

**1. Call to Order**

President Joe Russo called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.

**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"/>
Mike Peterson	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jessie Wu	La Mesa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Beauchamp	Lemon Grove	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roy Bronold	National City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 (absent)	City of Oceanside

Associate Members and Guests

Mehdi Shadyab	City of San Diego
Gina Adams	RCP Block & Brick
Jesse Wu	City of La Mesa
Leslie Sabin-Mercado	SDGE
Lou El-Khazen	City of Chula Vista
Ali Fattah	City of San Diego
Ron Halbritter	City of San Diego
Tom Nikzad	City of Chula Vista
Rich Geary	Hoover Treated Wood
Hamid Irannejad	City of San Diego
Nancy Martinez	City of San Diego
Brad Remp	City of Chula Vista
Jim Weardon	City of Oceanside
Carla Van	UCSD
Art Garcia	City of San Diego
Luis Sainz	City of National City
Julia Rosaler	City of San Diego

3. **Approval of Minutes**

The Chapter approved the minutes for the April 17th meeting.

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

The Chapter's current checking account balance is \$7,475.51. Savings account balance is \$17,755.14. Total checking and saving balance is \$25,230.65.

5. **Committee Reports**

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

- **Gina Adam's** reminded everyone of the upcoming seminar on Wood Design under the 2006 IBC/2007 CBC on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> sponsored by SEAOSD and ICC-SD. An informational flyer and registration form handout was distributed to members. **Gina** indicated that attending the class was an opportunity to purchase Masonry and Wood reference books at a reasonable cost.
- **Ali Fattah** discussed the upcoming Wind Design seminar in August and Concrete and Masonry Design seminars in September. The Chapter will partner with SEAOSD and S.K Ghosh Associates in presenting the educational programs. The City of San Diego will provide the training facility and assist SEAOSD in hosting the event. The registration flyer will be handled by the association. **Ali** mentioned that SK Ghosh will offer a 20% discount on related reference materials. **Ali** indicated that last week's Fire Protection Systems seminar had a relatively low turnout but revenue met the breakeven cost point.
- **Ali Fattah** also requested that the Chapter add ICC online seminar registration options to a future agenda. This would allow the convenience of using a credit card for seminar registration.

b. Executive: Joe Russo

- **Joe Russo** discussed the upcoming program on June 17<sup>th</sup> with Jerry Parks with the Western Wood Preservers Institute. Jerry will present on the topic of "Treated Wood and the Building Code"
- **Joe** suggested that members forward to Lou any information on how their jurisdictions manage inspector audits or "job shadowing".
- **Joe** expressed concern that having the Annual Installation Dinner and CALBO ABM within 3 months of each other this year may cause difficulties for our primary financial sponsors. Joe will contact Western Wood Products, EsGil, Simpson and RCP to gauge future contributions from these generous sponsors.
- **Joe** anticipates that the new fiscal year will bring funding cuts and will reduce most jurisdictions ability to provide training on the upcoming codes.

c. Codes: Ali Fattah:

- **Ali Fattah** discussed his rewarding experiences in Rochester at the Final Action Code Hearings. Ali noted that despite an aggressive attempt to muster votes, the Fire Prevention Services lobby was unsuccessful in overturning a committee denial of a code change that would require residential sprinklers. California had approximately 130 representatives attending the hearings. Ali mentioned that the next code hearing cycle will begin in January 2008 with Code Hearings held in March 2008 in Palm Springs. Final action Hearings will occur in March 2009 culminating in the 2009 edition of the IBC. **Ali** mentioned that the National code adoption process can be used to advocate local unique code provisions. The live/work mixed use concept was used as an example.
- **Ali** mentioned that 30 code amendments have been proposed related to anti terrorist code amendments related to building components and building construction. These recommendations failed to gain overall support.

d. Electrical: Nancy Martinez:

- **Nancy Martinez** reported that the committee met on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The committee continues to work on the Electrical Newsletters.
- **Nancy** announced that the Southwest Section Meeting will be held in Tucson, AZ., October, 15<sup>th</sup> thru the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Nancy** announced that 2005 NEC classes will be held on 10/22, 11/5 and 11/14/2007 at the Ridge Haven Court auditorium. In conjunction with the training, Nancy requested the San Diego chapter "loan" the Border Counties Division \$6300.00 to cover the cost of purchasing at a discounted rate copies of Analysis of Changes-2005 NEC. As part of the request, BCIAEI will donate \$10.00 to the Chapter for each CALBO ABM registrant. **Dan Pavao** and **Nancy** agreed to discuss possible CALBO online registration assistance after the regular meeting. The cost of the training will be \$75.00 for jurisdictional members and \$100.00 for others.
- *Motion made by Joe Russo to loan the BCIAEI, \$6300.00 for training textbook purchase. Brad Remp seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.*

e. Plumbing/Mechanical: Rusty Anderson (Pat Healy):

- **Pat Healy** indicated that the new law regarding pool anti entrapment cover devices is still being unevenly enforced.
- **Pat** mentioned that certain water heater installers contracting with Home Depot have been inflating the cost of the installation by telling homeowners certain upgrades are mandated by code.
- **Pat** discussed the impacts of the upcoming energy regulations and possible conflicts with the plumbing code. Reduced hot Water piping sizing was cited as an example.
- **Ali Fattah** discussed rain flow rates based on an ASCE 7 map. Ali indicated that the maps are less conservative than the rates used by area jurisdictions and contained in the City of San Diego newsletter whereby a factor of safety of 2 is added. Ali suggested that the Plumbing committee to review for uniformity.
- **Pat** mentioned that the committee expressed concern that additional training on the Plumbing and Mechanical codes may be warranted since numerous changes in the codes have occurred between the 2000 and 2006.
- **Ali** received a letter that used San Diego "water quality" as a finding for advocating the use of CPVC and PEX. **Pat** clarified that the BSC is very careful to differentiate between the materials.

f. Disaster Preparedness: Werner Landry; no report

g. Special Inspection: Mehdi Shadyab; no report

h. CALBO ABM: Brad Remp:

- **Brad Remp** announced that a CALBO ABM committee meeting will follow today's business meeting.
- **Brad asked if** CALBO would share costs for an offsite event. Dan indicated that CALBO would *not* offset the cost of moving an event offsite at this years ABM.
- **Rich Geary** will handle the Golf tournament to be held at the Coronado Municipal Golf course on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2008.
- **Brad** reminded members the importance of using clear ethical guidelines in approaching any fundraising activity associated with the Chapter's upcoming events. Brad also asked if it would be appropriate to contact area Tribal Casino's for sponsorship. No objection was noted by the membership.
- The committee is in the process of retaining a priest, a color guard and a representative from the city mayor's office for the event.

## 6. Communications

a. Chapter President's Report: Joe Russo

- **Joe Russo** mentioned that there is need to get the message out to the industry that the new codes will become effective at years end. Joe announced that the codes are now available for

purchase from ICC. Joe stressed that our mission as a Chapter is to educate the public on code regulations. Brad suggested that the Chapter create a poster to bring attention to the issue and display it at all building department counters.

- **Brad** asked the members if a set of codes is required to be kept on file with the City Clerk of the jurisdictions. **Ed Wilczak** indicated that the law requires a copy be kept by the clerk but his experience is that most city clerks allow the copy to be located in the building department library.
- **Roy Bronold** asked if there was a program available to mentor new Building Officials on the process of formatting and adopting the new building codes. Joe indicated that the SDICC code committee would be responsible for this task.

b. ICC Report: no report

c. Legislative Report: Pat Healy

- **Pat** reported that the State will start the yearly process of amending the State building codes and will be getting input from other State agencies as part of that process
- **Pat** indicated that the California State License Board has sent a mailer advising all contractors of the new anti entrapment cover regulations.
- **Brad** reviewed the Building Standards Commission's newly formed 9 member Code Advisory Committee that will advise the commission on "green" code proposals and provide recommendations. Any one interested in participating should contact Pat for additional information. The group discussed the **LEED** rating program aimed at the top 25% of the market including large developers and public buildings, **Green Building Efficiency Program** targeting the broader market and the **Energy Star** appliance rating program.
- **Pat** announced that there are now 3 vacancies on the Building Standards Commission after the recent resignation of Kent Blackslip.
- **Pat** reviewed a letter he received from HCD reminding jurisdictions that all prefabricated wall panels are required to have HCD approval.

d. CALBO Report: Dan Pavao:

- **Dan Pavao** announced that CALBO's Education Week in San Diego is in jeopardy of cancellation and requested support from the local jurisdictions and the City of San Diego.
- **Lou** offered that the lack of demand for the training offered during Education week may be due to a limited demand for entry level code official positions due to in a climate of diminished building activity and subsequent lack of new hiring in most jurisdictions,
- **Dan** discussed CALBO's Foundation Project. Members should contact Dan with recommendations for determining worthy recipients that would benefit from a make over to their home. Dan also suggested the program be used to provide accessibility upgrades to home of disabled individuals.
- **Ron Halbritter** commented that projects should involve only owner occupied structures to avoid the perception that the property owner would benefit from improvements intended for the person in need.
- **Ali** suggested that the project should be a shared financial endeavor that would include sponsors and the chapter collaborating on the funding and contributions of materials.

7. **Old Business:** none

8. **New Business:** State Fire Marshal Amendments to the California Building Code

- **Ali:** Determining which agency has authority to interpret and enforce State Fire Marshal Amendments to the California Building Code.

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

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

- **Ali Fattah** opened a discussion on the issue of local Building Department enforcement of provisions of the code that were amended by the State Fire Marshal. The allowable height and

area tables supported by the State Fire Marshal may be subject to interpretation. A policy on which agency has responsibility for enforcement will need to be developed within each jurisdiction. Further discussion will need to occur on the subject to insure consistent enforcement of the code and to avoid confusion to the design community.

- **Brad Remp** suggested the Chapter develop a list of specific areas of the code that may be subject to alternate interpretation by the Building and Fire Prevention departments and bring these topics to CALBO and the State Fire Marshal's Office for open discussion and resolution.
- **Mark Beauchamp** suggested that we wait until we can review the published code with amendments in further detail before addressing the overall issue.
- **Ali** mentioned that ICC is expected to review and possibly issue revisions to Evaluation Reports for shot pins and epoxy anchors to be consistent with the new test standards found in the latest adopted I codes. The issue is using these fasteners in Seismic Zones 3 and 4.
- **Clay Westling** mentioned that the County of San Diego has closed the El Cajon and San Marcos Offices to the public in an effort to downsize the building department operation. Clay indicated that no jobs were lost but reassignments had occurred.
- **Ali** mentioned that William Shock with CALBO is attempting to retain a board member position with ICC. Ali wanted to determine if the Chapter would like to support Mr. Shock despite previous Chapter policy of not supporting non Chapter members. It was suggested that individual jurisdictions consider supporting a California representative to the ICC board. **Joe Russo** indicated that The Chapter would not directly support non members to board positions.

11. Adjournment

President: **Joe Russo** adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

12. Program: none

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
Will Foss, Chapter Secretary