



# MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **March 16, 2006**

TIME: **11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: **Embassy Suites**  
3100 Fontera, Anaheim  
(91 Fwy-Glassell/Kramer Exit)

## I. CHAPTER BUSINESS

- A. Pledge of Allegiance: President Khanh Nguyen called the meeting to order and conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Khanh introduced special guest Tim McCormick, Building Officer of Santa Monica and Vice President of the LA Basin ICC Chapter. Khanh invited Tim due to his interest in the day's program and his recent experience with fees in his own jurisdiction. A Powerpoint presentation prepared by Tim is attached.  
Self Introductions followed.
- C. Treasurer's Report- Hadi Tabatabaee, Chapter Treasurer reported that the current checking account balance was \$5374, and that a \$500 deposit had already been made for the annual holiday party. He also reported that 65 membership applications had been received thus far and that about 30% of our members had yet to send in their annual applications. He reminded those yet to submit to do so quickly.

## II.

### D. Unfinished Business-

Khanh reported that rather than assign AB1400 to a committee for review and evaluation he decided to call HCD to do some preliminary research. He spoke to Doug Hensel, at (916) 327-2831, who indicated that a Building Department's main role under this bill would be to respond to complaints regarding a lack of universal accessibility design options and that no requirement under the law to ensure that such a list of options is provided to potential buyers.

### E. New Business-

Khanh discussed the Chapter's Reasonable Tolerances Document that was online but later removed. He suggested postponing discussion until Jay Elbettar was in attendance as it was he who wished to review the circumstances of its placement and later removal from the chapter webpage. Despite Khanh's suggestion, there was a short discussion in which Jim Martin said he recollected that at a previous meeting it was decided to remove the document but maintain some sort of reference to the document. No action was decided.

#### F. Communications

Henry Hwang announced that the CALBO president has extended the application period for committee membership until the end of March.

Jim Martin reported that the CALBO ABM Golf Tournament was a success and that this was at least due in part to the partnership with the Building Horizons group which is in the business of training young people in construction trades. Jim suggested that at some future time the chapter consider partnering with this group.

Dan Van Dorpe commented about BITA, The Building Industry Technology Academy which exists to increase awareness of the diverse career paths available within the construction industry to students. It also introduces participants to the necessary skills, training, knowledge and contact with industry professionals required to pursue careers in the construction industry. Dan suggested that members see him for additional information.

Don Godfrey discussed his practice of using interns in his building department and offered his assistance to anyone wishing to design a similar program in their jurisdiction.

Soroosh Rabari offered his City's release letter that is used when private citizens partake in ride-alongs. Soroosh agreed to send an electronic copy to Khanh. (see attachment herein)

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Education Committee** Chair David Khorram reported that the first seminar "How to Talk to the Media" was a success...40 attendees. He also announced a second seminar to be held in Lake Forrest on April 3

from 2:30 to 6:30. The topic to be covered is new energy code provisions for commercial and residential lighting. A flyer will be available soon.

#### IV. ORGANIZATION REPORTS

- A. Jon Traw announced three new appointments to the Building Standards Commission: Christine Jameson, Local Fire Official, Susan Dowty, Structural Engineer; and Kim Blackseth, Public Member/Disabled. According to the BSC webpage these appointments were made on 3/10/06.
- B. ICC No report.
- C. CALBO: Chapter guest Keith Clark reported that the City of Costa Mesa received the CALBO Building Department of the Year Award. Congratulations Khanh!

#### V. PROGRAM

Keith Clark, Building Official of the City of Corona, introduced presenters Jeff Dunn and Mark Hurly, attorneys experienced in representing municipalities, including the City of Corona, against legal challenges to plan check and permitting fees. An excellent program ensued with much audience interaction. (See attachments related to the presentation herein)

