

1. Call to Order

President Joe Russo 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 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"/>
Will Foss	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"/>
Will Foss	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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
Mehdi Shadyab	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
Rich Geary	Hoover Treated Wood
Rusty Anderson	City of San Diego
Michael Puckett	City of Escondido
Nancy Martinez	City of San Diego
Leslie Sabin Mercado	SDG&E
Michael Hart	Real Property Inspection Services
Joe Harris	City of San Diego

3. Approval of Minutes

The Chapter approved the minutes for the December 19th meeting.

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

The Chapter's current checking account balance is \$4,811.72. Savings account balance is \$20,235.10. Total checking and saving balance is \$25,046.82. Moneys have been transferred from the checking into the savings account.

5. **Committee Reports**

a. Education: Ali Fattah

- Ali reported that a case study was used in addition to the workbook in the last Academy code class to more effectively illustrate IBC code requirements. Upcoming classes include topics on Hazardous materials, Means of egress and in April a class on Special Occupancies including High Rise construction will be offered.
- Ali anticipates that future code classes will be more expensive since ICC will not pass through a proportion of the cost and demand for the classes will increase as State adoption of the I-codes nears. ICC will rely on the local chapter to organize the classes with ICC providing instructors only.
- **Gina Adams** announced that ATC 20 training will be offered by CALBO/CSI on February 22, 2007. The flyer for the class is due out soon and will be distributed to the Chapter.

b. Executive: Joe Russo

- John Taeker will provide a training program on February 5th at the Auditorium at 9601 Ridge haven Court. Questions and to RSVP contact Nancy Martinez, (mmartinez @san diego.gov.) A flyer was distributed. He will also offer an additional training program at the City of Oceanside on February 21st covering listed kitchen equipment. Gina and Joe will contact Steve Jones for the details. There will be two sessions, morning and afternoon. Should be a free seminar with CEUs being offered, flyer will be sent soon.
- A Motion was made by **Joe Russo** at the request of Ali Fattah at the last executive committee meeting to partially reimburse Ali for expenses associated with attending the Building Standards Commission meeting in Sacramento as chapter liaison. Motion was seconded by Lou. Motioned carried to reimburse approximately \$250.00 for member travel expenses.

c. Codes: Ali Fattah

- Ali has received a CD of the BSC amendments to the I-Codes. The IRC will not be adopted by the State. ICC and the State Fire Marshal have formed a working group to review the 70 most controversial amendments to the code. The ICC website is a good source of information on the process. **Dan Pavao** indicated that CALBO supports the proposed amendments in concept to allow a more timely adoption of the codes at the State level. Code amendments may then have to be made during the local adoption process particularly in the area of height and allowable area provisions in occupancies where the SFM does not have jurisdiction. **Brad Remp** indicated that Cal Chiefs and Fire Prevention Officers would concur with this approach. The local AHJ's may then have the task of doing research to justify codes that may add building construction costs to industry.

d. Disaster Preparedness: Werner Landry (Absent)

e. Special Inspection: Mehdi Shadyab

- The Special inspection committee met on January 10th and developed a draft summary of the new special inspection provisions for wood in the 2006 International Building Code. Mehdi reviewed the various new provisions in the 2006 IBC. Extensive discussion continued regarding site built vs. shop fabrication of wood structural elements, qualifications for inspectors and required special inspections. Each AHJ would determine qualifications for special inspectors performing inspections on wood structural elements and assemblies. ICC Building inspector

certification may qualify with experience to be determined by AHJ, but a specific special inspection category for wood should be created by ICC to assure compliance with new requirements of Chapter 17. Periodic special inspection would be allowed as it is currently with concrete or steel. Mehdi will continue working on revising City of San Diego policy on Special Inspections and present draft to chapter for review. Joe Russo asked Mehdi to update chapter Newsletter 17-6 and research ICC code changes during the next 3 months. Ali will contact ICC for update and status of their certification program.

f. Scholarships: Joe Russo

- Joe reported that four 500.00 scholarships have been awarded to 2 jurisdictional and 2 non jurisdictional candidates. The recipients are John Franko with the City of Escondido, Janet Khalifah with the City of San Diego, Steve Abayta with SDGE and Jesus Silva, a student working to complete code classes. The recipients will be presented with their awards at the upcoming Installation Dinner on January 20th at Barona Casino Golf Center.

g. Plumbing/Mechanical: Rusty Anderson:

- Rusty reported that no nominations for the committee chair were received. Good attendance was noted for the last meeting. Rusty indicated that PEKS will be eliminated as an approved material in the upcoming code edition but may be back in 2008 after manufacturer completes an EIR.
- Discussion on SDGE's latest policy on emergency meter releases and lack of response by Sempra to concerns by AHJ's that policy has led to fewer permits for leak repairs. Leslie Sabin-Mercado suggested a formal letter be sent to Sempra requesting a written response to Building Officials concerns may be the way to move forward on this issue.
- Rusty commented on the ongoing concern of how cleanliness of pedicure stations is maintained and which agency has enforcement responsibility. DEH has indicated that State has the responsibility which may lead to a lack of enforcement.
- DEH will not longer allow grease interceptors in food prep areas as of January 1st, 2007.
- Pat Healy mentioned that out door catch basin pumps need to only have a listing for storm water as long as a filter is installed. An oil and gas listing need not be required.
- It was reported that CALBO has an interesting CD showing various code violations documented by home inspectors in the course of their work.

h. Electrical: Nancy Martinez:

- Nancy indicated that Bruce Barns and Steve Abeyta gave a presentation at the January IAEI meeting. Attendees were shown examples of some typical problems affecting utility service installations. These included mixing customer wiring in the utility panel section, piping installations that block access doors to the equipment, incorrect test blocks installations and service drops that don't meet utility standard.
- Nancy reviewed up coming meeting topics. In February, Joe Andre will discuss NEMA rated enclosures, in March, Chuck Skinner, a field evaluator with TUV will discuss field evaluations, and in April the group will discuss the SDGE 2007 Service Guide.
- Nancy mentioned that a flyer is available for the upcoming presentation on Equipment Listing and labeling by John Taecker, Senior Staff engineer with UL.
- Nancy indicated that the committee intends to review San Diego Chapter electrical newsletters in May.
- Pat Healy is looking for a new location for the IAEI meetings and suggested they be held during lunch time to encourage participation by industry representatives.

i. CALBO ABM: Joe Russo:

- Joe Russo reported that the CALBO ABM will be held in Sacramento on March 12th, 2007. Joe reminded members that San Diego chapter will host the ABM planned for either late February or March of 2008. Joe will send an email to the chapter to solicit nominations for a host committee chairperson. The selection should be made by February to begin the planning

process for the event. Joe asked for volunteers. Clay Westling indicated that he will assist in the process but will not be able to be chairperson.

6. Communications

a. Chapter President's Report: Joe Russo

- Joe announced that the upcoming Installation Dinner will be held this Saturday at the Barona Resort Golf Center. 82 attendees are expected and Joe reminded all that parking will be provided at the Golf Center separate from the casino.
- Joe received an email from Jerry Parks with the Western Woods Institute offering to give a presentation on the effects of wood preservatives and the potential corrosive effects on metal fasteners. Joe will work with Western Woods representative to set up a 1 hour presentation after a future chapter meeting. Ali suggested the presentation review ICC code standards.

b. ICC Report: no report

- Ali suggested that an ICC representative be invited to a future chapter meeting to discuss costs and availability of code books.

c. Legislative Report: Pat Healy

- Pat Healy reported on the CALBO Leadership Advocacy Day on May 7, 2007. Pat indicated that this event gives local Building Officials an excellent opportunity to meet directly with State legislators and give them feed back and information as subject experts on CALBO legislation.
- Brad Remp suggested that while Building Officials may not legally lobby for particular legislation they can be a resource to legislators and should encourage elected officials to feel free to contact them with questions.
- Lou indicated that last attendance was limited to Building Officials and Board Members.
- Dan Pavao said he had a very positive experience participating in this event last year as an advocate. Contact Jim Wheeler at CALBO for information

d. CALBO Report: Dan Pavao:

- Dan reported on the CALBO meeting held on November 2nd and 3rd and reminded all that the new CALBO website is an excellent resource including training videos. The current membership drive is continuing and has been very effective with 20 new members joining in the last few months.
- A new CD by plans Examiner Ron Darvo will be distributed at the March CALBO ABM. Mr Darvo has compiled a list of over 14,000 abbreviations he has seen used on plans over the years.
- Dan mentioned CALBO has partnered with the South Nevada Chapter in offering the upcoming Summer Code Program during the week of July 9-13 in Las Vegas. Reduced room rates at 65.00 are available at the Orleans. Traditional CTI classes will be offered as well more unique areas such as ultra large structures typical of Las Vegas casinos.
- Ali Fattah indicated that the ICC code adoption is on track.
- CTI is waiting for the adoption process to conclude before finalizing training class schedules. Dan will follow up as a CTI board member.
- Dan suggested that anyone interested in becoming a board member should do so to insure good California representation in the ICC organization. CALBO would support those running.
- Joe Russo inquired as to the status of the recent ADA survey.
- Brad Remp responded that a request was received by CALBO to assist in the ADA survey prepared by the Attorney Generals Office. The survey is detailed and not multiple choice. A careful and thoughtful response is required. The survey will certainly influence future accessibility legislation and enforcement. Brad offered to provide a copy to those who did not receive a copy.

- Brad Remp updated the chapter on his upcoming role as CALBO's representative to League of California Cities. Important issues on the leagues agenda are transportation, eminent domain and housing.
- Brad will also as a CALBO representative be involved on steering committees for Disaster Preparedness and with the State Fire Marshal in developing Urban Wildland Interface Mapping and developing standard overlays for local GIS applications. The standards become effective in January of 2008.

7. **Old Business:** Joe Russo:

- Joe reviewed the importance and of chapter developed valuation Tables and endorsed the use of valuation tables as a valid fee methodology for some jurisdictions.
- Updated valuation tables are also essential components of other fee calculations mandated by the State including SMIP and determination of Accessibility Economic Hardships.
- Joe directed that Mark Beauchamp's revised cover letter be forwarded to the chapter secretary for further review and discussion as old business at the next meeting. Each jurisdiction should determine how they use the valuation tables in developing permit fees.
- Tom Nikzad will forward '07 valuations for distribution to the chapter.
- Joe Russo; Jurisdictions should adopt updated valuations multipliers at the local level.

8. **New Business:**

- AB 2977, an amendment to the Swimming Pool Safety Act was discussed. Ali Fattah has researched the intent of the bill as it moved through the legislative process. The consensus of the chapter was that the new barrier and anti entrapment cover requirements will apply to remodels to existing pools **only**. The new safety provisions are not triggered by permit issuance for single family home remodels. The inconsistent language in the bill occurred apparently at an 11th hour rewrite. Ali has contacted HCD and a response should be forthcoming.

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

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

- (Ron Halbritter) Mentioned that the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency and Office of Economic Development will be hosting a ADA informational seminar on February 27, 2007 at 3910 University Avenue. The seminar speakers will include attorney Mr. Peters, Building Official Isam Hassenin and architect Mr. Bruce. The seminar will be held at 7-10 a.m. Registration is not required. A flyer from the City Heights Business Improvement district will be distributed to the chapter secretary.
- (Jim Zicaro) reminded chapter members of the upcoming ICC ABM in San Diego in 2009. ICC will coordinate and local chapter assistance is not expected.

11. **Adjournment**

President: Joe Russo adjourned the meeting at 11:35 p.m.

12. **Program:** none

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Will Foss, Chapter Secretary