



MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 19, 2008

TIME: 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**LOCATION: Tustin Ranch Golf Course
12442 Tustin Ranch Rd.
Tustin, CA 92782**

I. CHAPTER BUSINESS

Joe Kirkpatrick, Chapter President, brought the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

After a self introduction by the meeting attendees', chapter business followed:

- A. A motion was made and passed to approve the May 15th, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion passed.
- B. Tony Weimholt, the board treasurer provided the Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance of \$18,047.75 and a Saving's account balance of \$4,190.77.
- C. Communications & City Corner – Alice Angus, the Director of Community Development of the City of Orange made a short presentation with the theme of "Orange is a bridge between past and future". She spoke about the City Community development organization and highlighted several major projects currently underway in the City of Orange.

The City of Orange with a current population of nearly 141,000 and area of 24 square miles is the sixth (6th) largest City in Orange County. The city of Orange was established in 1886 and is mostly known for its historic district, churches, educational facilities (Chapman University, Santiago College & St. John's Lutheran High School) and medical facilities (CHOC Hospital, Saint Joseph Hospital & Chapman Hospital). The City of Orange has a large residential and commercial base and has an expansion potential to grow toward East Orange area (additional 6200 acres).

D. Committee Reports

Education Committee - Gabriel Linares, the committee Chair announced that the Mini-Code Seminar presented on June 11th, 2008 was a success and recognized David Khorram for organizing the seminar.

He also announced that a Disabled Access Seminar will be held on or about July 29th, 2008. The announcement with the finalized date and location will be published soon.

He also announced that OES training will be held at the City of Westminster on August 27th, 2008. Joe Kirkpatrick stated the SAP certification can be done on-line, but he indicated receiving class room instruction would be more enjoyable than sitting in front of a computer screen for a couple of hours.

Public Relations & Membership Committee - Khanh Nguyen, the committee chair was not available due to the birth of his first child.

Joe announced the Third Annual jointly sponsored Summer Golf Tournament will be held on August 14th 2008.

Annual Holiday/Staff Appreciation Luncheon has been booked. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec 10th. The venue this year will be held at the Trinity Broadcast Network building off the 405 freeway in Costa Mesa.

Code Interpretation Committee - Faisal Jurdi, the committee chair referred to e-mailed copies of interpretations prepared by the committee, and hard copies provided for attendees. The changes of two interpretations that had been presented at the previous meeting were to be reviewed and voted on and a presentation of the photovoltaic interpretation was to be presented.

Due to various motions and discussions, there was only enough time to vote on the first interpretation: Wood-Earth Separation, 2304. A vote was taken and the interpretation was approved by the membership. (See attachment for approved interpretation)

E - Unfinished Business

During the May meeting Jay Elbettar, CALBO President asked the chapter about our preference regarding a California Residential Code. Joe Kirkpatrick solicited the membership opinion and conducted a poll via e-mail. The options to consider were as follows:

- A - Cal. Res. Code with residential P.E.M. provisions incorporated.
- B –Cal. Res. Code with Bldg provisions only and reliance on CPC, CEC, CPC for P.E.M. provisions

The results were 2 to 1 in favor of item “A”. A vote was taken and option A was approved by the membership.

II. ORGANIZATION REPORTS

CALBO – Jay Elbettar, President of CALBO spoke about: CALBO looking for maximum support from local chapters. He encouraged strong attendance at training opportunities, e.g. the Santa Ana OES SAP Evaluator Cert renewal seminar.

CALBO is working with ICC to develop “Webinars”.

Green bldg regulations are coming our way on voluntary basis in July 2009 and become mandatory in July 2010.

CALBO education week is scheduled for Nov 3rd thru 7th, 2008 in Ontario

CALBO newsletter will become electronic.

Bonnie Patterson is moving on and will no longer be with CALBO after June 30th.

III. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

IV. PROGRAM

Joe Kirkpatrick introduced Kevin Scott, a Senior Regional Manager with ICC and previously the Fire Chief with Kern County. Kevin made a presentation on understanding of the code development process. The following is some highlights from his presentation:

- ICC has 14 codes which are all on a 3-year code cycle. California adopts 4 of these codes. ICC has 27 chapters throughout California.
- There are 12 code action committees in the country (4 fire, 4 building and 4 mech/gas)
- After a code change is submitted, preliminary and final code hearings are conducted. The next code hearing is in Minneapolis and 2200 code changes have been submitted.
- Anyone can submit a code change by mail or by email. Anyone can attend the hearings and vote on the items at preliminary hearings, however, only agency designated voting members can vote on the final hearings.
- Member Cities/agencies can designate voting members based on the City population (i.e. The City of Orange can have up to 8 voting representatives). These representatives have to be present at the final hearing to vote.
- During hearings the protocol is that everyone has 2 minutes to present their code change; the opponents have 2 minutes to present their counter opinion and then each individual has 1 minute for their rebuttal.
- Voting is 3 ways. Approved as submitted (AS), approved as modified (AM) and disapproved (D). Voting is now electronic from the floor but there is no remote voting yet.
- After completion of hearings a minutes/report of public hearings gets published and the volume of code changes going forward is reduced. Typically 10% of the changes get final approval.
- Final Action Hearing: First consent calendar items is approved in one motion and then more debated code changes are considered by the committee

Kevin stated that through the discussion we had at the meeting on code interpretation items, we experienced how difficult the code hearings can get. Kevin strongly recommended code change procedures be more simple. He also suggested that the Code Interpretation Committee can be expanded to a Code Change Committee.

Joe Kirkpatrick stated as a chapter we have not been engaged in code changes in a meaningful way for quite a while. Hopefully this presentation provided us with a good basis for re-engaging in future code development cycles.

Prior to adjournment Joe Kirkpatrick directed the membership's attention to a letter by Scott Fazekas defining concerns related to the use of "truss wall shear wall system" Joe indicated that some very worthwhile work went into producing this letter and that we may all make use of it should we have to evaluate a proposal to use such a system. (See attachment)

Good of the Order: Jon Traw requested the floor to notify membership that ICC is working on an accreditation process for special inspection agencies, and that attempts in his jurisdiction have been made to allow 4x8 concrete test cylinders as opposed to the 6x12 size required by the ASTM standard. He stated they might be accepted but only under Alternate Methods approval process by the building official.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

David Khorram, C.B.O.
Chapter Secretary

Attachments:

1. Code Interpretation: Wood-Earth Separation, Section 2304
2. Truss Wall Shear Wall letter