



MEETING MINUTES MAY 20, 2004

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2004 MEETING WERE VOTED ON AND APPROVED

TREASURER'S REPORT

Khanh Nguyen gave the Treasurer's Report.

Checking account balance: \$1,781.44

Savings account balance: \$5,693.97

CITY CORNER

Gary Hook, Combination Inspector for the City of Costa Mesa gave an overview of the T.V. production Extreme Makeover which had selected a family in Costa Mesa. It was sponsored by ABC & Sears. The process was very involved and he explained the number of agencies and citizens from which clearances, endorsements and/or participation was required. Full time access to building inspections was only one small component. Gary mentioned that not all cities welcomed such a program in their jurisdiction because of the demands placed on the community, however, he also emphasized the community's as well as the City Agency's efforts and support which were evident. A large emphasis was placed on the difference between the actual chaos and scrambling as opposed to what the T.V. viewing audience sees. Gary's enthusiasm for the program was evidence that he was a great appointment by the Building Official to both enjoy the celebrity and also to be counted on to put forth effort above and beyond 8:00 to 5:00 service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Faisal Jurdi forwarded the Chapter's ICC survey response.

NEW BUSINESS

- Due to a vacancy on the Board of Directors which was created when Mike Hudson regretfully resigned due to workload and personal reasons, Faisal asked for nominations to fill the role of Treasurer, moving Khanh Nguyen up to Secretary. Faisal also made a point to thank Mike Hudson for his past service on the Board and noted his continued hard work on the Education Committee was valued and appreciated. Gerald Caraig of Huntington Beach was nominated at the Chapter's Board Meeting on June 2, 2004. Gerald Caraig was sworn in by President Faisal Jurdi.
- Faisal Furdi solicited suggestions on what will maintain a vital attendance record at Chapter Meetings. Scott Fazekas commented that programs of substance and value are the key. Burt Morgan suggested having an update presentation on NPDES. Consensus was to continue focusing on program content.

- Neal Evans brought up a letter from ISO to San Marino encouraging options to upgrade local structural provisions. It emphasizes the significant negative impact on ISO ratings, penalizing jurisdiction for not adopting amendments.
- Scott Fazekas suggested pursuing ISO's recommendation #3, specifically that the structural provisions of the IBC/IRC be considered. The Code Development Committee will make a recommendation to the Chapter. This was discussed during Organizational Reports later.
- John Gustafson posed a question as to ISO's ability to have any actual impact on insurance rates.
- Faisal Jurdi discussed Jim Martin's request that he be designated as the Chapter's Liaison to the Code Coalition. Jim's request was supported by the Chapter.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Bob Payne discussed the PEX appeal which was filed. He emphasized that "rumor" was that San Francisco and Los Angeles were in support of CBSC's position, however, he had already verified this was false by at least L.A. as they had taken no such position.

COMMITTEE REPORT

- Education Committee was reported on by Soroosh Rahbari. The most recent past seminar was on Fire Resistive Assemblies by Scott Fazekas and upcoming was Access Regulations by Isam Hasenin in May. June's seminar will be Plumbing Principles by Fady Mattar.
- Roy Fewell, Mike Hudson and David Koran have joined Soroosh Rahbari on the Education Committee.
- Forms were handed out soliciting suggestions on Education Topics.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

ICC update was presented by Paul Armstrong.

- Code change hearings were wrapped up this day.
- The Phoenix NFPA 5000 Code review for implementation has been stopped!
- ICC is very pleased with the Governor's appointments to the BSC.

Calbo update was presented by Jay Elbettar.

- Bob Raymer with BIA brought up a letter by DSA finding inconsistencies with NFPA 5000 language; placing a hold on NFPA 5000 until licensing agreement issuances are resolved.
- Paul Armstrong summarized that consultants had re-written 9 Chapters in an attempt to fix NFPA 5000 problems and 51 additional pages were written to reconcile it with ACI alone. These are changes to the base document, not yet involving any amendments. A total of approximately 900 pages have been written so far. 2008 is now the best guess for the effective date of a new California Code.
- HCD is now leaving seismic gas shut-off valves up to local jurisdictions may change. This topic is still under discussion.
- Steve Winkel was elected Vice Chair of the BSC.

- The ISO letter to Simi Valley dropped their rating from a 3 to 9. Jay discussed the “ISO letter” and that partial structural provision adoption, which some jurisdictions did, was insufficient to deter being downrated.
- Roy Fewell made a motion to write ISO and request a review of Orange Empire’s Structural Code Updates for adequacy. After discussion, he withdrew his motion in support of having the Code Development Committee review the possibility of having Calbo and/or the Board recommend developing code amendments which would adopt the IBC/IRC structural provisions.
- Paul Armstrong donated a text on behalf of ICC titled “Structural Shearwalls” to be raffled off. Scott Fazekas was the recipient.
- C.T.I is increasing the number of annual training days.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chuck Daleo stated that both Denver and Dallas are going to the “I” Codes, however, a tradeoff to the unions was to require Master Plumbers for construction.

PROGRAM

Larrie Lance, Dr. PH, REA who is Chief of the Lead Hazard Reduction Section with the State of California gave the presentation. Her program was entitled “Laws and Regulations Related to Childhood Lead Poisoning: Roles and Responsibilities of Local Enforcement Agencies”. A copy of the program/handout can be found at dscannel@dhs.ca.gov or by calling (510) 622-5063 and asking for Dan Scannell or Larrie Lance. A highlight was the number of buildings found to have lead in them based on age as follows:

<1940-	87%
1940-1959-	69%
1960-1978-	24%
All Habitable Housing	40%

A bottom line question which building officials want to know was answered. Enforcement mandate is somewhat permissive since it is based on seeing visible evidence of existing flaking or peeling paint. The bottom line is that cities have the authority to cite based on field recognized problems. There is no administrative mandate that outlines exactly what each jurisdiction must do. Actions taken by local agencies should be based on good inter-agency cooperation with the best interest of our citizens in mind.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectively Submitted,

Scott Fazekas
Vice President