



Orange Empire Chapter

March 2010, Meeting Minutes
Tustin Ranch Golf Club
12442 Tustin Ranch Rd
Tustin, CA 92782

Date: March 18, 2010
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Tustin Ranch Golf Club

David Khorram , OC Empire Chapter President called the joint business meeting to order at 11:56 a.m. Proceeded to express his gratitude and welcome everyone to ICC Orange Empire Chapters first meeting of the year. David asked Ray Schuller to conduct the Pledge of Allegiance.

I CHAPTER BUSINESS

- A. Board introduction: President- David Khorram, Past President-Hadi Tabatabaee, (Vice President-Tony Weimholt not present), Secretary-Gabriel Linares, Treasurer-Henry Huang.
- B. Distinguished guest introduction by David Khorram. – Raj Patel and Gregg Watkins
- C. Meeting participants did self introduction.
- D. First time attendees asked to raise hands-approx six raised hands.
- E. Meeting Minutes - A motion was made and second to approve Jan 17, 2010 meeting minutes.
- F. Treasurer's Report: Henry Huang announced the balance for the Checking at \$ 48,809.86 and the Savings balance of \$ 141.92 .

II COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Education Committee, Chair- Charles Russell–

- Charles mentioned that the ADA seminar was successful and thanked Jay Elbettar and Scott Fazekas for presenting the class and also thanked IAPMO for sponsoring the lunch for the seminar.
- Charles and committee will put together a 2nd ADA seminar in upcoming months.
- March 24, 2010 - will offer a Podium Building Structural Design seminar in the city of Orange.
- April 27, 2010 - will offer an existing bldg seminar concentrating on plan check issues.
- May 2010 - will offer a mechanical and energy seminar instructed by Faddy Mattar.
- September 2010 - will be the month for the Joint Chapters training Matrix.

B. Green Building Committee, Chair- Roy F. not present.

- Hadi spoke on the committee behalf.
- Laid out some goals and commented that they will be meeting in the upcoming weeks.
- Based on individual discussions with several of the committee members, a preliminary list of committee objectives for the year should include:
 - i. Continue to develop and support educational materials for the chapter to support adoption and enforcement of the CGC.
 - ii. Explore options for developing and offering an Orange County or regional Green Building Exhibition.
 - iii. Identify and help to address challenges involved in adopting and implementing the CGC.
- Public Relations and Membership Committee , Chair– Soroosh Rahbari presented the goals for the Public Relations & Membership Committee:
Public Relations:
 - Update committee application and post by 2/10.
 - Update committees' page with new photo and members by 4/10.
 - Send out advertisement opportunity notices by 3/10.
 - Webpage updates of advertisements and jobs available in OC (on going).
 - Motion the membership to let the committee award **\$2,000** scholarship money raised in 2009 by 5/10.
 - Coordinate location/venue for 2010 holiday luncheon by 5/10.
 - Coordinate joint meeting with LA Basin/Ventura Chapter by 4/10

- Coordinate program/speaker/sponsor PDA/OC program by 5/10.
- Coordinate program for joint meeting with APA/OC chapter by 5/10.
- Coordinate annual golf tournament with OC PDA, and APA, chapters by 5/10.
- Coordinate/Sponsor BIA/OC program by 6/10.
- Update Scholarship form and post online by 8/10.
- Send out notice on scholarship application period by 10/10.
- Review scholarship applications by 11/10.
- Select and contact scholarship recipients by 12/10.
- Coordinate and invite CALBO President to 2011 installation banquet by 11/10.
- Coordinate and invite non-active past presidents to installation banquet by 11/10.

Membership:

- Update membership application & post by 2/10.
- Send out renewal notices by 2/10.
- Work on expanding membership by 3/10-6/10.
- Update membership roster and email list by 4/10.
- Send out second notice/invoice for renewals by 4/10.
- Work on renewals; re-send renewal notices by 5/10.
- Send out 'welcome new members' notice by 6/10.
- Update membership roster and email list by 6/10.
- Remove non-renewals by (6/10).

Golf Tournament: coordinator- Khanah Nguyen - spoke off topic and introduced Ruby Maldonado, Project Manager with OC Sunergy.

Ruby introduced herself and spoke about an innovative program which will facilitate the installation of efficiency and solar technology systems on residential and commercial properties as a strategy to reduce green house gas emissions at no cost to people. Cities must opt in to the program in order for applicants to participate in the program. SEE Attached doc. "OCSunergy"

Khanh stated CALBO Golf tournament was held at Black Gold and 64 players signed up and 64 attended. Thanks to the sponsors of the event. The Annual Golf tournament with the APA will be held at Old Creek in Irvine on Thursday Aug 12, 2010. Formal announcements will follow.

Code Committee – Chairman-Steve Ikkanda stated the committee Goals:

- Deal with code amendments by 8/10
- Minimize amendments through the committee process.
- Communicate with BIA, SEOC, OCFA, San Diego and tri chapters in order to compile uniform interpretations prior to code adoption.
- Next meeting will be held 4/10 in Tustin area.
- Concentrate on Energy and Residential codes.

Quality Assurance Committee – Chairman- Dennis McCreary stated Committee has not met but would like to:

- Develop and share documents to help building dept do a better job.
- Develop inspection check list for:
 - i. Pex
 - ii. Preconstruction meeting
 - iii. P.V. inspections
 - iv. Special inspections
- Invited inspectors to participate in the committee process.

C. ABM Host Committee- Chair- David Khorram.

- Motion was moved and 2nd to sunset the committee.
- Technology Committee- David requested for a new committee to be formed and asked to participants to join. This Committee will oversee the improvements to the chapter web site, online programs, webinars, etc..

III ORGANIZATION REPORTS

A. CALBO – Representative-Jay Elbettar. stated

- ABM at Anaheim was a successful event.
- Education classes were well attended.
- Exhibitors were well placed and provided great information.
- The election of officers was interesting. There was an attempt to circumvent the regular process but thanks to voices of members including Ray Schuller, Scott Fazekas the process prevailed and a new board was properly appointed. Jay went on to name the Board and its members.
- Next ABM to be held in Napa Solano area.
- The 50th Anniversary for the ABM will be held in Los Angeles most likely at LA Live.
- Jay spoke about a letter from the State Fire Marshall that fails to recognize the role of Building Officials and takes away the local jurisdiction authority to enforce building codes. CALBO is working with the SFM to have the letter corrected or renounced.
- Jay encouraged people to participate in legislative day in Sacramento on 4/27/10.

- Jay spoke about SB 1227. This bill would transfer the duties of the Department of General Services with regard to plan review and inspection of school buildings, as defined to include buildings used for elementary, secondary, and community college purposes, to the building department of the appropriate local jurisdiction.
- Raj Patel, a new CALBO Board member, thanked Jay Elbettar for his leadership. Announced that he is proud of working with David Khorram who also was nominated to the CALBO Board. He is looking forward to representing southern California and working together in the future. Raj congratulated OEC ICC for a great ABM.

David announced that the next Joint meeting with LA will be on 4/13, 2010 in Norwalk, where Matt Wheeler and Christina Jamason will be the guest speakers. David read a letter of appreciation which was sent to our chapter from Stephen Kiefer. CALBO president.

- B. ICC representatives were not present
- C. SEAOC representatives were not present.
- D. IAPMO-representative- Russ Chaney thanked everyone and invited membership to emerging technology seminar on 5/11 & 5/12 in Ontario. Russ mentioned that their goal will be to try to coordinate uniformity in the plumbing & mechanical codes by working with ICC. He mentioned that IAPMO is accredited to perform evaluations for structural and fire evaluation and their reports are accepted by many cities.

IV GOOD OF THE ORDER

A. Discussion on SB 1227:

- (1) Existing law, the Field Act, requires the Department of General Services, under the police power of the state, to supervise the design and construction of any school building, as defined to include buildings used for elementary, secondary, and community college purposes, or the reconstruction or alteration of or addition to any school building, as defined to include buildings used for elementary, secondary, and community college purposes, if not exempted, to ensure that plans and specifications comply with adopted rules and regulations and specified building standards and to ensure that the work of construction has been performed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, for the protection of life and property. Existing law requires the plans and specifications for any school building, as defined, together with cost estimates, to be submitted to the Department of General Services for approval. Existing law requires a manufacturer of factory-built buildings designed or intended for use as school buildings to submit to the Department of General Services and the State Department of Education for approval, its plans, specifications, methods of construction, and estimates of cost of those buildings. **This bill would transfer the duties of the Department of General Services with regard to design and construction of school buildings, as defined to include buildings used for elementary, secondary, and community college purposes, to the building department of the appropriate local jurisdiction.** (2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that

reimbursement. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

- Hadi Tabatabaee stated that the bill is not an option.
- Scott Fazekas stated that we should take the responsibility and know that we can learn the requirements.
- Jay Elbettar stated that designers are feed up w/ delays and the state is on a furlough program that increases the delays for the customer and the projects are suffering. He also stated that the Governor supports the bill. CALBO may end up neutral on the bill due to the political ramification. The additional responsibilities will come with quality requirements, this should be viewed as an opportunity to hire structural or civil engineers on the Building Dept staff.
- Hadi Tabatabaee stated that he believes CALBO should represent the B.O. and take a position accordingly.
- Tom Vandorp stated that DSA has a lot of prescriptive requirements for schools and advised to take a careful position with this bill.
- Ray Schuller also raised the same concern.
- Sid Danandeh talked about his experience on LA Unified School District plan review and found many code issues were missed by DSA . Sid believes that local cities can do a better job.
- John Traw also stated when we as a chapter formulate a position we should offer to work together to provide the best service for the building industry. We should be careful not to polarize the issue and offer to assist because this way we may get a portion of review if not all.

B. Question was raised by Scott Fazekas- How many cities inspect public swimming pools?

- The responsible party is the local county health official and when no local county health official is present then it defaults to the State.

V. PROGRAM- see attached

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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