

**SAN DIEGO AREA CHAPTER ICBO
 MINUTES of November 20, 2001**

1. Call to Order

President Trees called the meeting to order at 8:37 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 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"/>
Ali Fattah	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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
Tim Owens	City of San Diego
Mehdi Shadyab	City of San Diego
Gina Adams	RCP Block & Brick
Joe Russo	City of Escondido
Art DeBolt	City of San Diego
Michael Magee	San Diego Regional Energy Office
Jerry Livingston	San Diego BIA
Don Weber	Electro-Test, Inc.
Leslie Sabin-Mercado	SDG&E
Art DeBolt	City of San Diego
Roger Simpson	Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay
Robert Nagle	County of San Diego
Philip Trees	Contractors State License Board

2. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of October 16, 2001 were approved as written.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Richard Esgate Reported:	Checking	\$537.40
	Savings	\$3,176.38
	CD	<u>\$16,543.18</u>
	Total	\$20,256.96

5. **Communications**

a. Chapter President's Report:

- ~~///~~ President Trees indicated that she had received a CD from the City of Burbank that contains their Digital Construction Guide.
- ~~///~~ Kathleen also received a binder from the City of LA that contains all of their information bulletins. Both were distributed.

b. ICBO Report:

- ~~///~~ No Report

c. Legislative Report:

- ~~///~~ No Report

d. CALBO Report:

- ~~///~~ Brad Remp reported that the CALBO Board will meet next week in Monterey and that the ABM package needs to be finalized.
- ~~///~~ The Building Standards Commission will be meeting next week. Brad will be attending. The agenda includes state amendments regarding accessibility and sprinkler requirements from the State Fire Marshal.
- ~~///~~ Brad noted that it now appears that the effective date for local enforcement of the new editions of the California Codes won't be until September or October of 2002.
- ~~///~~ Ali Fattah is also going to the meeting next week.
- ~~///~~ The CALBO Fire Advisory committee will be meeting in December. Brad is a member.
- ~~///~~ Brad is the CALBO liaison to the California Energy Commission and attended a meeting in October. There seems to be a trend to focus on existing buildings and on pursuing items that save energy during peak periods.
- ~~///~~ CALBO will be sending out a letter that lays out guidelines for pursuing the adoption of the next set of codes. There will be a regional CALBO meeting, possibly in Carlsbad, in the coming months.
- ~~///~~ Kathleen Trees noted that the Executive Committee decided that it would be appropriate to provide monetary support for Building Officials that want to attend the Building Standards Commission meetings. General discussion ensued on attendance at the Commission meetings, the adoption of the new codes and the field use of the California code books.
- ~~///~~ Roger Simpson talked about the process of code adoption in his organization.
- ~~///~~ Brad also noted another meeting at Quincy, Mass. and talked about the NFPA 5000 code. General discussion ensued on some of the requirements of the new NFPA code.

6. **Old Business:**

~~///~~ None

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

- ~~///~~ Pat Kelly, City of Carlsbad, noted that he had attended a conference in Colorado. Pat mentioned their energy code and how restrictive they were and the different priorities in other areas of the country.
- ~~///~~ Ali Fattah, City of San Diego, noted that he had attended the annual ICBO ABM in North Carolina. Ali distributed a draft copy of a letter to CALBO regarding listing/approval agencies.
- ~~///~~ Dan Pavao, City of El Cajon, announced that his City had recently received an updated rating for the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS), administered nationwide by the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO). El Cajon's rating improved from a 4 to a 2. Congratulations to Dan.
- ~~///~~ Brad Remp, City of Chula Vista, announced that Gordon Murdoch is retiring on December 13th. Chula Vista is now advertising for 9 positions. Brad also reported that they are lowering PV permit fees to \$45.
- ~~///~~ Roger Simpson, Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay, inquired about the requirements for installing room numbers.
- ~~///~~ Don Webber, Electro-Test, Inc., announced that ETI has moved. Address change from 9835 to 9825, suite number has also changed.
- ~~///~~ Greg Anderson, City of Oceanside, indicated that we should focus on a working relationship between Building Officials and Fire Officials and this should start at the local level.
- ~~///~~ Greg also noted that Truss Joist recently gave a presentation to his inspectors. One item discussed was the problem of stacking drywall on the second floor. Stacking more than 12 inches high may cause permanent deflection of the floor system. This has occurred in one local jurisdiction.
- ~~///~~ Clay Westling, County of San Diego, gave an update on the methane gas issue. They have been doing testing on various projects throughout the County and have a number of consultants reviewing the issue. The consensus of the group is that the presence of the methane gas occurs in a fill operation. The deeper the fill, the higher the concentration. It's caused by very small amounts of organic materials present in the soil that decompose when they can't get oxygen. The County is leaning toward minimal mitigation, since this now appears to be a common occurrence in all mass grading projects.
- ~~///~~ Leslie Sabin-Mercado, SDG&E, asked if any other jurisdictions were requiring gas testing. None of the members present indicated that they were.

8. **Question of the Month:**

~~///~~ None

9. **New Business:**

- ~~///~~ Photovoltaic (PV) permits – county-wide uniformity of fees and permits
 - o General discussion on permit requirements and fees charged.
 - o Greg Anderson noted the fees that Oceanside is charging and indicated that they are changing to the use of a \$1,400 valuation, as shown in the valuation table. Greg is also looking at eliminating the permit requirement for pool solar systems.
 - o Brad Remp noted Chula Vista's decision to reduce PV permit fees to \$45. Brad indicated that the City Council decided to subsidize this type of permit and that the actual cost for processing and inspection is around \$600.
 - o Kathleen Trees expressed concern that modifying fees for one industry may lead to the reduction of fees for others.
 - o Leslie Sabin-Mercado talked about net metering and indicated that it is now capped at a 1,000 kw system. Leslie also noted that we would be seeing larger commercial type systems.
 - o Robert Nagle noted that the ICBO Electrical subcommittee is working on a newsletter. Robert also noted that the electrical requirements are the same for all jurisdictions but that the zoning requirements are different in each city.
 - o Mike Magee, San Diego Regional Energy Office, noted that we will be seeing more of these systems, including commercial.

10 Committee Reports

a. Education and Training:

☞ Dan Pavao noted the co-sponsored (CALBO/ICBO Chapter) ATC training coming up in December and encouraged everyone to sign up. General discussion ensued on the requirement for Building Official certification of Code Enforcement staff to receive the ATC certification cards.

b. Executive:

☞ Kathleen Trees reported that the committee has set the date for the annual ICBO Chapter Installation Dinner; January 25, 2002, 7:00 to 11:00 PM at the Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley. Please mark your calendars. Registration materials will be sent out at a later date.

☞ Kathleen also noted that after the January Chapter meeting we are going to have a catered luncheon retirement party for Gordon Murdoch and Pete Lopez. This is scheduled for January 15, 2002.

c. Codes:

☞ Lou El-Khazen presented three policies for review.

- Chapter Policy 106.4.1 - withholding permit issuance at request of designer. The committee is recommending approval. After general discussion no consensus was reached. The committee will check with the State Architect's Board for their interpretation.
- Chapter Policy 2211.7 - Welded connections for moment resisting frames. The committee recommends approval. After discussion the policy was approved.
- Chapter Policy 1004 - Same space vs. intervening room. The committee recommends approval. After discussion the policy was approved.

☞ Lou also noted that he had received an e-mail from Fred Turner of the California Seismic Safety Commission. A few northern California jurisdictions are attempting to develop uniform updated seismic amendments to the state code and are requesting local Chapter endorsement and involvement. These amendments are coming from Structural Engineers Association. General discussion ensued. A report will be made to the Chapter after CALBO hears a presentation on the issue.

☞ Lou also reported that they are looking at the structural aspects of a policy on signs.

d. Electrical:

☞ Robert Nagle reported that the committee met last week. The committee heard a presentation on cell sites. Fire pumps were also discussed. Robert reported that some Fire Departments are now considering, due to the energy crisis and the rolling blackouts, that utility power as being not reliable. If this is the case, we may be looking at emergency stand-by power for fire pumps.

e. Plumbing/Mechanical:

☞ No report

f. Technology:

☞ Lou El-Khazan announced that he is working on the Chapter website. General discussion ensued on content. Lou will do a presentation at next month's Chapter meeting.

g. CALBO ABM:

- ☞ Clay Westling set a committee meeting for next Tuesday, the 27th.
- ☞ A request for the typical contribution from CALBO of \$1,500 for the ABM has been sent.
- ☞ Clay noted that the committee needs to finalize the outlines from the instructors for professional development day. Plans for the companions program also need to be finalized.
- ☞ Gina Adams is helping with sponsorships.
- ☞ The Tuesday night event for the ABM was discussed. As the host chapter we were looking at a trip to the zoo, however, this now appears cost prohibitive (\$2,500 minimum - \$60/70 per person). Clay will look at the Hornblower Cruise or attendance at a play.

11. **Program**: Michael Magee, San Diego Regional Energy Office, presented an overview of SDREO programs.

12. **Adjournment**

- ☞ President Trees adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM for the program.

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Dan Fagan
Chapter Secretary