

# SAN DIEGO AREA CHAPTER ICC

## Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2003

### 1. Call to Order

Mark Beauchamp, City of Lemon Grove, VP Local Chapter called the meeting to order at 8:35 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bob Ghiloni	Imperial Beach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jessie Wu	La Mesa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Beauchamp	Lemon Grove	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Trees	National City	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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

Vice-President	Mark Beauchamp	Lemon Grove
Secretary	Ali Fattah	City of San Diego
Treasurer	Lou El-Khazen	City of Chula Vista

#### Associate Members and Guests

Mehdi Shadyab	City of San Diego
Edward Avila	City of San Diego
Julia Rosaler	City of San Diego
Joe Russo	City of Escondido
Jack Gibbard	San Diego Community College
Tom Nikzad	City of Chula Vista
Tim Owens	City of San Diego
Susan Murdock	California Contractors Association
Philip Treas	California State contractors Licensing Board
Rusty Anderson	County of San Diego
Manuel Ainza	County of San Diego
Sassan Nakhshab	City of San Diego
Leslie Sabin-Mercado	SDG & E
Ken Larsen	City of Canyon Lake

### 3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as submitted.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Checking account balance is \$ 5,484.15 and the savings account balance is \$6,538.16.

5. **Communications**

- a. Chapter President's Report.
- ICC provides each chapter a free seminar per year. Aaron Goodman will be requested to look into training on the International Residential Code.
- b. ICC Report: No report.
- Legislative Report: None. One item will be discussed under new business.
- d. CALBO Report:
- Brad Remp shared with the chapter that the California Building Standards Commission meeting was tomorrow on the 16<sup>th</sup> and encouraged chapter members to travel and speak. The California Energy Commission, the Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, and the Division of the State Architect have endorsed adoption of the IBC. The State Fire Marshal has endorsed adoption of the NFPA 5000 and NFPA 1 codes.
  - The League of Cities Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee as well as the Public Safety Committee have endorsed adoption of the IBC. The League's executive Board will not endorse the I code adoption in time for the meeting.
  - All major associations, industry trade groups except IAPMO and the fire fighter's union have endorsed adoption of the I codes. Speakers at the last two CBSC subcommittee meetings endorsed adoption of the IBC.
  - The fire Chiefs have clarified their first opinion endorsing the NFPA codes that they were not endorsing either code and that the current codes are superior to both codes and expressed a preference to the NFPA process.
  - A press conference will be held today in Sacramento to draw attention to the level of support for the I codes.
  - SB 1663 was changed to a 2 year bill. The bill would have mandated local jurisdictions to adopt the CBSC selected code without local amendments for items that the local Building Official has exclusive responsibility for. It is intended to prevent the IBC from being adopted locally. As a 2 year bill we need to look out for it again next year. CALBO thanks all that responded to the urgent request to comment on the bill.
  - CALBO's board will be meeting on August 8 and 9 in Oakland to finalize the ABM program. There are concerns about including a fee on inspector day program.
  - The Access Committee has committed to updating the non-residential guide in time for the CALBO Ed Week. Work also needs to be done on the residential guide.
  - The CALBO Access Committee is also reviewing chapter 11A of the CBC to rewrite the residential access requirements and is participating on a DSA taskforce. Concerns have been expressed that CALBO needs to try and reach out to the disabled community to change their perception of our commitment to their interests.
  - Proposals are beginning to surface about cuts to state programs. SMIP program is an example as well as some positions in HCD.
  - The rewrite of Chapters 11A and 11B is under way and the issue of clean air signage remains unresolved

6. **Old Business:**

- No report by Clay Westling on the construction debris recycling issue.
  - A meeting will be held this afternoon and attended by several jurisdictions on the recycling issues. The meeting is at 1 PM in the SD County offices.

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

- Clay Westling of the County of San Diego announced that the County of San Diego has hired a

new Building Official, Phil Dunn, who will start work on August 11. Phil comes from the City of Santa Barbara as a plancheck manager. He started his career at the City of Oceanside many years ago. The County will encourage more staff to participate in chapter activities.

- Pat Kelly of the City of Carlsbad requested guidance on the occupancy classification of Sunday School Classroom. The group felt that the appropriate E or A occupancy based on age, duration and number of occupants. Pat suggested that A-3 should be used as the occupancy designation.
- Isam Hasenin of the City of San Diego shared with the chapter the implementation of the new Permit tracking System which is less efficient, requires staff to input more data and takes more time to complete a review. The new fees will be in effect for projects submitted to the City on Monday August 4. The new fees are not based on project valuation. The City will be hiring structural plancheckers, structural plancheck supervisor, fire plancheckers/inspectors, and combination and structural inspectors. He will present a fee presentation at the Nashville ABM.
- Greg Anderson from the City of Oceanside shared with the chapter information on Charter Schools which are not public schools regulated by the field act. A Charter School is also not a private school and is less regulated under the education code. Lou El Khazen reminded the chapter that the H&S code requires Structural Observation for private schools per the Private Schools Structural Safety Act. Charter Schools have the option to go to DSA or the local jurisdiction for approval and permitting. Greg Anderson also clarified that there is an Attorney General Opinion published on some of these issues and a package will be prepared for discussion at the next chapter meeting in August.
- Mehdi Shadyab from the City of San Diego asked the chapter if they had issues applying the uniform shape requirement for stairway treads when allowing the combination of a winding stairway with one having a straight run and no intermediate landing. This issue will be referred to the code committee for review.
- Joe Harris from the City of San Diego asked some questions on who inspects and provides plan reviews for Photovoltaic systems. Chula Vista uses plancheck to review the plans and electrical inspectors to perform the inspections. San Diego has a handout on the topic and there are more than 900 customers connected to the SDG& E grid with Photovoltaics (approximately 3 megawatts). There is a workshop planned by SDG&E in August with 15 key installers participating as well as the City and County of San Diego.
- Mike Kratz of the City of Vista said they implemented a one stop permit process on July 1 where Civil and Fire plancheck were added into the building permit process.
- Private vs public sewers was an issue brought up. The clean out spacing in the plumbing code is different than that for public works (100 ft intervals vs 400 ft intervals) since the City provided better maintenance and has larger equipment than plumbing contractors that maintain private sewers.
- The local code Committee will work more closely with CALBO on several issues.

8. **Question of the Month.** None

9. **New Business:** None

10 **Committee Reports**

a. Education and Training: No report.

b. Executive:

- A new chair is needed for the Code Committee.
- A new chair is needed for the Web Site Committee. The chapter will explore the outsourcing of the programming and maintenance work so that the chair can focus on controlling and generating content. Website.com provides the service and charge \$65/hr in 15 minute increments. They will be invited to the next chapter meeting.
- Changes are being made to the bylaws to address the participation of staff members that are not the designate Building Official for a jurisdiction and to encourage more participation of non-dues paying associates. The revised bylaws will be handed out at the next chapter meeting.

c. Codes: No report.

- d. Electrical:
  - A July 10, 2003 policy published by the City of San Diego addressing raintight fittings for EMT was handed out addressing the lack of listing for the fittings.
  - There is increased activity in gasoline station retrofit of storage tank and pump equipment. Class I wiring is required by the equipment manufacturer but Class II is actually being used by the installers (Article 525 of the 2001 CEC).
  - The committee will not be meeting in August.
  
- e. Plumbing/Mechanical:
  - A laboratory test of CSST concerns brought out for Island fixtures was performed to determine the size of the conduit to place the tubing in and facilitate future replacement for underground installations. 6 ft runs are typical (3" minimum ABS or electrical conduit worked).
  - Waterless urinals were discussed.
  - SDG & E is not allowing medium pressure gas systems until the end of September the end of a pilot program.
  - Fire rings are posing inspection issues since there is no listing for BTU input or output and do not behave like a gas appliance.
  
- f. Technology: No report.
  
- g. Valuation: Ali Fattah discussed that he met with Tom Nikzad from ChulaVista to verify the accuracy of the City spread sheet of the valuation update. Some errors were discovered requiring correction by Tom Nikzad and Trish from the City of Poway. Ali will forward the updated spread sheet in the coming weeks as well as the chapter schedule when completed.

9. **Program:** There was no program.

12. **Adjournment**

Mark Beauchamp, Esgil Corporation, VP Local Chapter adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

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Ali M. Fattah  
Chapter Secretary