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**1. Call to Order**

President Ali Fattah called the meeting to order at 8:45 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"/>
Mark Beauchamp	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"/>
Mark Beauchamp	Encinitas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Russo	Escondido	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aaron Goodman	Imperial Beach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jessie Wu	La Mesa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mark Beauchamp	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"/>
Isam Hasenin	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"/>
Mark Beauchamp	Solana Beach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Kratz	Vista	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Chapter Officers in Attendance

President	Ali Fattah	City of San Diego
Vice President	Lou El-Khazen	City of Chula Vista
Secretary	Joe Russo	City of Escondido
Treasurer	James Wearda	City of Oceanside

Associate Members and Guests

Charles Evans	CSUSM
Tom Nikzad	City of Chula Vista
Philip A. Treas	CA State Licensing Board
Steve Jones	City of Oceanside
Patrick Healy	County of San Diego
Rich Geary	RWG & Assoc.
Hamid Irannejad	City of San Diego
Ron Halbritter	City of San Diego
Bob Hargrove	City of San Diego
Sasan Nakhshab	City of San Diego
Art DeBolt	City of San Diego
Martin Montessoro	City of San Diego
Jim Burlew	JB Consulting & Associates, Inc.
Dennis McCreary	ICC Whittier
Brent Koerting	City of Imperial Beach

**3. Approval of Minutes**

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The Chapter minutes for the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by Pat Kelly, second by Mark Beauchamp. The approved minutes will be posted on the Chapter's website at [www.iccsandiego.org](http://www.iccsandiego.org)

### 4. Treasurer's Report

Checking account balance is \$ 2,969.75 and the savings account balance is \$7,598.10.

### 5. Committee Reports

#### a. Education and Training:

- Steve Jones indicated the UL Training on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> was attended by 64 and 50 people respectively
- 27 signed-up to date for the ICC Fire Protection Seminar April 26-27 with Ken Larsen.
- IAEI/ICC: tentatively the instructor is Tim Owens. Class May 20-21, on 1-2 Family Dwelling and Analysis of the NEC.
- Jim Burlew offered training in Special Inspection, possibly 4-5 sessions, 2-4 hrs each session.
- Per Ali, support staff and Chapter members needed for each seminar.
- Lou: help needed for Education Committee.
- Brad: can professionals put on the seminars if the various jurisdictions provide the location?
- Ali: two day classes a problem for most jurisdictions.
- Start I-Code philosophy process now. Know the I-Codes for the change process.
- Ali suggested I-Codes classes end of summer, monograph for Detroit ICC Convention.
- Art asked if the 2006 I Codes will be voted on in Detroit. Per Brad, the BSC will use the 2006 I-Codes in California.

#### b. Executive:

- Met at the end of program last meeting,
- Establish Special Inspection Committee, Greg will chair committee. Discussed uniformity among jurisdictions. Possible ID cards for each jurisdiction. Brad suggested contacting the Tri City Chapter regarding their process and recent lawsuit concerning a special inspector. Most jurisdictions may follow San Diego. Per Jim Burlew, most cities rely on ICC Certifications; however passing the exam is not a test of experience nor qualifications of practical job knowledge. Brad, if test not adequate, ICC needs to enhance exam for the practical component. Various members agreed the Certification alone may not be adequate, suggestion to ICC as a "Goal" to look at this issue, provide direction to chapter(s).
- Suggestion Special Inspection issue be an "Old Business" item for next month.
- Formalize committee program, identify chair for each, and post announcement, agenda on Chapter Website.
- Ali would like to have course outline for future seminars to verify content.
- Tentative joint meeting with Orange County Chapter in July. Pat Kelley asked to be notified in advance. Room for approximately 80 people.

#### c. Codes (Sasan):

- Sasan distributed the Draft Revision for Welded Connection Policy for review. Verify "frame Height" or "building height".

#### d. Electrical: (Pat Healy)

- CEI annual Business Meeting in San Diego April 7-9.
- Membership encouraged in IAEI.
- Stan Nishimira, BSC, in a speech at CEI ABM, indicated the importance of the BSC. By 2010 all State agencies will be online to adopt the Model Code every three years. Matrix to include all occupancies.
- Extent of Article 800 enforcement varies throughout varying jurisdictions.
- Rex Wyatt, CEI to develop info website by June 1.
- California Electrical Certification Exam. Per Brian Bouet, July 1, 2005 deadline, of 70,000 interested in taking the exam, 18,000 actually took the exam, 83% pass rate!
- Joe Dowdy, AFCI testers may not be all that accurate. May not work in all fault conditions. Testing a circuit with the Test Button can result in "False Negatives".

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- At Electrical Committee meeting, discussed election of officers.
  - Designate Electrical Newsletter Committee.
  - Of the 25 attendees at the meeting only 5 from jurisdictions. Building Officials encouraged to designate members to attend for AHJ representation.
  - NEC 2002 code change seminars on CALBO Website. Five planned in Southern California.
- e. Plumbing/Mechanical: Pat Healy
- Listed portable grease traps.
  - Studor vents, some jurisdictions do not approve at all, some case-by-case.
  - ABS u.g. plumbing systems in two-story residential construction includes u.g. piping. Per HCD derived from 1979 UPC.
  - Inspection of condensers at Final.
  - Slope 1/8": foot by AHJ.
  - Job superintendent ride-along strongly discouraged.
- f. Valuation Tom Nikzad
- Valuation Tables revised and distributed.
  - Pat Kelley stressed the importance of having all jurisdictions using the same multipliers for building construction valuation. This "speedometer" is used by SANDAG and BIA to gauge construction activity in the region.
  - Clay Valuation Schedule created for uniformity but each jurisdiction uses as a resource.
  - Motion accept valuation table by Pat Kelley, second by Brad Remp.
  - New per DSA; 2005 valuation threshold for alterations, structural repairs and additions is now \$108,199.88.

## 6. Communications

- a. Chapter President's Report: President Fattah
- Draft letter of support for Ruben Grijalva, SFM, and fax to BSC.
  - A ShearMax flier is available if anyone interested.
  - HCD letter regarding new MHP regs effective 5-23-05.
  - Employment Opportunity, Oakland, principal Inspection Supervisor, \$6444-\$7912, 37.5 hr workweek.
- ICC Report: Dennis McCreary,
- Still working out the joining of three companies. Revenue is strong.
  - California is a huge player. ICC offers competitive PC services, has a desire to help with seminars, certifications. Most calls now on the "I-Codes"
  - Dennis is the former BO of Ontario, CA. knows the challenges we face.
  - Ali informed members of a recent "phone seminar" he participated in. Very informative, you listen to instructor while reviewing materials.
  - Paul Armstrong now working for Buena Verde in Santa Ana, part of Berryman Henigar.
  - Pat H. asked how many states use I-Codes. 44 states; some stated do not adopt codes; 3 cities use NFPA 5000
- b. Legislative Report: Lou (please check <http://www.calbo.org/Legislation.asp> for further information)
- AB 20 lawsuits regarding attorneys with disabled individuals would preclude "diminimus". Remedy for technical violation equals insurance relief, order to "fix-it", pay attorney fee.
  - Info on townhouse-except "carriage Unit" accessibility requirements. May be entirely exempt. Per Brad, be careful with this concept. Emergency changes due July 1, 2005.
- c. CALBO Report: Brad Remp, CALBO President
- The Building Standards Commission voted to rescind their previous decision to direct the Agencies to adopt the NFPA 5000 and NFPA Fire Code. The Agencies will now proceed to

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prepare their code adoption packages based on adoption of the IBC, IFC and the structural provisions of the IRC. The plan is for them to use the most recent codes available as their base document.

- The CALBO-Cal-Chiefs Fire Advisory group met last Friday in Sacramento. The new President of Cal-Chiefs was present as well as the new president of CALBO, William Schock. The Cal-Chiefs President is interested in moving forward and building a bridge with those organizations who were on the other side of the code adoption decision.
- CALBO gave a presentation at the recent CEI conference in San Diego. CALBO has been asked to review a proposal from CEI to host joint training sessions and generally find a way for CALBO and CEI to strengthen our working relationships. On behalf of CALBO I expressed our deep appreciation for the fine work that the electrical inspectors do for their jurisdictions. They are the recognized experts in electrical inspection. In response to a question about why it is so difficult for electrical inspectors to get authorization to attend training functions I encouraged them to make sure their Building Officials have a clear understanding of the role they play and the critical information that exchanges hands at their training conferences.
- The State Fire Marshal, Ruben Grijalva, is scheduled for his Senate confirmation hearing tomorrow in Sacramento. Ruben was the single most important individual in turning the BSC around on the NFPA 5000 adoption. CALBO is urging its members to fax letters of support to Senator Peralta prior to his hearing. The fax number and a sample letter is available on the CALBO web site. I would also encourage you to get the signature of your Fire Chief on the letter.
- Building Safety Week is May 8th through the 14th. Now is the time to get your Resolution in to your Council so you and your department can be appropriately recognized for your fine work. An example resolution is available on the CALBO web site.
- CALBO is sponsoring a Legislative Day on May 11th in Sacramento. The members of the Board of Directors will be undergoing some training with our counterparts from the League of Cities and then meet with legislators later in the day. That evening some of us will be having dinner with Senator Ducheny. The following morning William and I will be on the Senate Floor to receive a formal Resolution from the full Senate recognizing Building Safety Week. They will actually pass a law declaring it Building Safety Week. This is the first time they have done something like this. Additionally, the Governor has already signed a resolution recognizing Building Safety Week.
- CALBO's Leg Committee will be holding a conference call on the morning of Friday, April 29 so we can be updated on the status of several bills having potential impacts on building department operations.
- On May 5th and 6th the CALBO Board will be meeting in Lake Tahoe. This meeting coincides with the annual County Building Officials Conference.
- The final touches are being placed on the Express Terms for the adoption of the Urban-

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Wildland Interface Building code requirements. This will be a two phased approach. This first phase will only deal with class A roof assemblies and vents. The second phase will come after fire hazard severity maps have been updated. This is expected to take about two years. In the mean time, the SFM is expected to start investigating appropriate brush management requirements to be included in the code.

e. Other: No report

### 7. Old Business

- None

### 8. Good of the Order/Uniform Code Interpretations

- Pat Kelley guided a client to look at the I-Code as an alternative method for a new Fitness Club A-2.1.
- Brad cautioned to avoid the "area" debate and where we stand on the issue.
- Dennis McCreary, Many discussions, "Avoid Area/height Issues".
- Jim Burlew offered his services for training and education purposes.
- Clay, County revoked the 5 year old Methane Ordinance, yes it exists but has not proved to be a hazard.
- Wildland Interface, developed guidelines for eave details, not a lot of science. Details on web, .PDF format.
- Dennis McCreary, re Special Inspection "IBC offers a lot more than the UBC".
- Brad Curry is the new building inspector for Imperial Beach.
- Pat Healy, "email Agenda" to committee meetings, reason for low attendance. Need jurisdictions to attend Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical Committee meetings.
- Ali, questions regarding updates/upgrades for fire rebuilds, may concur for code changes.
- Clay, utilize a consultant for upgrades.
- Rusty, one person looks at "radiant barrier as an upgrade".
- Lou, questioned status of C&D Ordinance. On HOLD per Art DeBolt.
- Mark B. Lemon Grove looking to "Recycle".
- Joe R. Mike Puckett is back to work, doing well.

### 9. Question of the Month

None

### 10. New Business

Special, Inspection: contact Greg Anderson

### 11. Adjournment

President Fattah adjourned the meeting at 11:42 AM

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

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Joe Russo  
Chapter Secretary