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### MEETING MINUTES

#### MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

**December 10, 2009**

**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 Roy Itani at 12:05 PM.

**2.0 ROLL CALL BOARD MEMBERS.** President Roy Itani– introduced the board members present.

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

**2.1 Past Members.** President Roy Itani – introduced past Board members Mr. Craig Johnson, Mr. Stuart Tom, Mr. Steve Ikanda and Ms.Linda Haines.

**3.0 SELF-INTRODUCTIONS.** Self-introduction of the general membership was done prior to commencing with usual business..

**4.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.** Secretary Victor Cuevas presented the meeting minutes for the October 8 meeting.

- Motion by Victor Cuevas /second by Mazen Dudar to approve the meeting minutes.
- Motion passes unanimously.

**5.0 COMMUNICATIONS.** President Mr. Roy Itani.

**5.1 Vice President George Chavez: None**

**5.2 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Neville Pereira: None**



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5.3 **Treasurer Truong Huynh:** Indicated that the 2009 and proposed budget report for the chapter will follow.

5.4 **Secretary Victor Cuevas:** **None**

### 6.0 COMMITTEE REPORT.

6.1 **Structural:** Present Chair, Mr. Steve Lam, present chair, indicated that he will be stepping down for the upcoming 2010 year. Mr. Philip Yin (City of Long Beach) was named as the new chair. Mr. Lam discussed the three new bulletins put together by the committee during 2009; namely SMRF, pre-fabricated narrow shearwalls. Mr. Lam thanked the board and the membership for the opportunity given to him to chair the committee.

6.2 **Disabled Access:** **None**

6.3 **Administration:** Mr. Chon Cervantes, present chair, indicated that he will be stepping down from the chair position for the upcoming 2010. He thanked the board and the membership for the opportunity given to him to chair the committee in 2009.

6.4 **Inspection:** **None**

6.5 **Fire-Life Safety:** Mr. Stuart Tom, indicated that he will be stepping down from chairing the committee in 2010. He discussed the committee's accomplishments in 2009 and indicated that he will be coordinating a "Code Adoption Class" that is much needed to show and explain the code adoption process in detail. This will be coordinated in 2010 with FPO, LA ICC Basin Chapter, and the Orange County Empire Chapter.

Mr. Tom gave an update regarding the second exit proposal during the hearings in Baltimore. Although the Building Committee approved the proposal (13 in favor, 1 against), the proposal lost during the IRC hearings (14 votes against it). He indicated that the State did like the new proposal and the language is presently being worked on to incorporate into the upcoming **2010 CBC**.

In reply to a question by Mr. Daleo as to whether considerations were taken into account that new homes will be sprinklered under RB 64 when the new second exit language was developed; Stuart indicated that it was considered.



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### 6.6 Code Adoption: None

### 7.0 CALBO REPORT.

#### 7.1 CALBO President, Mr. Stephan Kiefer.

- CALBO has been very busy due to the economic state and in particular, the reduction of staff throughout.
- CALBO has been approached by many jurisdictions to help with efforts to promote building safety.
- We have developed articles that talk about the importance of having safe buildings.
- We feel that the best way to advertise is by preparing the building official to present themselves to constituents and elected officials with information regarding building safety.
- In addition to this type training, we have gone out of the codes arena into finance and land use, this will better prepare the Building Official.
- We have had Mr. William Shock, a CALBO member, participate in the development of the Green Building Code with the state.
- We have ramped up legislative advocacy and have focused on development and
- As an example of how we try to help building officials, we recently got together with Target stores to discuss upcoming remodels. We developed a plan or sort of a pre-approved plan review that is very generic. This would not only help the Target stores, but also the local building officials in the review of these TI's.
- AIA has approached CALBO to work with schools in establishing the ability for them to choose between the State Architect and the local jurisdiction to plan check their projects.
- The San Ramon educational meeting was a great success with great representation.
- Next year, the training will change from Ontario to Costa Mesa to be more central to the LA and Orange County jurisdictions.
- The Committees have been very busy lately. The Accessibility Committee has been really busy with the CaSP certification. They have been working with DSA and the author of the Senate Bill 1608. The CALBO Board is working with DSA staff to add more CASP certification testing dates, and is also discussing the possibility of reducing related testing fees.
- A question came up in regards to a letter that was written by the State Fire Marshal's office, dated April 2009. The concern was that the letter might imply that the Fire Department had jurisdiction over the Building departments. Mr. Kiefer responded that the letter is

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simply an attempt to clarify a state law, and good building/fire coordination at the local level eliminates this concern.



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7.2.1 ICC rep. Mr. Kermit Robinson reported the following in regards to the Baltimore Hearings;

- Reports will be posted next week.
- Important dates of the deadline for the comment period submittal for the hearings in Dallas have been posted.
- We are near the end of the completion of the Green Building Code.
- Please see our website for more information and reports.

7.2.2 Mr. Greg West, with ICC Evaluation services (ICCES) indicated that ICC entered into an agreement with UL on a dual program for evaluation of Building as well as Mechanical and Fuel products. ICCES also maintained that they will be reviewing metal building under their service program.

**7.3 REPORT FROM FADY MATTAR:** Mr. Mattar gave an update regarding the new gray water ordinance. He indicated that the 15 day comment ended December 9, 2009 and that there were 3 amendments. The most important amendment is that the new language has redefined the no permit requirement for a "single fixture". Under the new language, a single fixture has now been changed to mean "clothes water" instead of a house.

**7.4 REPORT FROM CRAIG JOHNSON:** Mr. Johnson attended the Hearings in Baltimore and gave a report on his involvement in the ICC Admin Committee. He indicated that that NAAHB is very well represented in the ICC hearings, and that he was impressed with how organized the Fire Department staff were. They had charts as to where they stand on many items, what hearings to attend, where, when, and how to vote on scheduled items. He encouraged the chapter to be just as involved as the Fire Department, and that the key to success for California is participation of everyone.

### 8.0 EXISTING BUSINESS.

**8.1** Mr. George Chaves discussed the details of the upcoming Annual Banquet and Golf Tournament scheduled on January 9, 2010 at the Rio Hondo Country Club in Downey. He encouraged family participation and indicated that golf registration is limited to 40 entrants.

He also indicated that the dinner's theme is Hawaiian, and that the activity is being held at an outstanding facility. He thanked Linda Haines, Addison Smith with JAS, and Paul Armstrong for their participation in the set-up activity for the banquet. Mr. Chavez also outlined that the chapter will accept sponsorships for the upcoming



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banquet. Further details can be obtained by contacting the chapter's board.



**8.2 Website:** Neville Perriera and Jesse DeAnda went over the new chapter's website that was launched recently, and highlighted the basic features as well as navigated through the website

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### 9.0 NEW BUSINESS.

**9.1 FY2010 Budget approval.** Mr. Truong Huynh went over the new 2010 budget. Criag Jhonson recommended for approval/ Chon Cervantes second. Motion to approve the 2010 Budget passed unanimously.

**9.2 Creation of the Green Building committee:** President Roy Itani introduced Ron Takiguchi, who accepted the nomination as the Committee Chair. Mr. Takiguchi spoke and asked the membership for volunteers to join his committee. He also indicated that the committee would need to look at and evaluate the 2010 State's Green Building Standards.

**9.3 Introduce the new Board members for the upcoming year:** Mr. Roy Itani introduced Mr. Mazen Dudar, the new chapter's secretary for the upcoming 2010 year. Mr. Dudar accepted the appointment and thanked the board for the opportunity.

### 9.4 Discuss the Code Hearings in Baltimore.

- Mr. Truong Huynh discussed the structural code amendments proposed in Baltimore. He gave a briefing on S-84 (approved 14 to 0, S-95 (Seismic maps are being changed); S-105 (Separation distances between buildings); S-116 (Changes to chapter 17 of the IBC, approved 12 to 2; S-167 (passed 13 to 1, appendix D is being eliminated from the code; furthermore, nailing values will no longer be in the code but rather in the NDS only, staples values will remain in the code).
- Mr. Stuart Tom: This was covered in item 6.5 of this report.
- Mr. Hassan Alameddine: Mr. Alameddine was not present during this meeting; furthermore, he was unable to attend the hearings in Baltimore.
- Others: This was covered in item 7.4 of this report.



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**10.0 PROGRAM:** There was no scheduled program for this meeting.

**12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS.**        **None**

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:05 PM.

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