



LOS ANGELES BASIN CHAPTER

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MEETING MINUTES

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

February 11, 2010
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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 10627 Old River School Road
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER. President George Chavez called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

2.0 ROLL CALL BOARD MEMBERS. President George Chavez introduced the board members attending the meeting.

Board Member, Title	Jurisdiction	Present	Absent
George Chavez, President	Beverly Hills	X	
Neville Pereira, 1 st Vice President	Pasadena	X	
Truong Huynh, 2 nd Vice President	Long Beach	X	
Victor Cuevas, Treasurer	LA City	X	
Mazen Dudar, Secretary	LA County	X	

2.1 PAST MEMBERS. President George Chavez introduced past presidents: Mr. Roy Itani, Mr. Craig Johnson, Mr. Stuart Tom, and Ms. Carol Jacobsen

3.0 SELF-INTRODUCTIONS. The attendees introduced themselves. A special welcome and a group greeting were given to first-time attendees.

4.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.

Minutes for December 10, 2009 meeting as well as the 2010 Banquet minutes were unanimously approved. Motion made by Truong Huynh and second by Neville Pereira.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS.

- Chapter president Mr. George Chavez indicated that Mr. Raj Patel, SOB for LA County Building and Safety, would be running for the CALBO board of directors. There are presently 2 vacancies on the CALBO board.
- Mr. Patel addressed the audience and gave a history of his career with LA County. Mr. Patel committed to representing Southern California



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cities, the ICC- LA Basin Chapter, and the general membership, and asked for supporting his nomination.

- A motion was made to support Mr. Patel's nomination. The motion second. The general membership in attendance unanimously voted for the support.
- Mr. Chavez informed the attendees that a letter of support from the ICC-LA Basin Chapter would be mailed to CALBO. Mr. Stuart Tom clarified the letter must be directed to Matt Wheeler with CALBO, with attention to the selection committee.
- Closing remarks from president Chavez regarding a challenging year ahead and reaffirming the chapter's trust in Mr. Patel.
- President Chavez also asked the audience to support the re-appointment of Christina Jamison for another term on the Building Standards Commission, to occupy the Fire position on that commission. Mr. Stuart Tom indicated his support to Ms. Jamison and added that she was named as the Fire official of the year in 2006 and was recognized by CALBO accordingly. Mr. Andrew Adelman added that she's an excellent commissioner and asked for her support. Mr. Fady Mattar made a motion for the members to support the re-appointment, the motion was second, and the membership in attendance unanimously voted to support Ms. Jamison's reappointment.
- Mr. Chavez indicated that the Board would prepare and mail a letter to the Governor's office requesting the reappointment of Ms. Jamison to the BSC.

5.1 Vice President, Neville Pereira.

- Neville indicated that the Chapter has created the CRC Code Adoption Committee and that Mr. Jonathan Lam would provide more details during the course of the meeting.
- Neville is working to get lift-off for on-line training, where staff and the members can join an on-line training session.
- Neville is working with the administration committee to address the request by the LA County Assessor's office of receiving copy of plans upon approval and permitting of projects within a local jurisdiction's Building Department.

5.2 2nd Vice President, Truong Huynh.

- Encouraged members to sign in and join the newly formed Code Forum on the chapter's website.
- Informed the attendees that the chapter is sponsoring Mr. Jonathan Lam to attend 2 days at the CALBO ABM, and indicated that the chapter will consider supporting any active member who is participating in a committee to attend CALBO as well. Interested individuals should submit interest to any Board of Directors for consideration.
- Mr. Huynh indicated that the agenda for all the committee's first meeting should consider:



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- 1) Code review and amendment proposal.
- 2) Update plan review checklist.
- 3) Update or develop new info bulletins and interpretations.
- 4) Provide training.

5.3 Treasurer, Victor Cuevas. No communication

5.4 Secretary, Mazen Dudar

- Informed the members that having all of their proper contact information on file is pivotal for communication purposes.
- Thanked Mr. Stuart Tom for the seminar to follow later in our meeting.
- Thanked Mr. Roy Itani for an outstanding year as past president for the Chapter.

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS, If any.

6.1 Structural : Kick-off meeting will be on Tuesday 2/16/2010, 9:00 AM at the LA County Public Works Building located at 900 S. Fremont, Alhambra

6.2 Disabled Access : NO REPORT

6.3 Administration

- Mr. Addison Smith indicated that the committee is meeting with the assessor's office to deal with the request of plans.
- Mr. Stuart Tom indicated that the tax and revenue code requires that the assessee furnishes that information; however it is being shifted to the local Building Dept. for enforcement. He further indicated that this is not a funded task, so we all need to be careful how we approach this issue as it could be a costly un-budgeted task by building staff.
- Mr. Chuck Delao indicated that the easiest solution to this is to have a bin for local building departments to put copies of approved plans in for the assessor's office staff to pick up.
- Mr. Andrew Adelman suggested that all communications on this critical issue must be made with high level officials from the assessor's office.

6.4 Inspection: NO REPORT

6.5 Fire-Life Safety: NO REPORT

6.6 Code Adoption NO REPORT

6.7 CRC Code:

Mr. Jonathan Lam indicated that this is a newly formed committee established in early January. They are looking closely at the IRC/CRC to evaluate applicability of 2 stories versus one story with respect to conventional framing and as to whether engineering would be required and when.



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- 6.8 Green Building: A report on the committee's activity was presented by Mr. Ron Takiguchi. Ron indicated that the committee had two meetings and encouraged more participation by the members in attending meetings or joining the committee. Furthermore, he has extended an invitation to Mr. David Walls and Mr. Doug Hensel with the BSC to meet with the committee on March 29, 2010 in Alhambra for interpretations on Title 11.

Goals for the Green Building Committee have been set. Some of these goals are:

- Review and study Title 11
- Establish minimum LARUCP standards.
- Review/Establish standards for existing buildings.
- Review the I- green code to see how this may help us.

- 7.0 **CALBO AND ICC REPORT.** Mr. Kermit Robinson with ICC reported the following.

- Encouraged attendance to the upcoming Code hearings in Dallas in May 2010.
- He indicated that Mr. Dave Walls, BSC, has been an active part of the green technical committee. The committee has completed their work on 1/30/2010.
- The I- Green code will be published on March 15, 2010
- The I-Green Code contains many things that are not in the CAL Green code.
- Code commentaries have been published for the 2009 IBC.
- Mr. Robinson indicated that he might have a small presentation to share regarding the I-Green code, possibly in the chapter's meeting in April.

8.0 EXISTING BUSINESS.

- 8.1 Annual installation banquet recap and slide show presentation:

- Banquet photos were screen displayed for viewing.

- 8.2 Update on Chapter's activity and planning regarding code adoption.

- Item was cancelled; however, it was mentioned that the code adoption committee would be coordinating with various committees on various issues.

- 8.3 Update regarding on-line meetings.

- Item was cancelled

- 8.4 Upcoming CALBO event update and the hospitality suite.

- President Chavez invited everyone to join our chapter's hospitality suite on Thursday 2/25/2010 at 7PM at the CALBO ABM.

- 8.5 Surveys: – distribute to (1) determine training need and (2) solar PV system practices



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- 2 surveys were distributed and collected at the conclusion of the activity.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS.

- 9.1 Recommendation of the Board to reappoint Christina Jamison to the BSC.
- This item was handled in President's communications, section 5.0 of this report

- 9.2 Recommendation of the chapter to appoint Mr. Raj Patel, Superintendent of Buildings, Los Angeles County Building and Safety, to serve on the CALBO board of Directors:

- This item was handled under President communications, section 5.0 of this report.

- 9.3 Education week.

- This item was cancelled from the agenda

- 9.4 LA County Assessor's office request to obtain copies of building plans and permit records.

- This item was handled under section 6.3, admin committee.

- 9.5 Banner purchase.

- This item was cancelled from the agenda.

- 9.6 Basin Chapter Brochures.

- This item was cancelled from the agenda.

- 9.7 Creation of the new "Code Forum" on Chapter's Website.

- This item was handled under item 5.2, 2nd vice president communication.

- 9.8 The Chapter will consider funding request to the CALBO ABM for active member(s) within a committee.

- This item was handled under item 5.2, 2nd vice president communication.

- 9.9 Each committee's first's meeting agenda should consider:

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This item was covered under item 5.2, 2nd vice president communications.

10.0 PROGRAM



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- Mr. Stuart Tom presented the “Adoption of the 2010 California Codes – What to look forward to”.
- Mr. Tom indicated that the presentation will also be on the chapter’s website.

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- The next meeting will be on March 11, 2010
- Reminder that the hospitality suite activity will be an evening activity on Thursday 2/25/2010 at the CALBO ABM.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT.

- The meeting was adjourned at 3 PM