

**1. Call to Order**

President Lou El-Khazen called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 (Pat Healy)	County of San Diego	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will Foss	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"/>
Will Foss	Encinitas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Russo	Escondido	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Vacant)	Imperial Beach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jessie Wu	La Mesa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mark Beauchamp	Lemon Grove	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frank Smith	National City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jim Zicaro (Steve Jones)	Oceanside	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Beauchamp	Poway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Isam Hasenin (Ali Fattah)	San Diego	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carl Blaisdell	San Marcos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mark Beauchamp	Santee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will Foss	Solana Beach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Kratz	Vista	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Chapter Officers in Attendance

President	Lou El-Khazen	City of Chula Vista
Vice President	Joe Russo	City of Escondido
Secretary	Patrick Healy	County of San Diego
Treasurer	Will Foss	City of Del Mar

Associate Members and Guests

Martin Montessoro	City of San Diego
Ron Halbritter	City of San Diego
John Taeker	UL
Rich Geary	Hoover Treated Wood Prod.
Ron Halbritter	City of San Diego
Bruce Barnes	SDG&E
Tom Nikzad	City of Chula Vista
Michael Puckett	City of Escondido
Rusty Anderson	County of San Diego
Gina Adams	RCP Block and Brick
Nancy Martinez	City of San Diego
Avik Ghosh	Simpson Strong-Tie
Russell Ek	Simpson Strong-Tie
Mehdi Shadyab	City of San Diego

**3. Approval of Minutes**

The Chapter approved of the minutes for both the July 18<sup>th</sup> 2006 and the June 20<sup>th</sup> 2006 meetings.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Lou El-Khazen

Checking account balance is \$11,104, and the savings account balance is \$5224.

5. **Committee Reports**

a. Plumbing and Mechanical: Rusty Anderson

- Committee met on August 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Under Old Business the committee was advised that the draft policy regarding trap-primers was presented to the Chapter. Added was that there should be an accessible control valve before the primer.
- The engagement between ICC and IAPMO to create a single plumbing and mechanical code was discussed.
- There is a bill in the state looking at requiring 1.3 gal per flush toilets.
- Minimum plumbing facilities were discussed. UPC Ch 4 vs. IBC Ch 29
- Guest speaker Bohd Subherwal made a presentation on third-party mechanical testing. Some topics of discussion were fireplace vent terminal caps, cooktop hoods, BBQ clearances and heat entrapment. One point made is that covering combustibles with a non-combustible material does not necessarily provide the required protection. Condensation associated with the high-efficiency appliance can be extensive.
- Gas regulators installed in a rated corridor is not a recommended practice.
- Unlisted wine-room chillers are being installed and turned down for not being listed. Most are being removed for inspection and reinstalled later.
- (Ali Fattah)- Would like to see Chapter involvement in the ICC-IAPMO merger and possibly a rebuttal to a letter by the Virginia Building Officials written in opposition to the merger. (John Taeker)-John Lattora @ ICC should be contacted before submitting any letter as he is on the board for ICC and may have some useful information.
- Vote on the abovementioned trap-primer policy was postponed and then later determined better to be treated as an informational bulletin. The Plumbing Committee was thanked for their hard work.
- Since Rusty had to leave early the subject of (two) electrical ground rods was discussed at this time. The County of San Diego was queried by another AHJ as to why they are requiring (2) ground rods on electrical services in cases where ground rods are allowed. The response from the County was that code requires either one ground rod of 25 Ohms or less or two ground rods. Installers have the option. Due to soil conditions the County has a concern in their areas.

b. Education: Steve Jones

- We collected another \$700 from "Means of Egress" training for a total of \$ 3700. Waiting for CALBO reimbursements for the two April and May training programs.
- Attendance for the August 22, 23, 24 IBC Code Academy looks to be promising. The 2006 Non-structural Fire and Life Safety training is scheduled for September 6, 7 & 11, 12, & 13, 14<sup>th</sup> all are encouraged to attend.  
(Ali Fattah)-It has come apparent that the registration for the Code Academy is a large task and help is needed. Consideration should be considered to alternate methods of registration, logistics and administration.  
(Brad Remp)-At the CALBO- Fire Chiefs meeting the San Diego area effort was mentioned as a good example to follow for training of the I-codes.  
(Steve Jones) DSA is considering partnering with ICC to train their folks. (Lou) will assign a lot of people to help with the I-codes academy.

c. Executive Report: Lou El-Khazen

- Lou has created a database for the I-codes academy and says the recordkeeping and data should be done with Access instead of Excel.
- Ali will be the Chapter representative to the ICC Conference in Orlando. We feel it is a good use of our money. Vote was made and approved to pay for 3 nights out of the 7 that Ali will be there. If anybody has any interest or input please get the information to Ali.
- Scholarships and installation dinner event were briefly discussed, but nothing significant to report at this time.

d. Codes: Ali Fattah

- The City committee met before going to Sacramento for the CAC meetings for the State Fire Marshall amendments. The committee gave their input at the CAC meetings but it had a resemblance of building department officials standing-up against fire officials. It was explained that the building officials were looking for substantiation for the code amendments and it was explained that the SFM has done a lot of work and have justification to the CBSC for the changes. The 45 day comment period is underway. There is not a lot of building official or industry involvement at the CAC meetings.  
(Brad)-CALBO is supporting the State Fire Marshal amendments for those occupancies where the state agencies have authority and not overall support for all occupancies.  
(Ali)-We should fully discuss the height and area proposals and our stance. Many proposals may have questionable justification as there is no systematic way of measuring the effect of construction methods on losses during an event.

e. Electrical: Nancy Martinez

- The committee met on August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- PV issues were discussed, notably mechanical fasteners recommended for the mounting of placards.
- Pat Healy has been accepting photos of PV grounding problem jobs and is working with UL to possibly have the standard include better provisions for the grounding of modules.
- Evans Tires has been performing non-permitted work. AHJs are advised to watch stores in their area.
- The SDGE updated service guide is not complete yet but is coming soon.
- Electrical work in public right-of-way and building inspector involvement. Each AHJ handles it differently. Some non-metered equipment is being installed and the question of responsibility has come forward.
- Temporary power on a permanent base terminology is creating problems for SDGE. They would prefer it be released as testing power. County representative says that temp power on a permanent base is not the same as testing power. A modification of terminology or methods of release may be needed. Changes probably need to be made on the utility's part as temp-power cannot be released as testing power.
- Overhead to underground services are creating concerns where unprotected conductors are run over a roof.
- (John Taeker) CO sensors are listed under # 2075 for gas and vapor detectors and sensors. Thresholds for monitoring standards are determined by codes and included in the testing process.
- Information for the IAEL Southwest Conference is out. Day passes for local building officials' looks like it won't be a problem.

- (Brad) The Million Dollar Roofs solar initiative looks to have passed the Senate and will be likely be going into effect. SDREO Solar Energy Week is coming in September.
- f. Disaster Preparedness: Werner Landry
  - FEMA training next week.
- g. Special Inspection: Mehdi Shadyab
  - Didn't meet June or July. Met on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Moving ahead progressively

## 6. Communications

- a. Chapter President's Report: Lou El-Khazen
  - The CPVC proposal by HCD has been a topic of much discussion. (Pat Healy)-CPVC is presently allowed by code but there are findings and other requirements that severely limit its use. Likely premature failure of metallic piping is part of the findings requirement. The other requirements include that worker safety practices are to be policed by the local building officials. HCD has a proposal that would remove the findings requirement while the other conditions would remain. Question was asked whether we should support the proposal due to the remaining conditions imposed on the BO. After much discussion it was determined that opposition to the proposal might be detrimental to the approval of CPVC. Taking a stance to remove the conditions of approval should be taken one step at a time, starting with the "findings" provision first.
  - Adoption of Chapter 29 of the IBC vs., Ch 4 of the UPC has been a topic of hot discussion. It was determined that Chapter 29 may be better for BOs. Pat Healy will recommend Chapter 29 at tomorrow's CAC meeting.
  - Three letters of support for the chapter for ICC board positions. Stephan Jones, Adolph Zubia, and Doug Murdoch are looking for Chapter support.
  - E-mail from IAEEI "I Am Safety Smart Program" is set up for training the trainers. Available space is limited, contact IAEEI for more info.
- b. ICC Report:
- c. Legislative Report: Joe Russo
  - Assembly bill 2751 regarding developmental fees passed the Assembly Aug 7<sup>th</sup> and is waiting the Governor's signature.
  - The list on CALBO's website may not be updated
  - AB 260 for fire response time actually died in January.
  - AB 2496 for W/C water conservation is less than what is currently required and CALBO opposes it.
  - SB 516 Fire protection for elderly failed even though it was supported.
  - (Brad)-Bill to expand the Seismic Safety Committee was originally supported, but when the BO position was deleted it was later opposed. They have now agreed to include the BO.
  - (Ali) - Asked if there is a bill regarding fire sprinklers being counted as assessed value. It was mentioned that there was a bill limiting the cost of an additional water meter for sprinklers.
- d. CALBO Report: Dan Pavao
  - New CALBO website is up and running.
  - CALBO has submitted for Chapter of the year with ICC
  - There is a membership drive to increase membership.
  - Passed a resolution to post the minutes on the website within two weeks of the meetings.
  - Talked about what is happening with the Western Pacific League. Good wall/bad wall display of code violations was a good example of providing information on our purpose.
  - Southern Nevada Chapter is talking of partnering with CTI for training purposes.

- Question if CEC energy training is needed. More commercial training is needed. Small fee is likely but a lot of CEC training is free.
- Ready mix concrete is another subject of training that is coming.
- (Brad) Dan and Brad will both be at the League of Cities Conference in SD at the Sheraton. Sept 6, 7, 8<sup>th</sup>.

7. **Old Business:**

- The status of the gas leak policy is no change and it is still with the SDGE committee.

8. **New Business:** none

9. **Question of the Month:** none

10. **Good of the Order/Uniform Code Interpretations**

- (Ali Fattah)-Garage ventilation for CO exhaust is being requested to be reduced due to the reduction in automobile exhaust pollutants. No consideration has been given from any other AHJs.
- (Ali)-has been nominated as an honorary member of the SEA. Ali says that if interested in any training programs to see him, he is the chapter liaison.
- (Ali)-PV and class-A roofing. Question was asked if any panels meet the requirements. Three manufacturers have panels with a class-A rating.
- (Ali) has concern with some of the ICC listed products and quality control. Marking and lot numbers are important.
- (John Taeker) Mentioned that there are false UL markings on some fire-retardant lumber. New lumber with the UL and AAO Chemicals markings are the one he wants to hear about.
- (John Taeker) Recommends that everyone register for ultimate E-mail for updates from UL.
- (Mark Beauchamp) IBC adoption may require current valuation figures be changed over. Check IBC occupancy valuation tables.
- (Mehdi Shadya)-UR program has 850 URM buildings now down to 350 with 80% having sent a response.
- (Steve Jones) City of O'side is working on a window replacement program. Permitting may be required and include title-24 regulations.
- (Bruce Barnes) Service orders are not required for permit issuance. It would be good if inspectors could review the service orders but not to turn job down if not available.

11. **Adjournment**

President Lou El-Khazen adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

12. **Program:**

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
Patrick Healy  
Chapter Secretary