

**SAN DIEGO AREA CHAPTER ICBO  
 MINUTES of August 21, 2001**

**1. Call to Order**

President Trees called the meeting to order at 8:38 am.

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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
Rich Geary	Western Wood Products Association
Susan Murdock	California Construction Association
Joe Russo	City of Escondido
Art DeBolt	City of San Diego
Leslie Sabin-Mercado	SDG&E
Roger Brooks	Willdan
Mehdi Shadyab	City of San Diego
Philip Treas	Contractors State License Board
Roger Simpson	Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Nation
Sandy Woodhouse	County Assessor
Paul Smith	City of Carlsbad
Bill Tuell	William Tuell, Architect
Robert Nagle	County of San Diego

### 3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of July 17, 2001 were approved as written.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

Richard Esgate Reported:	Checking	\$ 2,334.24
	Savings	\$ 255.46
	CD	<u>\$ 15,622.00</u>
	Total	\$ 18,211.90

Richard also reported that there is a deposit of \$2,025 from seminar revenue to be made.

### 5. Communications

#### a. Chapter President's Report:

- ~~///~~ President Kathleen Trees distributed a letter from CALBO regarding available seminars for Chapter sponsorship.
- ~~///~~ Kathleen also noted that the ICBO ABM in Cincinnati (September 17 - 20) conflicts with the September San Diego Chapter meeting. After general discussion a motion was made and approved to cancel the September Chapter meeting.
- ~~///~~ General discussion ensued regarding the distribution of the annual Chapter pins.

#### b. ICBO Report:

- ~~///~~ Brad Remp indicated that he had talked to Fred Herman, who may be coming to the Chapter meetings as the ICBO Representative.

#### c. Legislative Report:

- ~~///~~ Clay Westling discussed the following legislative items.
  - o AB48 - mandates PV and solar water systems.
  - o AB 1574 - amended numerous times. Regarding an energy efficiency inspection at time of home resale. In addition the bill contains language regarding energy standards for existing housing stock.
  - o Bill 284 – regarding toxic mold. Contains language regarding public education.
  - o SB 732 – regarding the mold issue. Would require disclosure at time of sale. Also contains provisions for workplace safety (no mold).
  - o AB359 – regarding suction devices in pools.
  - o Substandard housing bills: Owners with housing violations must register with Building Departments. AB1112 (same issue) relates to only LA County.
  - o Seismic Safety Bond Act - funding issue may cause bill to fail. Provides funds to local municipalities (AB717)
  - o AB1207 – regarding windmills.
  - o Brad Remp mentioned the electrician certification issue and noted that it may be pushed out to 2004 and that Building Departments are out of the picture.
  - o Brad also noted Mobilehome Park legislation and advised interested parties to contact CALBO regarding pending bills.

#### d. CALBO Report:

- ~~///~~ Brad Remp noted that the Palladin group gave a presentation to the CALBO board at one of their recent meetings. This group is intensifying their efforts to standardize building fees. CALBO believes that the fee issue will become a statewide issue in the near future.
- ~~///~~ Brad also presented the proposed inspector day program for the upcoming ABM and received the Board's approval.

- /// The Ethics committee has been established.
- /// The Building Standards Commission will review recommendations regarding fire sprinklers for multifamily units at their next meeting.
- /// The next CALBO Board meeting is in Oakland on September 28 & 29.
- /// Kathleen Trees asked if anyone was planning on attending the Building Standards Commission meeting. Brad responded in the affirmative. It was also noted that Pete Lopez had indicated that he would be attending.
- /// Brad suggested that the Chapter provide financial support to any Building Official wanting to attend.

6. **Old Business:** None

7. **Good of the Order/Uniform Code Interpretations:**

- /// Dan Pavao, City of El Cajon, asked if anyone was requiring 1 1/4" mesh on swimming pool enclosures. The general consensus was that the state regulations do not require this. General discussion ensued on past and current regulations for swimming pool fencing.
- /// Medhi Shadyab, City of San Diego, announced that the city has three upcoming seminars.
  - o SIGN & POLE STRUCTURES – September 12
  - o WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION STRUCTURES – October 10
  - o SPECIAL INSPECTIONS AND STRUCTURAL TESTS – November 8.
 For more information, please contact Mehdi at (619) 446-5400 or e-mail at: [m6s@sdcity.sannet.gov](mailto:m6s@sdcity.sannet.gov)
- /// Greg Anderson, City of Oceanside, indicated that his City is working on an ordinance to require hot water recirculation systems. General discussion ensued on the issue. Brad Remp commented on the process that occurs at times when new regulations such as these are introduced to City Councils. Greg also talked about one coat stucco systems and problems encountered with installations not being done in accordance with the evaluation report. (Reports 2257 & 4226) Greg also distributed a policy from the City of San Marcos regarding these systems.
- /// Roger Simpson, Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, noted that this was his first time in attending our Chapter meeting and was looking forward to the various discussions and information presented.
- /// Rich Geary, Western Wood Products Association, distributed two publications; 1) Western Lumber Product Use Manual, 2) Flame Spread Ratings. Rich also noted errata to the 1997 UBC regarding fasteners and distributed a letter from ICBO regarding the same. The errata reads as follows:
 

Section 2304.3. Add the following exception following the third paragraph:  
 "Exception: When approved, fasteners used in contact with preservative-treated wood products when not below grade or exposed to weather"

 ICBO indicates that this exception was inadvertently dropped from the 1997 UBC during the reorganization of the structural chapters to allow for the addition of LRFD provisions.
- /// Leslie Sabin Mercado, SDG&E, noted that as of July 31, they have seen 103 photovoltaic, wind and other generation systems. They are averaging 30 to 40 installations per month. Leslie also talked about the inspection process and training issues. It was noted that the City of San Diego is transferring inspection responsibility for these systems to the specialty "electrical" inspectors. Leslie stressed the importance of our inspections on these systems.
- /// Sandy Woodhouse, County Assessor, noted that her office is in the process of their annual audit and may be contacting jurisdictions to obtain permit records.
- /// Ali Fattah, City of San Diego, mentioned the ad hoc committee of the structural engineers association that will be reviewing the various strong wall systems available today. Ali also noted that they are still dealing with the issue of townhouses/row homes. An appeal is scheduled next month regarding a Navy apartment project in which they are being asked to classify the apartments as R-3 occupancies. Ali also indicated that their code adoption cycle is starting and they will be reviewing the new proposed codes.
- /// Pat Kelly, City of Carlsbad, mentioned the information available on their website; frequently used handouts, an application to download and their monthly reports. Pat noted that this was a great convenience for their customers and that the posting of the monthly reports saved staff time by eliminating the monthly mailing.
- /// Kathleen Trees, City of National City, noted that she had received the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) from the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) as part of the continuing

program to keep insurance classifications up to date.

8. **Question of the Month:**

None

9. **New Business:**

None

10 **Committee Reports**

a. Education and Training:

~~///~~ Dan Pavao indicated that he attended a recent CTI meeting regarding an ATC seminar for our area. The seminar is available and Dan will set a date in early December. Dan also noted that the counter technician seminar would not be developed at this time. Brad Remp indicated that he had talked to Isam Hasenin and that they would do a seminar on disabled access.

~~///~~ Kathleen polled the members regarding the CALBO offered training. General discussion ensued. Interest was expressed in a seminar on combination inspection – Dan will follow up.

b. Executive:

~~///~~ Kathleen Trees noted that the focus of the committee is on the budget for the CALBO ABM. Kathleen also presented the idea of sponsorships for the hospitality suite. Brad Remp noted that the CALBO Board's new ethics committee might be adopting policy regarding this issue that may not allow it.

~~///~~ Clay noted that based on his budget we may not have to ask CALBO for the \$1,500 contribution. Kathleen expressed caution and noted the annual installation dinner will present significant costs and may affect the ABM budget.

~~///~~ Clay reported that we have CALBO approval for professional development day and that the logo is in being designed. At the next ABM committee meeting the focus will be on the companions program. Clay indicated that he would send out the revised budget to the Executive Committee.

~~///~~ Brad Remp indicated that the Chapter needs to develop a theme (a slogan) for the ABM. Clay asked Chapter members to forward any ideas to him.

c. Codes:

~~///~~ Lou El-Khazen indicated that work is progressing on the policy manual. Members will vote on the policies at the October Chapter meeting. Lou also noted that 2 policies are still being updated and that most jurisdictions have not yet responded to the policy survey.

d. Electrical:

~~///~~ Robert Nagle indicated that the PV/generator subcommittee has met and will be meeting again this week. The subcommittee is developing a newsletter regarding photovoltaics and generators.

e. Plumbing/Mechanical:

~~///~~ Paul Smith indicated that the committee had reviewed the Chapter policies that were referred to them and are recommending no changes. General discussion ensued regarding CSST. It was noted that SDG&E has a pilot program for CSST for multifamily (2psi). They will be reviewing this installation for possible revisions to their general policies.

f. Technology:

- ☞ Brad Remp noted that the committee is moving forward with the development of a website. Lou El-Khazen has agreed to do the first cut on the website design. It was noted that we need to move fairly quickly on this if we want it to be available for the CALBO ABM.
- ☞ Kathleen Trees brought up the issue of training on website design and website maintenance. The issue of website content was raised. Brad noted that the committee had gathered that information some time ago and will be reviewing and updating it. General discussion ensued on content, design and maintenance. Lou El-Khazen noted that the LA Basin Chapter has a website that contains a tremendous amount of information. Leslie Sabin Mercado noted that providing links to other agencies could provide a source of revenue to the Chapter.
- ☞ Brad suggested that the ongoing design and maintenance be rotated among Chapter members.

g. CALBO ABM:

- ☞ See Executive Committee report

h. Public Relations:

No report

**11. Program:**

Simpson Strong-Tie gave a presentation on general issues related to strong wall systems.

**12. Adjournment**

President Trees adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am, for the program.

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

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Dan Fagan  
Chapter Secretary