



## **MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: September 17, 2009  
TIME: 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Tustin Ranch Golf Course  
12442 Tustin Ranch Rd.  
Tustin, CA 92782

### **I. CHAPTER BUSINESS**

- A. Hadi Tabatabaee, Chapter President, brought the meeting to order at 11:54 a.m. and asked Ray Schular to lead the membership in the pledge of allegiance.  
  
Hadi asked the other board members present to identify themselves. Past President Joe Kirkpatrick, Vice-President David Khorram, Secretary Tony Weimholt, and Treasurer Gabriel Linares, were all in attendance.
- B. During the self-introduction of the membership, Burt Morgan announced his pending retirement and thanked the members for the many friendships and professional relationships the organization had helped him develop.
- C. Hadi expressed appreciation to IAPMO for their generous donation to the Chapter in covering the cost of the luncheon.
- D. Treasurer's Report: Gabriel Linares announced that there was a balance of about \$19,954.00 in each of the checking and \$15,133.00 in the savings account.
- E. Meeting Minutes - A motion was made and passed to approve the August 20, 2009 meeting minutes.

### **II. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Code Committee – Steve Ikkanda announced that the 45-day comment period for the Building & Fire Code revisions was October 19, 2009. Steve also commented that the San Diego Chapter requested Orange Empire and LA Basin Code committees look at the Mechanical Code changes regarding the enclosed garage ventilation issues proposed by the State Fire Marshal, Housing & Community Development and the Building Standards Commission. Steve noted that the LA Basin & Orange Empire Code Committees had taken the position to support.

- B. Education Committee – Dan Kennedy reminded the members that the matrix training classes scheduled for September 23, 2009 was filling up, but still had room for late registration and urged interested members to get their registration in. Dan also announced that the Green Building seminar flyers were available at the registration table.
- C. Quality Assurance Committee – Jon Traw, Co-Chair of the committee announced that the committee was meeting in Tustin following the Chapter meeting. Jon stated that the committee was completing the final touches on the PEX Installation Guidelines and also working on a Special Inspection procedures and guidelines policy (i.e. who do we accept to perform special inspections and what information do we rely on). The committee will be coordinating efforts with LA Basin in support of the City of Los Angeles Special Inspection Program (City of LA considering dropping their program).

Jon also commented that the committee was working with the LA Basin Inspection Committee regarding the Steel Moment frame recommendations.

- D. Green Building Committee – Roy Fewell announced that they were continuing to review and evaluate the CGBC and compare LEED and ICC 700 standards. Roy invited interested members to hear his presentation on Green Building issues at the training matrix September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Jon Traw commented that he was also on the Green Building Committee and that they were looking at the GBC from a statutory standpoint and that they wanted to review and discourage more statutory regulations.

- E. Public Relations and Membership Committee – Soroosh Rahbari announced that the chapter's proceeds from the golf tournament amounted to \$1,792.76 that would be set aside for the 2010 scholarship fund. Soroosh expressed his appreciation to the committee members and thanked Khanh Nguyen, Nichole Storman and Christine Tafolla for their assistance with the event. Soroosh commented that the committee was also accepting scholarship applications.

Soroosh announced the opportunity for advertisement on the chapter's website and advised anyone interested to contact him for additional information. Soroosh also announced that he was still looking to organize a 5K/10K fundraiser event and was partnering with the American Heart Association for coordination of the CALBO fun run event and a training program for runners beginning in January.

- F. CALBO ABM Committee – David Khorram commented that the reservations and food menu coordination with the Disney Hotel were completed and committee members were working with CALBO to prepare the event folder. JAS Pacific provided the Artwork. Reminded the members to plan to attend the event in February. David commented that the Chapter was contributing \$20,000.00 to

CALBO in sponsorship of the event and that the LA Basin Chapter committed to contribute \$5,000.00.

David also announced that the CALBO Foundation event "Operation Home Front" was tentatively scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> at a property in the City of Orange. David invited anyone interested in participating to contact him for additional information.

### **III. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Jon Traw asked the membership if anyone was planning to attend the ICC ABM and stated that besides the code hearings, there were a few issues that needed consideration:

1. Proposed bylaws changes regarding the code adoption process.
2. Removal of the geographic regions in place regarding board representation.
3. Ron Piester is seeking support.

Jon asked that the Board take a position of support for issues 2 & 3.

B. Sid Danandeh commented on SEAOC annual meeting in San Diego.

C. Alan Hanson from Simpson Strong-Tie announced that many new products had been introduced and that the company representatives were visiting cities and distributing new catalogs.

### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Hadi commented on his involvement with the SEAOC Committee and the SCRUCP regarding uniformity review of code items including structural, access, inspection, and plan check. The first check list topic is moment frame structures. Hadi advised that he would send e-mail to the membership inviting participation. SEAOC indicates a willingness to send letters to City Managers in support of Building & Safety functions.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

Jon Traw advised the membership that the annual meeting & code development hearings can be observed using the web

Hadi commented that the SCRUCP had entered into a contract in joint participation with the LA Basin, Orange and Ventura Chapters to use the Internet for web-based conferences, meetings and training at a cost of \$400.00 to OEC.

## **VI. ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

- A. CALBO – No report. Hadi Tabatabaee commented that he was a member of the Public Relations Committee for CALBO and that they were working on a support letter to promote Building Official's and Building Department staff.
- B. ICC – No report due to pending program

## **VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

No comments

## **VIII. PROGRAM**

Hadi Tabatabaee commented that many products with the ICBO ES listings were no longer valid with the adoption of the new codes and there was much confusion among the jurisdictions as to the process to accept or approve the product. Hadi identified Amir Zamanian Director of IAPMO ES, and John Nosse Director of ICC ES and invited IAPMO to start with their presentation.

### **IAPMO**

Amir Zamanian introduced Shahin Moinian, Senior Director of IAPMO ES and they presented a power point program in which Amir explained that Evaluation services comprised of 4 functions: Evaluation Criteria, Evaluation of Technical Data, Evaluation of Quality Assurance System and Laboratory Recognition.

Amir stated that through the IAPMO process the technical data is submitted by licensed engineers, reviewed by licensed engineers and the reports are subject to annual review. The lab recognition is in accordance with ISO/IEC 170 25.

A copy of the complete presentation is attached to this report for additional information.

Rich Geary, Hoover Treated Wood Products, questioned Shahin Moinian about IAPMO's approval of FlameDXX using ICC ES Acceptance Criteria 264 and stated that AC-264 was for a ceramic laminate over a wood panel. Shahin stated that IAPMO had a chemist evaluate the product and that in their opinion the use of the acceptance criteria was justified.

At the completion of IAPMO's presentation, Hadi invited John Nosse Director of ICC ES to present the ICC ES portion of the program.

### **ICC**

John Nosse presented a power point program in which he provided ICC's background in product evaluation and explained that ICC Evaluation Services was a completely transparent process with open hearings. They receive input from world-renowned

experts that participate in the hearing process and provide a resource for vast technical knowledge. John stated that ICC is in a position to defend their reports, as well as the code official in potential legal challenges on the basis of their approval of the listed products.

John explained that ICC-ES employs highly experienced evaluation specialists, licensed architects, and professional engineers with expertise in such specialized fields as civil, structural, fire protection, and mechanical engineering. Additionally, ICC-ES is accredited by ANSI under ISO/IEC Guide 65.

John also commented that ICC is considered a Technical Assessment Organization and reviews products for code compliance, and may develop requirements for alternatives. ICC ES also participates in the World Federation of Technical Assessment Organizations. John also commented that ICC ES was service oriented and not profit-driven, and that while time and cost were an important to manufacturers, ICC ES does not put that in front of technical competence, consistency and/or transparency.

After the presentations, there was a brief exchange of opinions and discussion about each ES process.

Hadi Tabatabaee thanked both presenters and commented that the information provided and open discussion would be helpful to the Building Official's in their decision making as an end user of the evaluation reports.

Hadi adjourned the meeting at 1:54 PM and announced that the next meeting would be October 15, 2009. The presentation will be "Conducting a Fee Study" by Katie Wilson, an expert in Building and Safety User Fee Studies with Willdan Financial Services.

Respectfully submitted:

Tony Weimholt  
Chapter Secretary