



MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2003

MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2003 WERE VOTED ON AND APPROVED

IN ATTENDANCE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>
Fred Martinez	Anaheim
Leticia Hurtado	Anaheim
Chris Lee	Anaheim
Al Almonic	Berryman & Henigar
Richard Mitchell	Brea
Michael Hudson	Buena Park
Ray Schuller	CA Code Check
Darryl Adams	County of Orange
Hadi Tabatabaee	Fullerton
Mark Korando	Habitat for Humanity
Samir Ghosn	Harris & Associates
Gerald Caraig	Huntington Beach
Doug Hatch	ICC
Robert Payne	Keyline Sales, Inc.
Paul Pitts	La Palm
Jim Brogan	Lake Forest
Buster Scholl	Mission Viejo
Faisal Jurdi	Newport Beach
Jay Elbettar	Newport Beach
Steve Hook	Newport Beach
Robert Chang	Placentia
Mike Jorgenson	San Clemente
Steve Gutmann	Santa Ana
Fred Heidari	Santa Ana
Khanh Nguyen	Tustin
Soroosh Rahbari	Westminster
Ahmad Tabbaa	Yorba Linda
Neil Evans	VCA

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking	\$ 962.21
Savings	\$11,724.81

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- As a follow up to the August presentation by Jim Miller of Orange County Health Department, Soroosh Rahbari informed

the group of a new policy adopted by the Health Department regarding grease trap location within restaurant kitchen facility.

NEW BUSINESS

Habitat For Humanity - Mark Korando representing Habitat for Humanity explained to the group the mission of the organization to build affordable homes for low income families. He explained that a family of four making less than \$38,600 per year can purchase a \$140,000 home in Orange County with 1% down payment and 0% mortgage provided they volunteer 500 hours to work on construction of their house or another. He gave examples of how the organization buys government owned surplus land or buys land on the open market and homes are built by unskilled volunteers. He explained that the construction quality is high and how homes built by the organization in Florida survived the hurricane. He asked for chapter members' cooperation and assistance with respect to the following:

- Assist the organization in obtaining permit approvals.
- Assist in promoting the organization with design professionals and encourage them to provide pro bono services to the organization.

Jay Elbettar encouraged Mr. Korando to evaluate the possibility of getting involved in the state adoption of building code regulations which increase the cost of construction.

More information about Habitat for Humanity can be found on the web at www.habitatoc.org.

Seismic Amendments

Jay Elbettar reported about newly adopted state amendments to the seismic design provisions of the 2001 California Building Code. These amendments remedy seismic design deficiencies of the 2001 CBC in comparison with the IBC and AISC design standards. The amendments became effective on July 18, 2003, for buildings under the authority of the state, such as state owned buildings and California State University buildings. These emergency regulations serve as a template for adoption by local jurisdictions. Jay recommended activation of the Code Uniformity Committee to evaluate these amendments and make recommendations.

Jay Elbettar brought up supporting the Los Angeles Chapter with the ABM to be held in Long Beach. Soroosh stated that our Chapter will offer to help.

Soroosh reported on the California Court of Appeals decision on *Barratt vs. City of Ranch Cucamonga*. The city won the case against

Barratt who sued because the City raised their permit fees. See attached article.

NEW COMMUNICATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- On behalf of Jim Martin, Soroosh Rahbari reminded members of the CALBO meeting scheduled on September 23, 2003, in Garden Grove. He also posed an issue for members to think about (to participate or not participate in the adoption process of the NFPA 5000 Building Code). Faisal Jurdi asked if CALBO positioned on this issue. Soroosh responded that CABO is looking for input from members on this issue.
- Jay Elbettar reported on the ICC conference in Nashville. He attended the conference early September. He reported light attendance by California Building Officials. He also reported that the general feeling at the conference is that ICC will eventually prevail in California due to the high cost of maintaining the NFPA 5000 Code. He encouraged members to conduct themselves professionally on the issue and continue to be involved in the ICC Code amendments process since the state adopted the IRC.
- Faisal Jurdi, Chairman of the Code Development Committee reported that the amendment to the IRC submitted to allow a step at the entrance door to a dwelling unit regardless of the door swing was disapproved by the committee. During the previous code adoption cycle, the Code Development Committee was successful in their effort to allow a step at out-swinging doors except at the entrance. A similar proposed revision to the IBC was disapproved.
- Hadi Tabatabaee, Chairman of the Education Committee announced a class on Roofing Technology scheduled on September 24, 2003, at Orange City Hall.

PROGRAM

- Doug Hatch, Manager of State and Regional Certification Services, presented the types of professional certifications available from ICC and the requirements for becoming certified. He also covered the procedure for re-certification under the Uniform Building Code. Mr. Hatch also addressed certification in light of the state's adoption of the NFPA 5000 Building Code.

A copy of the Power Point presentation is available. Please contact Faisal Jurdi if you like to borrow the CD.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jay Elbettar suggested scheduling an additional future Safety Assessment Class not in conflict with the CALBO training schedule.

MEETING ADJOURNED

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Scott Fazekas
Chapter Secretary