

**1. Call to Order**

President Lou El-Khazen called the meeting to order at 9:07 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"/>
Will Foss	Del Mar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dan Pavao	El Cajon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bob Williams	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"/>
Ed Wilczak	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jim Zicaro	Oceanside	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Beauchamp	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"/>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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

Steve Jones	City of Oceanside
Mehdi Shadyab	City of San Diego
Martin Montessoro	City of San Diego
Ali Fattah	City of San Diego
Gina Adams	RCP Block and Brick
Ron Halbritter	City of San Diego
Tom Nikzad	City of Chula Vista
Bob Guenther	ICC

**3. Approval of Minutes**

The Chapter approved the minutes for the November 21st meeting.

**4. Treasurer's Report: Will Foss**

The Chapter's current checking account balance is 5912, savings account balance is 15,231. Total checking and saving balance is 21,143.37. Moneys have been transferred from the checking into the savings account.

## 5. Committee Reports

### a. Nominations: Ali Fatah

- The chapter has received the following nominations for the 2007 officers. President-Joe Russo, Vice President-Patrick Healy, Secretary-Will Foss, Treasurer-Jim Zicaro, Past President Lou El Khazen. With no nominations from the floor the officers will be sworn-in at the installation event in January, all are invited to attend.

### b. Scholarships: Ali Fatah

- 5 Applications have been received, 4 appear likely candidates to receive the awards. All will be invited to attend the installation dinner event.
  - 1) John Franko works for the City of Escondido and is taking codes classes to become an inspector.
  - 2) Janeth Khalifah works for the City of San Diego and is taking codes classes.
  - 3) Steve Abayta works for SDG&E and has taken codes classes and has interest to become an inspector.
  - 4) Jesus Silva is a non-AHJ applicant that desires to become an inspector and has a report card showing he is working at obtaining the knowledge.
  - 5) Brady Drake submitted an incomplete application and will be notified that he can reapply next year.

### c. Education: Steve Jones

- John Taeker will provide a training program in February after our meeting. He also will have an additional training program on Wednesday at the City of Oceanside covering listed kitchen equipment. There will be two sessions, morning and afternoon. Should be a free seminar with CEUs being offered, flyer will be sent soon.
- The I-Code Academy is going smoothly. The January training will cover IBC building planning issues and is scheduled for January 9-11 at Ridgehaven. The next few months will be the nuts & bolts of the instruction and should be very valuable. The cost for next year's seminars will increase \$10 to \$70 for members and \$90 for non-members. Includes a \$5 fee to use the ICC online registration process that needs to be recouped. February will cover hazardous occupancies and April - Special uses and mixed occupancies.

(Brad) - Other AHJs are scrambling to provide training similar to what has been offered here. Instructor and facility costs could climb as the effective date approaches. California amendment training for dealing with the non-SFM occupancies will also need to be provided.

(Isam) - Some of the discrepancies between the use of the IBC and not the IRC have been addressed and put into a document. Package is available for viewing at the SFM website.

(Lou) - We still have some money's due from the training we held last summer in conjunction with Calbo.
- (Lou El-Khazen)- Steve is stepping down as Education Chair and Gina Adams has agreed to volunteer to chair the committee. Others have shown an interest in providing assistance to her with the committee.

### c. Executive Report: Lou El-Khazen

- The I-codes were discussed and it appears that the training is going well.
- The installation event is scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup> at Barona. All are encouraged to attend. Registration fees are due this Friday payable to Joe Russo. Flyer will be resent as a reminder. RCP is sponsoring the entertainment, Esgil the wine, and Simpson Strong-tie the drinks. It was mentioned that rooms may not be available but to try again after the New Year.

### d. Codes: Ali Fattah (left early)

- e. Electrical: Nancy Martinez (Absent) Steve Jones
  - SDG&E sent a specialist to talk about EMF or electrical/magnetic fields. The utility has a person available to help AHJs if they need it to test a site for its potential output. It was said that most EMFs are not of a level hazardous to the general public and most precautions are for the workers.
  - PV panel grounding was again discussed, in particular some new products for the purpose. It was generally said that any product would have to meet the AHJ approval and just because it has a UL mark does not signify its acceptance. The module manufacturer's requirements would take precedence on issues of proper grounding.
  
- b. Plumbing/Mechanical: Ed Avila (Absent) Pat Healy
  - It was mentioned that it looks like the code proposals to allow PEX and CPVC are going to pass into the code. Note: AT the time of the meeting it was not known that due to the threat of litigation most state agencies have withdrawn the proposals to include the use of PEX in the code. CPVC looks like it is still going forward.
  - It was mentioned that there are requests coming in for the use of re-circulating grease hoods. Basically there are two different types, one as a complete cooking unit and the other where a hood is for use only with certain cooking appliances. February ICC training with John Taeker should answer any questions.
  - Rusty opened up the position of committee chair to any potential volunteers, there were none. Rusty said he would stay for another year if nobody else volunteered.
  - Greg Scilly of Pottorff provided a presentation on fire and smoke dampers. Covered were the different types of dampers, their correct installation and some of the mis-installations.
  - Mario Orlando reminded everyone that PE water piping is still a good alternative for outdoor water services. Consideration needs to be given to inside pipe diameter.
  - Rusty distributed data on a water supply connector that cuts the water to a fixture if a water supply hose were to break. The problem is such that some have shown that they will function just with the loss of water pressure to the building thereby causing the water to shut off for other reasons besides a burst hose. Unwary homeowners may need to call a plumber for such minor incidents.
  
- f. Disaster Preparedness: Werner Landry (Absent)
  
- g. Special Inspection: Mehdi Shadyab
  - Mehdi made a motion to remove the Special Inspection Committee in favor of forming an advisory group. After much discussion it was determined that there is a need for a chapter guidebook to be developed by the committee and better to table the motion until after the document is formed. Mehdi agreed to do so and withdrew his motion. The city Special inspection policy will be used as the basis for the new guidebook and will only be modified slightly to aid in expediting the creation of a chapter manual. Each AHJ can then use the information as a guide to suit their particular needs.
  - Mehdi passed out information on the City's URM policy and progress. He gave a chart showing the present results of their efforts at getting compliance. It was mentioned that there is financial help out there is it is needed and the City website has a link to the information.
  - Tom Nikzad provided everyone with new valuation tables. Not all AHJs use the information but it is a handy tool for some that do. It was mentioned that it is difficult to create a fee for some permits such as patio covers and electrical permits, but it was mentioned that the perceived exuberant costs for these permit are justified and dictated by cost recovery.

## 6. Communications

- a. Chapter President's Report: Lou El-Khazen

- Lou mentioned that there will be a raffle following the meeting for a pair of 2006 code analysis books provided by ICC and Bob Guenther who was in attendance at the meeting
- February 15<sup>th</sup> ICC President Wally Bailey will be at the Orange County Chapter meeting this month and sends out a welcome to SD chapter members to attend.
- The Sacramento Valley chapter sent out a request for donations to help sponsor the 2007 Calbo ABM. The SD chapter motioned (Mark Beauchamp) and approved to donate \$500 to the host committee.
- ICC has announced an invitation to participate in the Silent Defender award ceremony scheduled to take place in May 10<sup>th</sup> in Arlington Virginia. This special event recognizes the individuals and organizations that have made extraordinary achievements in building stronger, safer communities.
- ICC report was distributed via e-mail, one of the items of interest were the deadline for the public comment period to the code changes is January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The BSC has adopted appendix 16 of the existing building code.
- ICC chapter benefits now include free training books to go along with the free seminars.
- Lou mentioned that this would be his last meeting as chapter president and thanked everybody for their support, notably Ali and Steve for their help in the training programs.
- There has been a Calbo questionnaire sent out to AHJs requesting information on enforcement of ADA requirements. This item will be discussed under new business at the next meeting.

b. ICC Report: Bob Guenther

- ICC is putting a lot of emphasis on providing training for the upcoming code changes in California. There are agreements being worked out with Calbo to make sure there are numerous training opportunities for the transition. One item of note is that due to the skipping of the 2003 mechanical code that AHJs may be faced with substantial changes adopting the 2006 UMC. It is recommended that training on this book is also not overlooked.

c. Legislative Report: Joe Russo

- AB 2977 regarding pool safety and drowning prevention will go into effect in January. Included will be the required retrofit of pool drain covers that will help with the problem of drain entrapment. These requirements will apply to permits for any room addition or remodel of any kind whether or not the pool is involved.

d. CALBO Report: Dan Pavao (Absent)

7. **Old Business:** none

8. **New Business:** none

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

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

- (Clay Westling) Mentioned that the County will be adopting a new fee schedule on February 7<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned that fees were adjusted to compensate for the cost increases of doing business and did not require a total re-examination of the whole fee structure.
- (Clay Westling) – Asked if any building officials would be interested in participating in the County's Appeals Advisory Board. They are interested in having a board comprised of 1 County official, 2 building officials, and 2 BIA members. The representatives would probably not be called upon very often so the participants could potentially be drawn from a compiled list of candidates.
- (Steve Jones) There is a recall for some models of electrical disconnect switches manufactured by Square D company, The units in question are 30 and 60 amp NEMA 3R units used mainly

11. **Adjournment**

President Lou-El-Khazen adjourned the meeting at 11:45 p.m.

**12. Program:** none

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
Patrick Healy, Chapter Secretary