

**1. Call to Order**

President Joe Russo called the meeting to order at 8:43 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>
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	Joe Russo	City of Escondido
Vice President	Patrick Healy	County of San Diego
Secretary	Will Foss	City of Del Mar
Treasurer	Jim Zicaro	City of Oceanside

Associate Members and Guests

Steve Jones	City of Oceanside
Lou El-Khazen	City of Chula Vista
Ali Fattah	City of San Diego
Gina Adams	RCP Block and Brick
Ron Halbritter	City of San Diego
Tom Nikzad	City of Chula Vista
Rich Geary	Hoover Treated Wood
Rusty Anderson	City of San Diego
Harlan Tande	AIA
Nancy Martinez	City of San Diego
Richard Greyson	Contractor's State License Board
Brad Remp	City of Chula Vista
Joe Harris	City of San Diego

**3. Approval of Minutes**

The Chapter approved the minutes as amended for the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**4. Treasurer's Report: Jim Zicaro**

The Chapter's current checking account balance is \$2,630.49. Savings account balance is \$20,240.76. Total checking and saving balance is \$22,871.25.

## 5. Committee Reports

### a. Education: Gina Adams (Co-Ali Fattah)

- **Ali Fattah** reported that ICC academy class had 120 attendees for the 3 day seminar. The class reviewed ICC hazardous occupancies. Ali noted that the evaluation of these types of occupancies requires the use of Fire and Electrical code as well as the Building code. Ali noted that the basic code issues have not changed but the ICC appears more liberal in control areas and exempt amounts of hazardous materials with certain sprinkler trade outs allowed in the new ICC codes.
- Ali anticipates that future code classes will include topics on Mixed uses, High Rise structures, Atrias, and Malls.
- Ali will work with Rich Geary on a class on wood design in July and Gina Adams to present a class on Masonry in August or September.
- Ali will be coordinating with the Structural Engineers Association in order to provide a class on concrete design provisions of the code at a future date. Ali will also work with SEOC to provide classes on steel design. Ali indicated that the Chapter may contract directly with presenter and hold classes in the City of San Diego's Ridgehaven building to allow classes to be offered at a lower cost.
- **Gina Adams** announced that ATC 20 training will be offered by CALBO/CSI on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007.
- **Pat Healy** suggested that members visit CALBO'S website. CALBO is offering code classes in the upcoming months at a reasonable cost. The classes are a good opportunity to review the newly adopted I Codes with California amendments. Gina and Lou will contact Dan Pavao to coordinate partnering with CALBO to offer classes locally.
- **Ron Halbritter** reminded members of the upcoming ADA informational seminar for business owners, code official or other interested parties offered on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 3910 University Avenue at 7-10 a.m.
- **Dan Pavao** suggested Ali contact John LaTorra with ICC to develop a master calendar showing all available training opportunities in the area to avoid duplication and provide a centralized information base.

### b. Executive: Joe Russo

- Joe Russo will provide a sign up sheet at the break for members interested in volunteering for Chapter committees. Joe would also like a listing of chairs and co-chair for each committee.
- Joe announced that despite an interest by the Orange County ICC Chapter in hosting next years ABM, the CALBO Annual Business Meeting will be held in San Diego in 2008.
- Joe will prepare a letter later this month to Pam Fair regarding the leak repair issue. The letter is intended to highlight the effects of Sempra's leak repair policy on the issuance of plumbing permits and the jurisdiction's inspection and clearance to the utility for leak repairs. There has yet been no response from the utility addressing Building Officials concerns that permits will not be obtained to repair gas leaks.
- Lou has updated our website. In the near future a refresher course for the executive committee will be used to train the board in the maintenance and functionality of the chapter website. This will better enable us to keep chapter information on the website current.

### c. Codes: Ali Fattah:

- Ali Fattah attended the Building Standards Commission meeting on January 29, 2007. The ICC family of codes were adopted for use in California including the Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fire and Electrical codes. Also included in the process was the adoption of the International Existing Building Code for URM buildings. Ali anticipates that local amendments

to the codes may be required to address any gaps or to clarify any conflicting code language between codes. Ali cited the differing plumbing fixture tables found in the CPC and IBC as an example. Brad Remp mentioned the height and allowable area tables in the building code and State fire Marshal amendments.

- Ali mentioned that a matrix has been developed to identify the potential gaps in the mechanical code relating to ventilation requirements and other code issues. Dan Pavao offered to discuss the issue with John Latorre of ICC. The chapter code committee will move forward in developing consistency and uniformity when the codes have conflicting language.

d. Electrical: Nancy Martinez:

- Nancy mentioned the need to bond the support structures for PV systems. ETL has a listed bonding connector for this application.
- Nancy also indicated that the requirement for a DC disconnect for the PV array is met when the DC converter contains a disconnect integral to the unit. Nancy indicated that the committee consensus was to allow electrical sub panels to be located in a pantry.
- The committee also was asked if Commercial 3-phase services would be allowed in a residential application. This configuration would be allowed as long as the phases are balanced.
- The committee intends to have the Chapter Electrical Newsletter updates ready by January of 2008.
- Nancy reviewed with the chapter, SDGE's upcoming remote meter reading Program. The process will be ongoing over the next 7-10 years and it is anticipated that permits will not be required to install the utilities metering equipment.
- The next Electrical Committee will discuss switch and electrical receptacle height requirements for disabled access. The question is whether the requirement can be found in the UBC chapter section 1142A or B or the CEC regulations. Nancy will research the issue.

e. Plumbing/Mechanical: Rusty Anderson:

- **Rusty** addressed the issue of whether local building officials would like a policy developed on the acceptance of PEX as an alternative material. The chapter consensus was that the determination to allow PEX should be left to the individual jurisdiction. The appeal process to allow or not allow a product is also unique to each jurisdiction.
- **Pat Healy** mentioned the water piping failures due to the recent extremely cold temperatures. Clay reported that there were 3-4000 pipes breaks during the cold snap in the county back country areas. The CPC has freeze protection provisions that the County of San Diego is considering enforcing in Climate Zone 14.
- Rusty reported on a problem with copper leaching into the potable water system causing discoloration of a homeowner's hair. The problem was traced to improper flushing of the copper water piping system by the contractor.

f. Disaster Preparedness: Werner Landry (Absent)

g. Special Inspection: Mehdi Shadyab (Absent)

h. CALBO ABM: Brad Remp:

- **Brad Remp** accepted the role of committee chair. **Joe Russo** gave a brief report on the status of the upcoming CALBO ABM in Sacramento. As the host for next years ABM in San Diego the chapter has been asked to host a hospitality suite at this years ABM. A contribution of 1500.00 is expected to cover the cost of the meeting room and refreshments for the event. The event will be offered on Thursday night and Sheridan Grand Hotel in Sacramento will provide catering. Joe indicated that he will have sign up sheets available at today's meeting for those interested in participating in next years ABM committee or other chapter committees. Dan Pavao, Lou El-Khazen, Jesse Wu, Clay Westling, Rich Geary, Pat Healy and Jim Zicaro all expressed interest in assisting Brad in organizing next years ABM.
- **Joe Russo** made a motion to contribute 1500.00 to the Sacramento Valley ICC Chapter to fund a Hospitality Suite at this years CALBO ABM on Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2007. **Lou El-Khazen** seconded the motion.

## 6. Communications

### a. Chapter President's Report: Joe Russo

- Joe Russo announced that the Installation Dinner held Saturday at the Barona Resort Golf Center was a success and all 82 attendees enjoyed the event. Joe thanked everyone for their support and in particular, Simpson Strong Tie for hosting the bar. Esgil Corporation for the wine and RCP for the entertainment.
- Joe was contacted by Patty Bond of ICC seeking support for the new Federal OSHA guidelines that would make OSHA safety and egress requirements for jobsite workplace safety consistent with those found in the International Building and Fire Code. Patty copied Joe with a copy of a form letter that she requested be signed by Building and Fire officials showing support of the OSHA regulations. Ali Fattah reminded members that egress systems should be maintained in buildings under construction during a tenant improvement. Joe will forward Patty's email to the chapter secretary for distribution.

### b. ICC Report: no report

### c. Legislative Report: Pat Healy

- Pat Healy reported SB 296 California Emergency Services Act which would provide a process to allow the use of private entity resources in the event of a disaster. During prior events the emergency responders had difficulty determining when and how to outsource to the private sector for heavy equipment or other needed resources.
- Pat indicated that a new law requires that roofing contractors have Workmans compensation insurance and provide proof of insurance at the time of permit issuance.
- SB 167

### d. CALBO Report: Dan Pavao:

- (Dan Pavao) suggested that the Chapter consider contributing to the non profit CALBO foundation in the future. The foundation has participated in projects involving refurbishing homes for the elderly in the Sacramento area and the San Diego Chapter could coordinate a similar project preceding our ABM next year. Dan mentioned that this kind of program is an opportunity for members to get hands on in helping others.
- (Brad Remp) suggested the Chapter begin the process of finding qualified recipients for such a program
- Dan volunteered to be the CALBO/ SD Chapter liaison to coordinate a similar Foundation event in the upcoming year.
- Dan mentioned the CALBO response to recent legislation regarding pool anti entrapment devices. A CALBO newsletter article on the topic of AB2977 indicated that the requirement for the installation of anti entrapment device and pool barrier would apply to existing swimming pools when a building permit is issued to improve the primary residence. Chapter member discussion concluded that the devices would be required based on the language in the law. The discussion continued on the various problems with enforcement of the law as written.
- Joe directed the Codes Committee to develop a uniform affidavit /installation certificate form that could be used region wide in lieu of inspection. A report on the Committees progress will be presented at next month's business meeting.
- CALBO will request the Attorney General provide an interpretation of the law.

## 7. Old Business: Joe Russo:

- The importance and of chapter developed valuation tables was discussed again and Joe emphasized that uniform valuation tables be used across the region to allow consistency in reporting construction values to all interested agencies. Joe also noted that construction activity statistics will not be as valid without a uniform valuation base. Further discussion is planned for next months meeting

- Joe requested Tom Nikzad forward the latest valuation multipliers (2007) to the chapter secretary for distribution.
- Ali suggested that valuations for specific items like roofing material types not become too detailed. For our purposes building type valuation categories should remain simplified as in the current tables developed by the Chapter.
- Brad Remp noted that other agencies in Chula Vista (NPDES) are using value to determine fees.

**8. New Business:**

- Joe reminded members that Matt Wheeler and Bonnie Patterson will meet with Chapter representatives on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

- (Ali Fattah) reported that Isam Hasenin has resigned from the City of San Diego. Building activity has decrease in the City and a number of engineers in the building department have taken positions with the DSA. The State Architect's office is looking to hire additional structural engineers.
- (Brad Remp) announced that he will be attending Jack Phillips retirement luncheon.
- Clay Westling reported that he has been acting Building manager since Jeff Murphy left the County of San Diego. Darrin Gretler is the new Chief and will be building manager rather than Building Official. The county has developed new standards for fire resistive decking material to be used in Wildland Interface Area. . An amendment allowing the new standards will be added to the Fire Codes used in the 17 Fire Districts within the county in March 2007. Deck fasteners will need to be designed to penetrate the harder composite deck materials. In a burning brand test redwood decking material performed very well.
- (Brad Remp) indicated that composite decking will need to be reformulated to meet new requirements.
- (Gina Adams) discussed a new product available from RCP. The product, "Firerock" is a UL listed freestanding precast engineered fire place that has a LA Research Report. Building Officials should contact Gina if there are any questions on the installation of this product.
- (Rusty Anderson) introduced Richard Greyson, the new contact for the Contractor's State License Board (CSLB).
- (Russel Elk) announced that Simpson will offer two seminars on their products. The first seminar offered in April is primarily for engineers, Building Officials, specifiers and plancheckers. The second seminar in June is aimed at the field inspector.
- Joe Russo introduced todays guest speaker John Taeker with UL. John's program will include topics on listings for Pool Barriers and Anti entrapment devices.

**11. Adjournment**

President: Joe Russo adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

**12. Program: John Taeker ,P.E., Underwriters Laboratory will discuss product listings for pool barriers and anti entrapment devices.**

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
Will Foss, Chapter Secretary