

**SAN DIEGO AREA CHAPTER ICBO
 MINUTES of July 17, 2001**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Trees at 8:35 am, at which time Tim Owens requested time to make an announcement. Tim advised the Chapter members that Art Bauxbaum, City of San Diego, passed away this past weekend.

2. Roll Call

<u>Representing</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ken Larsen	Canyon Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pat Kelley	Carlsbad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brad Remp	Chula Vista	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gary Fausett	Coronado	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clay Westling	County of San Diego	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay Westling	Del Mar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dan Pavao	El Cajon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Davidson	El Centro	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Richard Esgate	Encinitas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dan Fagan	Escondido	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Ghiloni	Imperial Beach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jessie Wu	La Mesa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Richard Esgate	Lemon Grove	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Trees	National City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greg Anderson	Oceanside	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Richard Esgate	Poway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pete Lopez	San Diego	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carl Blaisdell	San Marcos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Richard Esgate	Santee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Richard Esgate	Solana Beach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Kratz	Vista	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Chapter Officers in Attendance

President	Kathleen Trees	National City
Vice-President	Clay Westling	County of San Diego
Secretary	Dan Fagan	City of Escondido
Treasurer	Richard Esgate	City of Poway

Associate Members and Guests

Lou El-Khazen	City of Chula Vista
Ali Fattah	City of San Diego
Mehdi Shadyab	City of San Diego
Mark Beauchamp	City of Lemon Grove
Gina Adams	RCP Block & Brick
Joe Russo	City of Escondido
Art DeBolt	City of San Diego
Jerry Livingston	San Diego BIA
Russell Ek	Simpson Strong-Tie
Hoby Parks	Simpson Strong-Tie
Paul Smith	City of Carlsbad
John Taecker	UL, Inc.
Leslie Sabin-Mercado	SDG&E

Brooke Gaw
Roger Brooks

San Diego Regional Energy Office
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3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 19, 2001 were approved as written.

4. Treasurer's Report

Richard Esgate Reported:	Checking	\$2,344.24
	Savings	\$255.46
	CD	\$15,622.00

5. Communications

a. Chapter President's Report:

- ~~///~~ President Trees expressed sorrow at the news of Art Bauxbaum's passing. Motion made, seconded and approved for the Executive Committee to determine the appropriate means to send the Chapter's expression of sympathy to Art's family.
- ~~///~~ Kathleen noted that she had sent the response letter to CALBO regarding Chapter action on Steve Mitchell's letter that was taken at the last Chapter meeting.
- ~~///~~ Four draft Polar Bear drawings for Chapter pins were distributed.
- ~~///~~ Kathleen noted that she had received a phone call from Rod Jones asking for a reimbursement of \$400 for all of the pictures that he had taken of various Chapter activities over the years. General discussion ensued regarding all of the photo work that Rod had done in the past with no reimbursements being requested. General consensus among Chapter members was for President Trees to follow-up with Rod and to make the appropriate reimbursement.

b. ICBO Report:

None

c. Legislative Report:

None

d. CALBO Report:

- ~~///~~ Brad Remp noted that the next CALBO Board meeting would be in Riverside on August 26 & 27. At that meeting he will be giving the ABM report. He also mentioned the following items.
 - o CALBO is getting feedback regarding Steve Mitchell's letter. There is no consensus yet as to the course of action that CALBO will be taking.
 - o CALBO is monitoring all of the state code amendments. The CEC is looking at developing outdoor lighting regulations.
 - o Brad encouraged participation in committee work at the state level.
 - o He also noted that with the energy crisis costs new programs at the state level would probably have no dollars available for enforcement.

6. Old Business:

- ~~///~~ Ali Fattah mentioned the matrix that he had distributed at the last Chapter meeting. Dan Pavao talked about NES and ICBO ES and how we have come to this point. John Taecker, UL, Inc., asked about the matrix and how it would be used and noted that other agencies might also be included on the list. John asked if jurisdictions use the databases for each company that currently are on the Internet. He also

- offered to bring to the Chapter members information on how to easily access the Internet information.
- /// Lou El-Khazen noted that Dave Conover of NES would be at the October Chapter meeting.
- /// John Taecker indicated that it would be useful for jurisdictions to know the scope of what each company does. John offered to provide a contact for each organization to obtain information.
- /// General discussion ensued on the City of LA process.
- /// Dan Pavao brought us back to the original question. Do we accept companies that don't have a quality control program?
- /// Greg Anderson mentioned that we also need to be looking at what standards these companies are testing under.
- /// John Taecker noted that UL of Canada uses Canadian standards, and not US standards. He suggested that we put together a reference package for jurisdictions.
- /// Brad Remp talked about the basic question. What is the problem? Is there a problem in the field with a product? He also noted that the Building Official is the ultimate authority on accepting products.
- /// Ali Fattah noted the difference between a listing agency and an approval agency. City of LA is an approval agency because they are only looking at products for their jurisdiction.
- /// Brad Remp suggested that the Chapter as a whole author an article for the CALBO newsletter. Dan Pavao reiterated Brad's point of what is the problem.
- /// Clay Westling remarked that the CALBO article is an excellent idea. He also noted that the survey would be useful, but that we also need all of the other information that has been mentioned in the general discussion.
- /// Lou El-Khazen noted that ICBO ES would be referring to the I-codes.
- /// John Taecker noted other agencies to add: Radco, Met labs, Electrotest and ETL.
- /// Ali Fattah indicated that he would start an outline of the information needed and distribute.

7. Good of the Order/Uniform Code Interpretations:

- /// Clay Westling, County of San Diego indicated that the County is still working on the methane issue. They are currently drafting an ordinance to require testing on all mass grading.
- /// Dan Fagan, City of Escondido, noted that they have had to post two existing buildings as Unsafe-Do Not Occupy. One, due to the unpermitted removal of a bearing wall and the other due to a partial roof collapse. Dan also asked the Chapter members if there was consensus for sending out the monthly agenda and minutes via e-mail vs. regular mail. General consensus was to start using e-mail for next month's meeting.
- /// Dan Pavao, City of El Cajon, noted that they were in need of a plan checker and a counter person. He also indicated that they were doing an abatement on a hotel due to a gas explosion.
- /// Pete Lopez, City of San Diego, expressed caution about going through the proper procedures prior to posting buildings. Pete also noted that a couple of years ago we had a joint meeting with a neighboring chapter. He indicated that he would start attending the LA basin and Orange Co. meetings to take advantage of all of the items they are currently working on and asked if anyone would like to attend with him. He suggested that we explore the idea of a joint meeting with Orange County. He and Ali will attend a meeting and report back. Pete also commented on the following items.
 - o They are currently dealing with issues related to amusement rides. The owner of one ride did not have appropriate plans and agreed to a testing procedure on structural items. The tests failed. They are now re-welding and re-doing other structural items.
 - o Pete noted that he had sent a letter to the Building Standards Commission regarding the September meeting conflict with the ICBO ABM.
 - o They are having issues with row homes. General discussion ensued on the ICBO interpretation, area separation walls, accessibility, party walls, etc. The developer's gain for doing this is lower costs; getting away from fire rated construction, and the Fire Department required fire alarm systems.
 - o Pete mentioned the City's new draft back-up generator guide and distributed copies. John Taecker noted the City's requirement for a listing on generators and mentioned UL 2200.
 - o The City is also getting requests to use IBC requirements regarding unlimited area on 60" yards.
- /// Mark Beauchamp, City of Lemon Grove, indicated that they are looking for Inspectors. Mark also noted enforcement issues related to the new energy regulations.
- /// Russell Ek, Simpson Strong-Tie, introduced Hoby Parks, the new San Diego representative for Simpson. Russell also distributed three new ICBO reports on his products. He also noted the luncheon presentation scheduled for next month's meeting and invited other interested staff from each jurisdiction to attend.

- ✍ Pat Kelly, City of Carlsbad, indicated that they had an instance of fiberglass resin piping being used for potable water piping, however, the piping was not listed for that use. Pat also noted that they have added two new tools to their code enforcement efforts; administrative citations and filing a Notice of Non-compliance on properties.
- ✍ Brooke Gaw, San Diego Regional Energy Office, noted that her organization is developing a database of information on building departments for purposes of training and distributed a contact list for updating.
- ✍ Gina Adams, RCP Block and Brick, mentioned that their executive Director would be doing a luncheon presentation next week.
- ✍ John Taecker, UL, Inc, commented on the energy situation and offered to do a presentation on distributed generation systems. John also noted that we should be involved in the IBC code cycle. He advised that several ICBO Chapters have web sites and noted that a web site would be a great location to post information.
- ✍ Leslie Sabin-Mercado, SDG&E, asked which jurisdictions are requiring SDG&E approval prior to permit issuance. Leslie noted that SDG&E couldn't require approval prior to issuance. Various Chapter members remarked on notifications for the new distributed generation systems installations and on notices for discontinuance. The subject of notification was referred to the Electrical Subcommittee.
- ✍ Greg Anderson, City of Oceanside, suggested that we consider John Taecker's offer for training. Greg noted that they would be adding a couple of new positions. Greg asked the members about permits and policies regarding temporary shoring. Mike Kratz, City of Vista, noted that they require separate permits for temporary shoring. Ali Fattah noted that the UBC has a section regarding shoring and protection of adjacent property. Pete Lopez, City of San Diego, noted that they have a policy and that he would forward a copy to Greg.
- ✍ Ali Fattah, City of San Diego, noted that the Structural Engineers Association has formed an adhoc committee to look at various strong wall systems and will involve our local chapter.
- ✍ Medhi Shadyab, City of San Diego, indicated that he would be more than happy to do a workshop geared to Building Officials on special inspection/structural observation. The Chapter needs to let him know when and the length of the seminar. Medhi noted that the City of San Diego's program has been very successful. He also noted that the City's process of recertification has begun. This requires documentation for each certification. Part of this process is the distribution of a manual of standard practice to Special Inspectors, special inspection agencies and construction materials testing labs. Medhi noted that he has moved to the downtown office. New phone number: 619-446-5068
- ✍ Pete Lopez, City of San Diego, asked that members e-mail your questions to Medhi.
M6s@sdcity.sannet.gov
- ✍ Dan Pavao, City of El Cajon, asked when special inspection would be required for a pole sign and for retaining walls. Mehdi noted that it would be based on the engineering design. General discussion ensued regarding retaining wall handouts and special inspection.

8. Question of the Month:

None

9. New Business:

- ✍ Kathleen Trees polled the members on their preference for the Chapter's annual pin design.

10. Committee Reports

a. Education and Training:

- ✍ Dan Pavao noted that we had an attendance of 19 people at our recent seminar on fire-resistive construction. Dan indicated that the committee was working on a couple of seminars and that he expects to have ATC training in San Diego in November or December.

b. Executive:

No report

c. Codes:

- /// Lou El-Khazen distributed copies of three new and updated policies; Home theaters, minimum plumbing fixtures and an update/revision/final draft of the policy on welded connections for moment resisting frames. The survey on the updated policies was discussed and Lou noted that comments had been received on 1/2 dozen policies.
- /// Ali Fattah indicated that he had received a phone call regarding the AIA working with our local chapter code committee.

d. Electrical:

- /// Robert Nagle indicated that the committee was reviewing issues related to the state regulations regarding electrician certification. Robert distributed copies of the standards and asked that jurisdictions review and comment.
- /// Robert also indicated that the committee is reviewing a new newsletter for generator systems in an effort to standardize requirements and a newsletter regarding sign installations.

e. Plumbing/Mechanical:

- /// Paul Smith indicated that the committee met last week and is working on two draft items. After a lengthy discussion on PEX piping Paul noted that the product is in the 2000 IAPMO plumbing code and that the state will probably not amend that portion of the code. General discussion ensued regarding approval/listing agencies. John Taecker noted that the state has a list of approved agencies. John also suggested that the committee ask the PEX industry for additional information and offered to provide contacts.

f. Technology:

- /// Brad Remp noted that the committee did not meet last month, however, they will be meeting next Thursday.

g. CALBO ABM:

- /// Clay Westling indicated that the ABM budget looks good. The committee has established a professional development day program for CALBO approval. For entertainment the committee will be contacting the entertainer that the Chapter used at the last annual installation banquet. At the next committee meeting they will start putting together the companions program. The committee is also looking into a program on Monday night; the zoo, private tour, dinner theater, etc.
- /// Clay also announced that he is getting married on the 28th and will be gone for 2 weeks.
- /// The next committee meeting will be on Aug 28th at 1:30.
- /// Brad Remp mentioned that CALBO is looking at putting the professional development day materials on a CD in addition to the written material to be distributed at the ABM.
- /// Ali Fattah mentioned that he has assumed the responsibility for updating the valuation schedule. Ali asked the members if there was a need for an update now. The general consensus was to not update now.

h. Public Relations:

No Report

11. **Program:**

None

12. Adjournment

President Trees adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Dan Fagan
Chapter Secretary