



MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 17, 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 self-introductions by the meeting attendees, chapter business followed:

A motion was made and passed to approve the June 19th meeting minutes. A copy was e-mailed to the membership on July 7th. Motion passed.

Tony Weimholt, the board treasurer provided the Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance of \$13,328.00 and a Savings account balance of \$10,111.08. A transfer of \$6,000 was made from checking account to saving account for future ABM expenditure.

Communications/Announcements – Next month's meeting we will be returning to Embassy Suites in Anaheim, the date is August 21 and the program will be an update on California Green Building Codes that may be headed our way, and presenter is Bob Raymer, Technical Director of CA BIA and member of the Green Building Task Force. (Subsequently the meeting location changed to the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Buena Park.)

Dan Kennedy announced that the Building Official position for the City of Yorba Linda is currently open. He also announced that he has accepted a position with the City of Newport Beach and will be resigning from the City of Yorba Linda.

Committee Reports

Education Committee - Gabriel Linares, the committee Chair announced that a disabled access seminar will be held on July 29th, 2008 in the City of Brea and encouraged membership to sign up for the seminar.

Office of Emergency Services (OES) training will be held at the City of Westminster on August 27th, 2008.

A matrix code training program comprising of sixteen (16) classes is being scheduled for October of 2008. More detailed information will be provided at future meetings.

Public Relations & Membership Committee - Khanh Nguyen, the committee Chair, announced The Third Annual jointly sponsored Summer Golf Tournament will be held on August 14th at Monarch Beach.

He also reiterated that the deadline for applications for the chapter scholarship program is fast approaching (July 31st). Scholarship sub-committee will be awarding the scholarship at the annual installation meeting.

Khanh also announced that two LEED program seminars will be held in Orange County on July 18th and July 25th.

The 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 spoke about objectives of the Committee and thanked the members of the committee for their diligent work. Two interpretations were dealt with, one which had been previously considered by the membership and another to be presented and discussed for the first time. These interpretations had been e-mailed to the membership in advance of the meeting. The first one dealing with landing levels for out swinging exterior doors for R3 occupancies had been modified by the committee based on the chapter's input at the May meeting. Faisal reviewed the conclusion of this interpretation, at which point Joe requested a motion from the floor to suspend the rules calling for discussion and vote directly to accept the recommendation of the committee. A motion was made, seconded, and a vote to accept the recommendation was received. See the interpretation attached.

The second interpretation dealing with residential photovoltaic (PV) installation requirements was presented by Faisal. The complete proposal is attached. Various comments were received from the membership.

Jay Elbetta spoke about the solar panel sales force being very aggressive and can cause potential conflict with building permitting process. David Khorram spoke about commercial standards for installation of solar panels and availability of national standards for such installations. Jon Traw spoke about contractor signing the plans for such installations. An OCFD representative stated an OCFD Guideline is currently being developed for PV installations.

State Fire Marshal (SFM) has a guideline for PV installation on its webpage that addresses valid safety concerns related to emergency response and access. This document may be accessed from the SFM main web page at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/>.

Joe also indicated that a guideline being produced by local fire chiefs which was in draft form would be made available on the chapter web page once it was finalized. The issues dealt with therein are not in conflict with the committee recommendations but address emergency responder safety issues such as access to roof tops around installations and electrical conduit identification and shut-off means.

E - Unfinished Business

Jon Traw spoke about the requirements for concrete cylinder sampling standards (C31). One 4x8 concrete cylinder sample is approved, however as a substitute, 2 samples of 6x12 or 3 samples of 4x10 size is acceptable. Samples shall be taken and maintained under approved conditions to produce proper results.

Larry Franciois, a representative of the patio cover industry stated that no "EAS" approval is available for steel patio enclosures at this time. He stated that he has a lot of information to share with the interested parties. He can be contacted at (909) 376-8461

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

CALBO – Jay Elbetta, President of CALBO spoke about: The CALBO board meeting on Friday July 18th and a follow up meeting on Saturday July 19th at The Queen Mary in Long Beach for the board to hear from the membership.

Jay announced CALBO is working with ICC to develop "Webinars". CALBO newsletter will become electronic and will be e-mailed to the membership. The July newsletter will be the last hardcopy print.

Jay announced John LaTorra, a CALBO Hall of famer nomination for the ICC Board.

Jay also announced AB1608, a pro-disabled access bill is supported by 4 legislators and it is going to become a law soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Kirkpatrick announced that he received a request from John LaTorra, the Building Official of Redwood City since 1985, to endorse his re-election to the ICC Board of Directors. He has an extensive resume of volunteer service in our industry, has worked for building departments since 1974. He was inducted into the CALBO Hall of Fame last March. Joe asked for a motion to endorse his candidacy. A motion was received seconded and approved by the membership.

PROGRAM

Joe Kirkpatrick introduced, OCFAs Cari Purkey, Assistant Fire Marshal-OCFA. She spoke about 5 things to learn about fires and summarized the following items as a major reason behind building fires:

- Clearance from combustibles (exhaust ducts and dryer ducts)
- Lack of equipment maintenance
- Hot work by plumbers and air conditioning contractors
- Kitchens at commercial facilities maintenance
- improper wiring and loose connectors

Joe spoke about the City of Irvine, Bulletin regarding "heat zone" and special requirements for the commercial kitchens.

Laura Blau, OCFA Fire Marshal talked about improving relationship with the 23 agencies working with the OCFA and she spoke about the Fire Capitan's to the shift in fire fighting. The new shift is based on why and how the fire occurred and sharing that information through communication and training.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

David Khorram, C.B.O.
Chapter Secretary

Attachments:

- 1 – Code Interpretation: Landing requirements at exterior doors for R3 Occupancies.
- 2 -- Proposed Code Interpretation: Requirements for Photovoltaic Systems on single family roof tops.