



MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 16, 2009
TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Tustin Ranch Golf Course
12442 Tustin Ranch Rd.
Tustin, CA 92782

I. CHAPTER BUSINESS

- A. Hadi Tabatabaee, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. and asked the other board members present to identify themselves. Vice-President David Khorram, Secretary Tony Weimholt, Treasurer Gabriel Linares announced their presence. Past President Joe Kirkpatrick was not present.
- B. Hadi asked Khanh Nguyen, Costa Mesa Building Official to lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Hadi introduced CALBO President Stephan Kiefer and a self-introduction by meeting attendees followed.

Chapter Business was postponed to allow the Program Presentation due to the availability of the speaker. Please refer to the Program portion of the minutes for additional information.

- D. Meeting Minutes - A motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 18, 2009 was approved by membership vote.
- E. Treasurer's Report: Gabriel Linares announced the balance for the Checking account at \$15,300.00, and the Savings account balance of \$15,130.00.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

III. NEW BUSINESS – None

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Fady Mattar spoke about the current reclaim/recycled water and gray water regulations and upcoming regulations. He stated CPC 2007 appendix G is very clear as to the public agencies being able to do the tertiary treatment of water and use reclaim water for irrigation and similar applications. With adoption of the new chapter 16 of the Plumbing Code the controls are removed and now a private entity can perform the necessary treatment and utilize recycle water. He stated this is very alarming since the maintenance of such system can be very questionable and costly by a private entity. The deadline for adoption of the new regulations is coming very fast and he encouraged everyone to render their comments before the end of July 2009.
- B. Hadi Tabatabaee stated the Orange, LA and Ventura chapters of ICC are working with the SEOAC to develop three guideline documents for design, plan check and inspection of buildings. These guidelines will be developed for tilt-up walls, masonry and wood structures.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Code Development Committee** – Steve Ikkanda announced California has started the code advisory meetings for the new code amendments. Plumbing, mechanical, electrical and energy code amendments are mostly approved. During the rest of July and August the advisory committee will meet on adoption of IRC. Steve stated that it looks like the first 10 chapters of IRC are going to get adopted. He also indicated there is no support for the requirement of having 2nd exit from a residence. Steve asked for more volunteers to assist him with the code development process and attend code hearings in Sacramento.
- B. **Education Committee** – chair, Dan Kennedy announced the Electrical Code change seminar was completed and a ½ day seminar on State Contractor licensing regulations is scheduled for August. He announced the September educational matrix program, a joint venture with the LA chapter, is on a first come first serve basis and encouraged pre-registration.

Dan also announced Ron Mincer, a long time chapter member and disabled access expert, is currently in the critical care unit of the Long Beach memorial Hospital. Hadi Tabatabaee asked for the approval of sending flowers to Ron. The motion was approved.

- C. **Quality Assurance Committee** chair, Henry Huang announced on August 11th, PEX piping will be legal to use in the building projects. The Quality Assurance committee is developing plan check and inspection guidelines for PEX pipe.

Henry also talked about The City of LA Special Inspector program and adoption of their standards for the Orange County cities.

D. Green Building Committee chair, Roy Fewell was not present.

E. Public Relations/Membership Committee - chair, Soroosh Rahbari announced that a Green Building Expo will be in the City of Westminster and extended invitation to all chapter members. He indicated that he is a member of the American Heart Association (AHA) and would like to organize a team to participate in marathons or jog-a-thons With AHA.

Soroosh also indicated that building officials could attend schools and talk to the students about importance of the role of building & safety.

Khanh Nguyen also spoke about the arrangements with PDAOC and APA for the golf tournament on August 13th.

F. 2010 ABM Committee- chair, David Khorram announced that the event preparation through Disneyland is underway. He announced the artwork for the ABM handouts was completed and encouraged the consultants to contact CALBO for sponsoring the handout materials. The golf tournament arrangements have been completed. A project was identified in the City of Orange as a candidate for the Operation Home Front project as well. The Operation Home front project, a volunteer based project through the CALBO Foundation is currently scheduled for the first two weekends in Dec. 2009.

David also spoke on the funding available to the jurisdictions through federal government stimulus package (Energy Efficiency Block Grants). He encouraged building officials to work with their City management in developing a measurable method of energy savings in their cities and throughout the communities. The CO2 equivalent unit seems to be a most common way of measuring energy savings in our communities.

VI. ORGANIZATION REPORTS

A. CALBO – Stephan Kiefer. CALBO President attended the meeting and made the following statements:

- CALBO board meeting in San Diego is scheduled for July 19th. He thanked ICCOEC for taking the lead on CALBO ABM 2010. He spoke about the state of economy and the fact that several jurisdictions have combined their services to save money.
- Stephan spoke about CALBO's 4 code advisory committees, IRC, Green Building, Energy and Residential Sprinklers.
- He announced the change in chair of California Building Standard Commission and State Fire Marshal's office.
- On the legislative level, CALBO is meeting with the author of the CASp assembly bill 1608 disusing the cost and modification of test requirements.
- Stephan mentioned that the Target store chain has a 180 store remodel project in California and in order to streamline their building permit process, they have approached CALBO. They are proposing to develop a set of standard plans for their projects.

- He also announced that CTI is looking at South Education Week with the possibility of alternating between Ontario and Orange County on an annual basis. One location under consideration is Costa Mesa.

B. **ICC** – There was no report from ICC.

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – No comments

VIII. PROGRAM

Scott Fazekas, President of Scott Fazekas and Associates, made a presentation on the Certified Access Specialist Program (CASp) voluntary certification process. The presentation was done as a first order of business prior to the rest of the meeting and luncheon. Scott informed the members that the exam is currently held two dates per calendar year and is a 2½ hour closed book test with 100 multiple choice questions. The exam appears to be based on testing an individual's ability to perform a site inspection or evaluation of access components without looking up code sections. Scott commented that passing grade for the test has been about 78% and that 20% or less of the questions were about the federal regulations with the majority of the questions on specific dimensions, slopes, and clearances. CBC Chapters 11A and 11B should be the core study materials, but indicated that other materials that could be considered are the LARUCP Access Checklist and/or the CalDAG manual. Scott went through a handout that was distributed to the audience that may greatly assist those members that are taking the certification test. Scott mentioned that the next test is scheduled for August 24, 2009 and commented that there were no trick questions, but that a few may be considered ambiguous.

Hadi Tabatabaee resumed the Chapter Business portion of the meeting. Please refer to page 1 item D (approval of meeting minutes for 6-18-09) for meeting sequence.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:45pm

Next meeting: August 20, 2009, (Joint meeting with APA)

I would like to acknowledge and thank David Khorram for providing the meeting minutes due to my early departure.

Respectfully submitted:

Tony Weimholt
Chapter Secretary