



**DRAFT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 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 12:05 p.m.

**2.0 ROLL CALL BOARD MEMBERS.** President Craig Johnson introduces board members present.

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 Education Chair Hassan Alamedine and Treasurer Steve Ikkanda were in attendance.

**3.0 SELF-INTRODUCTIONS.** Self-introduction of approximately 33 members and guests were in attendance commenced.

**4.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.** President Craig Johnson requested that the general membership review and approve the August 21, 2008 meeting minutes.

- **Motion** Steve Ikkanda / Chon Cervantes second to approve the meeting minutes.
- **Motion** passed unanimously.

**5.0 COMMUNICATIONS.**

**5.1 Vice President Roy Itani.** Informed the membership that he is one of two individuals who will be going to the code hearing on behalf of the chapter. He will provide a full report to the membership on the code hearing at the next chapter meeting.

**5.2 Secretary Truong Huynh.** Informed the membership that the chapter was recently highlighted in the ICC Monthly Newsletter. Thanks and appreciation was given to those members who participated in providing



training, committee activities, training, etc. for their contribution. To highlight some of the continuing activities of the chapter, Truong elaborated some of the new information bulletins being developed by the committees. These new bulletins, when completed, will help the membership with uniform interpretations and applications of the code.

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**5.3 Education Chairperson Chon Cervantes.** Informed the membership that the training provided on September 5<sup>th</sup> on Chapter 7 was successful. There were approximately 47 participants in the training. He is looking for other training that can benefit the membership. Anyone would interest in a particular type of training should make the request of either Chon or Truong.

**6.0 COMMITTEE REPORT.**

**6.1 Administration.** None.

**6.2 Disabled Access.** Ewa reported that the committee met earlier in the week to discuss several outstanding accessibility issues. The committee will be drafting a formal letter to DSA to clarify certain items contained in the SB1608 Bill. When a response is received, this may help the committee in prepare a bulletin to assist the membership understand the regulations.

**6.3 Fire-Life Safety.** Craig, on behalf of Stuart, reported that the committee is still working with an architect to standardize wall legend/schedule for the various wall types found in Chapter 7.

**6.4 Inspection.** None.

**6.5 Public Relation.** Addison reported that the committee is recommending to the Board to move the Annual Installation Banquet from December to January. The committee is looking to create a theme for the banquet so as to illicit more participation from the membership. Potential location could include the West Los Angeles area (may be able to get the facility hosted for free). The committee is also looking to sponsor monthly social networking. More details to follow.

**6.6 Structural.** Steve reported that the committee is currently engaged in 3 supplemental structural plan review checklists. In addition, there are 3 information bulletins that the committee is focusing on as well, one of which is the Type V Sheet.

**7.0 CALBO AND ICC REPORT.** None.

**8.0 EXISTING BUSINESS.**

**8.1 Discuss SB1608 Accessibility Certification.** Roy updated the membership on the topic of SB1608. The bill is currently on the Governor's desk for signature. If it is not vetoed, and there is no indication



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that it will, it will become law shortly hereafter. The deadline for those looking to sign up for the C.A.S.P. has passed. No word yet on if the deadline will be extended or not. The deadline imposed on local jurisdiction to begin adhering to the new law will be in July of 2009. The concern regarding potential enforcement of ADA or FHA regulations is not clear, but at this time appears to be the intent. The Disabled Access Committee will be drafting a letter to DSA for clarification.

**8.2 Final Voting on Updated Chapter Bylaws.** Truong provided a brief summary of the changes. The original motion to tentatively approve the bylaws in June was made with the condition that there be changes to address/clarify membership voting rights. That has now been done. President Craig Johnson requested that the general membership to make a motion to approve the bylaws.

- **Motion** Craig Johnson / Hassan Alamedine second to approve the proposed change in the bylaws with the amendment.
- **Motion** pass unanimously.

The bylaws will go into effect on October 1, 2008. Secretary Truong Huynh will forward the newly adopted bylaws to the Treasurer for posting to the chapter's website.

**9.0 NEW BUSINESS.**

**9.1 David Fink of Global Green.** David from a non-profit environmental organization who will be introducing a code modification during the ICC Code Hearing in MN. He is asking those members who will be going to MN to support this proposal when it is submitted for discussion and review. The proposal is to require 30% energy efficiency. More information on this can be found at [thirtypercentsolution.org](http://thirtypercentsolution.org).

**9.2 Wind and Retaining Wall Design Issue.** A member asked what other jurisdictional members are doing about the wind design. DSA with the support of SEAOC has a simplified wind design. Andrew Adelman added to the conversation by suggesting that a task force or committee be formed to further investigate this alternative. Mr. Adelman nominated Victor Cuevas of LA City to take the lead and work with the Structural Code Committee. Other members volunteered to assist in determining if an alternative and simplified wind design was appropriate.

Also raised as an issue to further investigate is the design of retaining wall. It would appear that even simple retaining wall would require a soils report. The Structural Code Committee has indicated that they will look into this issue.

**10.0 PROGRAM.** "Accessible Means of Egress" by Mazen Dudar.

**11.0 ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING TIME AND LOCATION.** The next regular monthly business meeting will tentatively be scheduled for October 9,



2008 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Alhambra Room. The schedule program is "Evaluation Report by ICC-ES" by John Nosse.

**12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS.** None.

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m.

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