



MINUTES

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

JULY 10, 2008

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Los Angeles County Building  
900 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra  
Alhambra Room



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1.0 **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order by President Craig Johnson at approximately 12:10 p.m.

2.0 **ROLL CALL BOARD MEMBERS.** President Craig Johnson – introduction of board members present, if any:

Board Member, Title	Jurisdiction	Present	Absent
Craig Johnson, President	Culver City	Y	
Roy Itani, Vice President	LA County	Y	
George Chavez, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Beverly Hills		Y
Neville Pereira, Treasurer	Glendale	Y	
Truong Huynh, Secretary	Long Beach	Y	

2.1 **Past Members.** President Craig Johnson asked that past Board or Honorary Members present to introduce themselves: Past President Stuart Tom and past Treasurer Steve Ikkanda was in attendance.

3.0 **SELF-INTRODUCTIONS.** Self-introduction of approximately over 53 members and guests were in attendance commenced.

4.0 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.** Review and approval of the June 12, 2008 meeting minutes did not occur during this chapter meeting. It will be done so at the next meeting.

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS.** President Craig Johnson.

5.1 **Stuart Tom.** As an ongoing part of the monthly chapter meeting, Stuart Tom presented to the membership the next edition of "How well do you know the 2007 CBC?" quiz to test the knowledge of the membership in attendance.

5.2 **Treasurer Neville Pereira.** Neville informed the membership that the chapter fund has rose close to \$70,000. He reminded members to make reservation to the chapter meeting so that food can properly be coordinated.



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- 5.3 **Secretary Truong Huynh.** Reminded members to email him any topics that they want to bring to the chapter's attention or open for discussion. Truong will add it to the meeting agenda.
- 6.0 **COMMITTEE REPORT.** If any.
- 6.1 **Disabled Access.** Ewa O-Neal reminded chapter members that have received or are using the disabled access plan review checklist to email her if any errors or typos are found. She took this opportunity to also inform the membership that she will be providing disabled access training on July 29 in Brea. Flyer will be distributed via email with this information.
- 6.2 **Administration.** Henry Huang informed the membership that AB717 was recently discussed in the committee. The committee is now focusing on fee schedule study. Website update has been passed on to Neville for compilation and it is anticipated that a web consultant will be selected soon to begin the website upgrade.
- 6.3 **Fire-Life Safety.** Craig Johnson has indicated that the committee is still working towards creating a uniform wall legend standard. Stuart Tom further added that a few architectural firms have offered to assist, including but not limited to Gensler and two others. They are hoping that in 1 month they will have a template in which to work with in developing the standard.
- 6.4 **Social Event.** Addison Smith reported that the committee is working on coordinating the year end event.
- 7.0 **CALBO AND ICC REPORT.** If any.
- 7.1 **ICC.** Jim Martin reported that the Chapter Advocacy Grant has been approved. Further details can be found on ICC's website. Federal Bill Numbers S2458 and HR 4461 are the important pieces of legislation where jurisdiction may obtain as much as a million dollar for use of enforcement of codes, once the bills are adopted by Congress and signed by the President. A point of clarification was made regarding who can make request for the grant. Fire Department agencies that enforce the code can make a request as well.
- 8.0 **EXISTING BUSINESS.** If any.
- 8.1 **Change in ASTM Standards for Concrete Testing.** Jon Traw went to a meeting that covered the ASTM C-31 and C-39. He reiterated that the 4x8 cylinder size is/will be recognized as a valid test sample.
- 9.0 **NEW BUSINESS.**
- 9.1 **Discuss SB1608 Accessibility Certification.** Roy Itani informed the membership that CALBO generally supports SB1608, but recognizes a potential concern regarding inspection certification. Issue raised is the



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possibility of jurisdictional liability that may come from supposedly certifying a property or building as being accessibility compliant if it is not.

Victor Cuevas passed out an email correspondence with William Schlock of CALBO that further suggest that there are potential concerns regarding SB1608.

The discussion centered around the concern that all inspector having to obtain this new certification will be problematic and costly. Other area of concern suggested by Ewa O'Neal is that the proposed bill suggested that even ADA standard would have to be enforced, further adding to the complexity of the problem.

Stuart made a motion that the Disabled Access Committee investigate further and have a position statement on behalf of the chapter.

- **Motion** Stuart Tom / Jim Martin second to request that the Disabled Access Committee formulate a position statement on SB1608.

Further discussion on this motion ensured with opposition from the committee members in taking on this request, citing concerns that there is too much information to weigh in order to formulate a position statement.

- **Motion** Stuart Tom to **withdraw** request.

The committee will attempt to contact CALBO regarding their position. Stuart Tom also indicated that he will make a similar call to Matt Wheeler and/or William Schlock for more information.

9.2 **Discuss HCD Manufactured/Mobile Homes Emergency Action.** Roy Itani informed the membership that this express term requires that mobile home complies with Chapter 7A.

10.0 **PROGRAM.** Two programs were presented today.

10.1 **Program #1.** "Pitfalls to Avoid in Implementing Green Building Program" by Craig Perkins.

10.2 **Program #2.** "Changes in Anchor Design for post installed anchors into concrete - CBC 2007" by Lucas Floriani.

11.0 **ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING TIME AND LOCATION.** Next regular monthly business meeting will tentatively be scheduled for August 21, 2008 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a joint monthly meeting with the Orange County Chapter. Location has yet to be determined. Schedule program is "Green Building Task Force" by Bob Raymer.

12.0 **ANNOUNCEMENTS.** None.

13.0 **ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 p.m.