

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> |
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| 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 type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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 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"/> |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Chapter Officers in Attendance

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| 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

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| Mehdi Shadyab | City of San Diego |
| Gina Adams | RCP Block & Brick |
| Mike Kratz | City of Vista |
| 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 |
| Rusty Anderson | City of San Diego |
| Afsaneh Ahmadi | City of San Diego |
| Nancy Martinez | City of San Diego |
| Brad Remp | City of Chula Vista |
| Steve Jones | City of Oceanside |
| Carla Van | UCSD |
| Art Garcia | City of San Diego |
| Todd Bailey | TRB + Associates |
| Harlan Tandy | SD AIA |
| Julia Rosaler | City of San Diego |

George Lockfort

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 18th and 19th 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 that status of Chapter committees. Joe indicated that **Mehdi** will continue as chairman of the Special inspection committee and **Werner Landry** may not continue in his role of Disaster Preparedness committee chair. **Mehdi** mentioned that he had asked Werner to email Joe indicating his decision to relinquish his role in the committee. **Ali** mentioned that Werner is still on the CALBO disaster responders call out list. **Joe** reported that **Ali** will participate in the ICC Final Action Hearings in Rochester as the San Diego ICC Chapter's representative. CALBO will contribute 1000.00 in reimbursement for the trip.
- **Joe** indicated that he anticipates that Stuart Thom will participate in a future Chapter program presenting his CD on the upcoming IBC code changes.

c. Codes: Ali Fattah:

- **Ali Fattah** discussed the potential conflict in the use of the IEBC and current FEMA policy mandating that reconstruction of structures damaged in a disaster not be upgraded to current Building Code compliance but rather repair and restoration of damaged structures comply only with pre-disaster construction standards. FEMA is concerned that they will be burdened with the cost of unreasonable upgrades and other structural requirements after a disaster. CALBO has circulated a REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION draft ordinance prepared by CALBO's Emergency Preparedness Committee to address this issue. The State has adopted only the Seismic provisions of Appendix A of the IEBC. **Ali** suggested the committee review the adoption of the IEBC at the local level.
- **Ali** indicated that the codes Committee will form a "Working Group" to discuss implementation of the upcoming I-Codes.
- **Ali** reviewed the issue of retaining non conforming rights for buildings undergoing renovations or tenant improvements. Ali cited examples of buildings that meet current UBC standards but

would not comply with the new I-codes. Discussion is needed to establish a uniform policy to determine a threshold for requiring full compliance with the new codes in the entire building.

d. Electrical: Nancy Martinez:

- **Nancy Martinez** reported that the Electrical Newsletters are expected to be completed by January 2008. Nancy also indicated that the SDGE 2007 Service Standards and Guide should be available in June.
- **Dick Lloyd** from Arizona attended the meeting. A presentation was made on wiring methods found in the 2005 NEC.
- **Nancy** announced that John Wiles with the San Diego Regional Energy Office will offer a presentation on photovoltaic systems on June 20th and 21st. The times are not confirmed but are tentatively set for 8-4 PM. CALBO will offer training on the California Amendments to the Electrical Code on September 26th in Rancho Bernardo.
- **Nancy** will bring the issue of chapter participation in upcoming training back to the Chapter at a later date.

e. Plumbing/Mechanical: Rusty Anderson:

- **Rusty Anderson** indicated that the committee met on May 2nd.
- **Allen Hughes** from Set Right Toilet Flanges reviewed their new product with the group. The water closet flange is adjustable and allows the flange to be set at any floor finish height. The flange does not have a listing. Rusty also indicated that UL now lists plumbing products.
- **Rusty** reminded the chapter that all pool drains now require an anti entrapment cover. **Ali** suggested the Chapter develop an area wide certification form to be used in the enforcement of the new requirement.
- **Rusty** indicated that the committee will review the process of adopting the 2007 CPC Appendix Chapters in the near future.

f. Disaster Preparedness: Werner Landry; no report

g. Special Inspection: Mehdi Shadyab;

- **Mehdi Shadyab** reported that he will develop a training program to present to the chapter.
- **Mehdi** is in the process of revising all City forms related to the new I-Code special inspection requirements.
- **Lou** suggested the Code committee review what specific types of masonry construction will require special inspection under the new I-Codes. A Chapter policy may need to be developed.

h. CALBO ABM: Brad Remp:

- **Brad** has developed a detailed program of scheduled events and individual responsibilities for the upcoming ABM. Brad is in the process of developing a budget for the event which he anticipates costing approximately \$50,000.
- **Brad** invited interested members to attend lunch after today's business meeting to work out additional details.

6. Communications

a. Chapter President's Report: Joe Russo

- **Joe Russo** mentioned that he attended a seminar on the nonstructural provisions of the IBC in Rancho Bernardo last week.
- **Joe** recently received an email from Escondido Fire Chief Vic Reed expressing concern over a burglar alarm system that emitted smoke upon activation. CVS has installed the system and Fire Department has serious concerns about unintended consequences of the presence of smoke in an occupied building. The smoke may trigger a false alarm requiring the fire service to responder.
- **Joe** discussed the cost and availability of the California Building Codes. Information is available on the ICC website.

- b. ICC Report: no report
- c. Legislative Report: Pat Healy
 - **Pat** reported that there is strong interest on the part of legislators to develop strategies and laws related to conservation of resources through the construction of green buildings. There are currently 60-70 bills in the legislature addressing “green” buildings and other conservation issues.
- d. CALBO Report: Dan Pavao:
 - **Dan Pavao** announced that CALBO's Leadership and Advocacy Day in Sacramento was a success and attended by over 50 Building Officials.
 - **Brad Remp** discussed the event and emphasized that legislators should allow the code officials to write specific statute language. The regulatory process should reflect the legislative bills intent. Unless building code professionals are consulted on the specific language in proposed regulations, the statute language may be unenforceable.
 - **Brad** thanked the Chapter for assisting him in attending the event.
 - **Brad** as a member of the public safety committee
 - **Dan** suggested the Chapter consider a program similar to “Permit Protect” offered by Building departments in Oregon that emphasizes the benefits of obtaining permits to insure that construction meets code. Dan suggested the chapter construct a “Good wall-Bad Wall “to illustrate proper construction and code violations. The exhibit would be displayed at the upcoming Chapter hosted CALBO ABM. No action taken on the suggestion.
 - **Brad Remp** added that legislative aides may contact local building officials for expert assistance in the future.
 - **Dan** discussed the use of the UPC for determining the plumbing fixture requirements. The Table contains a footnote that allows the Building official to determine whether to use the IBC or UPC fixture table.

7. **Old Business:**

- **Ali** discussed the Chapter's previous position on the use of the UPC fixture table vs. the IBC. Ali suggested Jurisdictions consider potential conflicts in the tables during the process of adopting the new codes.
- **Joe Russo** suggested the code and plumbing committees discuss the issue and consider an area wide policy.

8. **New Business:** none

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

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

- **Ali Fattah** opened a discussion on the issue of local jurisdictions amending the I-Codes to be more restrictive than the State adopted building codes. The allowable area calculations tables supported by the State Fire Marshal and made part of the CBC may be an example of codes that may appear to be less restrictive than the current UBC.
- **Brad Remp** cautioned that local jurisdictions will not have the same broad support for amending the codes experienced by the authors of California's Building Code. It would be also be difficult to make the necessary findings to justify code changes that have not been endorsed through a National Code adoption process.
- **Joe** posed the question to the Chapter as to whether jurisdictions anticipate adopting the code as written or amending the State Building Code. Comments were mixed but there was a consensus that the building codes should be consistent throughout the country while maintaining public safety as the primary goal of any adoption process. Discussion included the issue of applying the same SFM provisions for height and allowable area to occupancies under the authority of the local building Official.

- **Jim Zicaro** suggested that national uniformity in the building codes will be at risk if local jurisdictions decide to amend the International codes. Jim indicated that it will be difficult to justify or make findings for reverting to previous code editions.
- **Brad Remp** made the following motion: ***The Chapter shall pursue a policy of supporting code development, adoption and changes at the national level rather than pursue a policy of making local amendments to the Building Code. The Chapter will encourage local participation in the National Code development process and make appropriate recommendations to the national code development body to ensure that future National Code Editions reflect the concerns of local Building Officials. Local jurisdictions are encouraged to defer to the National Codes in occupancies not regulated by the State Fire Marshal.*** **Ali Fattah** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Gina Adams** suggested members email her for information on the latest Masonry Alliance Code developments.
- **Leslie Sabin- Mercado** mentioned urgency legislation regarding the California Solar Initiative. This legislation will allow the PUC to modify rulemaking for “optional interval metering” of residential energy users. This will make PV systems more cost effective for the utility customer in California. The number of applications for rebates for PV systems installations have declined from 1000 to 75 between January and May.
- **Brad Remp** mentioned that Chula Vista has 2 counter technician positions available. Check their website for information.
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11. Adjournment

President: **Joe Russo** adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

12. Program: none

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Will Foss, Chapter Secretary