

1. Call to Order

President Lou El-Khazen called the meeting to order at 9:10 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 (Lou El-Khazen)	Chula Vista	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gary Fausett	Coronado	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clay Westling (Pat Healy)	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 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"/>
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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
Rich Geary	Hoover Treated Wood Prod.
Ali Fattah	City of San Diego
Gina Adams	RCP Block and Brick
Ron Halbritter	City of San Diego
Harlan Tande	City of San Diego
Mehdi Shadyab	City of San Diego
Edward Wilczak	City of Imperial Beach
Nancy Martinez	City of San Diego

3. Approval of Minutes

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

4. Treasurer's Report: Will Foss

The Chapter's current checking account balance is 20,373.36. Saving account balance is 5,229.41. Total checking and saving balance is 25,602.77. Discussion was held to transfer some moneys from the checking into the savings account.

5. Committee Reports

a. Education: Steve Jones

- Ali Fattah has been doing a great job with the I-code academy. The December event will be on the International Fire Code.
- John Taeker will provide a training program in February after our meeting. He also will have an additional two-day training program on listed kitchen equipment that same Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday.
- (Lou El-Khazen)- Steve is stepping down as Education Chair and the chapter will be looking for a new nominee or volunteer.
- (Ali Fattah) - Online registration for the Code Academy is now available through ICC.
- (Ali Fattah)- The December training on the IFC would be very good for commercial fire code plan checkers. The January class will be an applied class on building planning. Additional help is still needed with the seminars, the City of Oceanside and James Pine (County) were commending for their efforts in helping with the seminar logistics. When all is said and done it would be good to analyze the Code Academy to determine how we could improve training programs in the future. We will also be looking at training for masonry/concrete and wood sometime after June of next year.
- (Joe Russo)- A future training program by Norbert Lohse covering forensic litigation is planned. The training likely will be geared to inspectors and plan checkers and could possibly be offered early in the morning to facilitate their attendance.

c. Executive Report: Lou El-Khazen

- Scholarship application deadline is December 1st. There will be 4 500.00 scholarship awards. 2 jurisdictional and 2 non jurisdictional. Not many applications have been received as of yet.
- Nominations for the Chapter Officers was discussed at the executive meeting.
- The Installation Dinner was discussed and will be covered in detail later. Sponsors are now welcome to approach the Chapter if interested in donating to the event.

d. Codes: Ali Fattah

- The Codes Committee has been dormant but is preparing to review the code change monograph for the IBC. Special emphasis will be placed on the height and area tables. The BSC package is also ready for review and both can be access on their respective websites.

e. Electrical: Nancy Martinez

- Special thanks from the IAEI to the Chapter for the help in making their conference a success.
- It was announced that Harry McDonald, a local contractor and attendee at the electrical committee meetings has recently passed-away. He will surely be missed.
- The updated SDGE mid and high rise service standards is available and will be e-mailed to members.
- A local electrical contractor has terminated his testing of PV grounding methods that he was conducting at Scripps pier. Results were not surprising but not scientific enough to draw valuable conclusions. The Southern California Chapter of the IAEI has a committee which looks at grounding and bonding and they will look into drafting an informational bulletin on PV grounding techniques. Sharp Corporation has a racking system that is listed for grounding. It was also mentioned that there have been some instances of modules cracking due to lack of expansion space between modules.
- The City of SD will sponsor John Taeker (UL) on February 5th 2007 for discussion on inspection concerns.
- Steve Shinko (Eaton Cutler Hammer) provided a program on "Inspecting Electrical Distribution Equipment".
- It was mentioned that some pool light shells are only listed to be used with certain pool lights. It was also said that there are some unlisted menu boards, scoreboards, MRIs, and cardio-catheters being installed around the county.
- A website, "Electric-find.com" may be useful in finding data on specific electrical information.

- The 2008 NEC proposal comments are currently being reviewed in Redondo Beach.
- b. Plumbing/Mechanical: Ed Avila (absent) Pat Healy
 - Robert Payne discussed some of the issues and problems with PEX installations.
 - Leslie Sabin/Mercado gave an update on the status of the response to the gas release letter sent by the Chapter to SDGE management. Response is pending management meetings.
 - SDGE is having problems with outdoor dining being allowed over utility equipment vaults. She asked if AHJs could review plans and to check for such conditions before approving.
 - James Schell gave a presentation on Sovent, engineered sewer venting system.
- f. Disaster Preparedness: Werner Landry (Absent)
- g. Special Inspection: Mehdi Shadyab -No Report
- h. Scholarships: Ali Fattah
 - Scholarship applications have been distributed and awards are pending their return.
- i. Nominations: Ali Fattah
 - The Chapter will be looking for a new treasurer. Jim Zicaro has volunteered, any other nominations are welcome to be submitted. It was suggested that we should re-examine the committee chairs and make changes as needed.

6. Communications

- a. Chapter President's Report: Lou El-Khazen
 - CALBO has removed the deadline for converting ICC certifications into California certifications. It was previously mentioned that applicants had until December 31st to take the conversion exam.
 - Bob Guenther (ICC) has shown an interest in our meetings. Possibly coming to pay a visit in the near future. Kevin Scott may be providing the academy training in December.
- b. ICC Report: none
- c. Legislative Report: Joe Russo
 - AB 1387 to become effective January 1st 2007 allows developments of no less than 100 units to forgo the traffic impact studies if the development is within a certain distance to specific public transportation systems.
 - AB 1496 which required mobile home park managers to be trained on park management, was vetoed.
 - AB 1953 dealing with lead content of water piping was signed into law. Reduces allowable lead content of materials to .25%.
 - AB 2496, the ultra low flush toilet proposal was vetoed by the governor.
 - AB 2751 regarding developer fees being used for existing deficiencies has been signed by the governor.
 - AB 2836 regarding fire sprinklers for residential care, was vetoed due to cost concerns for the care centers.
 - AB 2977 regarding pool safety and drowning prevention was chaptered. Will become effective January 1st.
 - SB 1451 requires the SFM to research funding to cover emergency preparedness for the disabled community. Bill has been chaptered.
 - SB 1659 allows electronic submission of plans for seismic retrofits to hospitals. Passed.
- d. CALBO Report: Dan Pavao (Absent)

e. Other: Isam Hasenin

- CBSC hearing on the code adoption has been taking place and is to continue in January. The SFM proposal will be heard on January 16th and 17th. Accessibility and HCD proposals January 30th and 31st.
- There has been substantial opposition to the SFM proposals and with the HCD proposals regarding PEX and CPVC.
- Tentative date for code publishing will be no later than July 2007 with the effective date January 2008

7. **Old Business:** none

8. **New Business:** none

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

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

- (Rich Geary) – Asked if anybody heard of any concerns regarding problems with Zinc and its use in construction materials.
- (Ali Fattah)- Mentioned that there have been battles between manufacturers of hold-down systems and the anchoring systems themselves. Much of the data does not give specifics for all the concerns with the holdowns when used in varying configurations.
- (Jessie Wu)- The City of La Mesa is holding a workshop on disabled access regulations. There have been lawsuits and property owners having been asking for a workshop to provide some enlightenment on the issues.
- (Ron Halbritter)- There may be tax incentives available for ADA upgrades.
- (Joe Russo)-Local AHJs are not responsible for enforcement of the “Fair Housing Act”. The City of Escondido was challenged on the subject due to Multi-story condo projects.
- (Joe Russo)- Question was asked who is authorized to perform continuous inspection for essential services buildings. The city of Escondido has a new police/fire station in the works and state law requiring such inspection has come forward.
- (Pat Healy)-The County’s new office in San Marcos will now be offering commercial plan check services, on a limited basis to start.

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