection.

One Plumbing and One Mechanical Code- Those attending the ICC Annual Meeting in Orlando attended a forum on the status of the discussion with IAPMO. As the result of overwhelming feedback from the ICC members, ICC raised four issues with IAPMO; governmental consensus process is mandatory, starting point should be a combination of each organizations codes, equal balance on the committees, and joint ownership of the new codes. IAPMO’s response was “no”. Negotiations have been suspended.

Members Helping Members- At the Annual Meeting, ICC members contributed to the Orlando local Habitat for Humanity project. Give credit to then President Henry Green for encouraging those in attendance at the above-mentioned forum to contribute an additional \$700.

Meeting Locations- The 2007 Final Action Hearings are in Rochester, New York, May 21-26. The 2007 Annual Educational Conference is in Reno, Nevada, September 30-October 4. The 2008 Annual Conference and Final Action Hearings are at the Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 14-20. ICC is scheduling dates and locations for future meetings in accordance with the council policy of rotating meetings around the four quadrants in the country.