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MEETING MINUTES

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 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 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 nd 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, Past President Stuart Tom and Lawrence Brugger were in attendance.

3.0 SELF-INTRODUCTIONS. Self-introduction of approximately 37 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 September 11, 2008 meeting minutes.

- **Motion** by Amir Hamidzadeh to approve the meeting minutes.
- **Motion Second** by Tony Falcone.
- **Motion** passed unanimously.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS.

5.1 2nd Vice President George Chavez. Informed the membership that an ICC staff person will be present every other chapter meeting with books and other items for sale. Thanks was given to Addison, Paul and Christine for their hard work in the Public Relation Committee.

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORT.



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- 6.1 **Administration.** None.
- 6.2 **Disabled Access.** Roy has indicated that the SB1608 bill has been signed by the Governor. A draft letter to DSA will be prepared requesting clarification on certain provisions of the bill. Ewa informed the membership that it will be discussed at the next chapter meeting for input before sending the letter to DSA.
- 6.3 **Fire-Life Safety.** Stuart has indicated that the recommended wall legend details have been completed. Thanks were given to Gensler and Togawa-Smith-Martin for their assistance in developing the recommended legends. The information will be forwarded to the membership and posted to the website.

The monthly quiz on various new code sections was discussed.

- 6.4 **Inspection.** George informed the membership that the committee is still working on recommended special inspection procedure.
- 6.5 **Public Relation.** Addison informed the membership that the Banquet will be moved to January. An official date has not be established yet. Clarification was made regarding the “Casino” night idea. No money will exchange hands during this event, only play money. Any proceeds or donation made will go towards charity.

The 1st quarterly social network “mixer” is tentatively scheduled for October 22, 2008 in the City of Torrance. A flyer with location and information will be sent to the membership shortly. The Chapter will sponsor the event at no cost to the participating members.

- 6.6 **Structural.** Steve informed the membership that two new correction sheets, masonry wall design and concrete shearwall, are complete. The new correction sheets will be forwarded to Truong for distribution and eventual posting to the website. The committee is also close to finalizing the LARUCP Type V Sheet.
- 7.0 **CALBO AND ICC REPORT.** None.
- 8.0 **EXISTING BUSINESS.** None.
- 9.0 **NEW BUSINESS.**
- 9.1 **Updates and news from the ICC Code Hearing in MN.** Stuart Tom discussed several items of interest for the membership. Approximately 240 plus members from CA was present at the hearing, one of the largest numbers to represent a state (most of whom where from the fire service). ¼ of those members present at today’s meeting were in MN. Items of note during the code hearing are as follows:
 - SF11 require that accessible combustible concealed space be provided with label/stencil signage.



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- SF16 changes the ½-hr rating on the interior side of an exterior wall from 5 ft. distance to property line to 10 ft.
- G20 allow more alcohol content storage in F and S occupancy from 12% to 16%.
- G61 address the remoteness rule of stairshaft in highrise building. The 1/3 distance requires stair shaft to meet the lesser of 30 ft. or ¼ of the max. dim. of the building.
- G103 address the live work unit by stipulating that storage cannot exceed the aggregate area of the total space by no more than 10%.
- G104 clarifies the separation required between the live and work area.
- G117 – 120 collectively reduces the # of story permitted by Table 503 for B, M, S-1 and S-2 occupancy.
- G168 address podium type of construction. It states that multiple building towers constructed on a common podium should be treated as a separate building.
- G110 attempted to introduce a new concept on how to develop height and area criteria based on compartmentation. This was not approved during the hearing.
- RB64 requires residential sprinkler to be installed in one- and two-family dwelling. This will likely go into effect in the 2011 code.
- RB66 require certain types of multifamily (i.e., townhouse) to be installed with fire sprinklers with some tradeoff.
- RB71 requires the installation of CO detectors.
- S84 provided a simplified method for wind design and was passed by a unanimous vote.

Roy thanked Stuart for speaking on behalf of the Chapter during the code hearing. Roy strongly recommended that the Chapter consider establishing a code committee to specifically address the need of code development for the next code cycle.

Ken Kraus, FPO Section-South President, spoke to the need of CA members becoming more involved with the code development process. While we had a large # of turnouts to the hearing, we did not do a good job in coordinating our effort in promoting CA's interest at the code hearing.

- 10.0 PROGRAM.** "Evaluation Report by ICC-ES" by John Nosse.
- 11.0 ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING TIME AND LOCATION.** The next regular monthly business meeting will tentatively be scheduled for November 13, 2008 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Stevens Steak and Seafood House at 5332 Stevens Place, Los Angeles 90040. The schedule program is "Opening Protectives in Rated Wall Assembly" by Catherine Roberts.
- 12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS.** The OC Chapter is putting together a good mix of training during the November month. This is in addition to any training being offered by CALBO during the same month.
- 13.0 ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m.