



# INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL

## TRI-CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

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**April 13, 2010**  
**11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Norwalk Sports Complex**  
**13700 Clarkdale**  
**Norwalk, CA**



**1.0 CALL TO ORDER.** ICC- Chapter presidents; Mr. George Chavez, ICC- LA Basin Chapter, Mr. David Khoram, Orange Empire Chapter, and Ms. Renee Mureaux, Ventura Chapter welcomed the members, lead the audience with the pledge of allegiance, and called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

**2.0 ROLL CALL BOARD MEMBERS.** Chapter Presidents introduced the board members attending the meeting.



ICC-LA Basin Chapter Board	Jurisdiction	Present	Absent
George Chavez, President	Beverly Hills	<b>X</b>	
Neville Pereira, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Pasadena	<b>X</b>	
Truong Huynh, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Long Beach	<b>X</b>	
Victor Cuevas, Treasurer	LA City		<b>X</b>
Mazen Dudar, Secretary	LA County	<b>X</b>	

Orange Empire Chapter Board	Jurisdiction	Present	Absent
David Khoram, President	Orange	<b>X</b>	
Hadi Tabatabaee, Pat President	Fullerton	<b>X</b>	
Tony Weimholt, Vice President	Norwalk	<b>X</b>	
Henry Huang, Treasurer	Tustin	<b>X</b>	
Gabriel Linares, Secretary	Brea		<b>X</b>

Ventura County Board	Jurisdiction	Present	Absent
Renee Mureaux, President	Ventura	<b>X</b>	
Tony Falcone, Immediate Past President		<b>X</b>	
Amir Hamidzadeh, Vice President & Treasurer	Agoura Hills	<b>X</b>	
Larry Bea, Secretary		<b>X</b>	

**2.1 PAST MEMBERS.** The current presidents introduced all past chapter presidents attending the meeting.

**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.**

- Mr. George Chavez, LA Basin Chapter president, announced that the Ventura Chapter would conduct its business at a later meeting and asked for a motion to approve the LA Basin Chapter minutes from the March 11, 2010 meeting which was made and received a second.
- Mr. David Khorram, OEC president, asked for a motion to approve the Orange Empire Chapter minutes from the March 18, 2010 meeting which was made and received a second. The vote was unanimous for approval of both meeting minutes.

**6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS, (LA Basin Chapter):**

6.1 **Structural:** None

6.2 **Disabled Access:** Committee is discussing CASp and possibly entertaining the idea of a training seminar

6.3 **Administration:** None

6.4 **Inspection:** None

6.5 **Fire-Life Safety:** The committee is forming the members and will be meeting next Month.

6.6 **Code Adoption:** Mr. Hassan Alameddine indicated that the committee is coordinating efforts with the CRC committee and a detailed progress report will be given during the next business meeting.

6.7 **Green Building:** None (a presentation on that subject matter is scheduled later during the meeting)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS, (Orange Empire Chapter):**

6.8 **Education Committee** – Mr. Charles Russell, Education Chair commented that the Committee had education programs posted on the OEC website and that the committee was working on an Accessibility Seminar for May 10, 2010, a Furnace Installation seminar on May 25, 2010 in Costa Mesa, and the September Training Matrix tentatively to be held in Alhambra.

6.9 **Code Committee** – Mr. Steve Ikkanda commented that the Code Committee was working actively and had another meeting scheduled for April 15, 2010 in Tustin and that they were also discussing the State Fire Marshal letter due to it's potential negative impact. Mr. Khanh Nguyen

commented that he was also on the Code Committee and was pushing for the Code Adoption package to be completed by August.

- 6.10 **Public Relations and Membership Committee** – Committee chair Mr. Soroosh Rahbari was not present, but Khanh Nguyen spoke on his behalf. Khanh commented that membership dues were past due and asked the membership to verify they had renewed their membership. Mr. Khanh also advised the membership that they should consider the pre-paid status for lunch meetings for the added convenience of not having to pay at the door at all the chapter lunch meetings.

Mr. Khanh also announced that the Golf Fundraiser would be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of August at Oak Creek in Irvine and advised interested members to save the date. Khanh also announced that the CALBO Ed Week was scheduled for Costa Mesa in November.

- 6.11 **Green Building Committee** – Mr. Roy Fewell announced that he had participated in the GBC and CRC forum and that the committee would put together a Green Building class for the training matrix in September.
- 6.12 **Quality Assurance Committee** – Mr. Dennis McCreary announced that although the committee had not yet met, they would be completing the inspection checklists and other work that was initiated by the commit last year. Dennis indicated that they were looking for increased involvement from those that had extensive inspection experience to participate with the inspection checklists.

## 7.0 **ICC REPORT.**

- Mr. Kermit Robinson, ICC, reminded everyone of the upcoming code hearings in Dallas.
- Mr. Robinson will be considering a presentation on the IGCC next ICC-LA Bain Chapter meeting scheduled for May 13.
- Announced the monthly ICC Journal is now available only online and there will no longer be hard copies/mailers to the membership.

## 7.1 **CALBO REPORT**

- Mr. Dan Pavao, CALBO President, addressed the membership and indicated that this will be a very involved year due to the upcoming code adoptions.
- Mr. Pavao indicated that CALBO is committed to continue their support of Building Officials and Building Department staff. Furthermore, President Pavao indicated that CALBO has issued a letter in March 2010 to respond to a letter issued by the office of the State Fire Marshal on April 20, 2009 regarding the duties and responsibilities of Building and Fire Officials.

- President Pavao indicated that training week will be in Costa Mesa this year and will have a variety of seminars to ensure new code training for Building Departments and consultants throughout California.
- Finally, President Pavao thanked members who are active on CALBO committees, and thanked everyone who was able to attend the CALBO ABM in Anaheim in February 2010.

## **8.0 NEW BUSINESS.**

### **Education week:**

- President George Chavez indicated that the ICC-LA Basin Chapter and the Orange Empire Chapter are coordinating an education week from September 27 through September 30. The location of said training will be held at LA County Public Works headquarters, located at 900 S. Fremont, Alhambra.
- Mr. Chuck Daleo, indicated that the chapters should consider a more strategic location for the training, as the Alhambra location could be burdensome for members traveling from Orange County. Presidents Chavez and Khoram indicated that they will indeed ask the training committees of both chapters to coordinate the efforts and re-evaluate the training location.

## **9.0 PROGRAM**

- 9.1 Mr. Matt Wheeler, CALBO liaison, discussed three proposed bills:
- AB 1693: this bill proposed to change the code update cycle to 18-months instead of 12 months. This will save one third of the efforts of State agencies. CALBO is support of this bill, as such a bill does not raise or constitute any alarming issues of concern.
  - AB 2472 (Titled Green Innovative Permit Program): This bill pertains to performance monitoring within 6 months of the program being installed.
  - SB 1227: This bill is being pushed by the governor's office, and it gives the local Building Department (Cities and Counties) the option to take control and have jurisdiction over public schools (Grade K thru 14). Mr. Jay Elbettar, Building Official for the City of Newport Beach said that his jurisdiction is well qualified to handle the new challenge and welcomed the idea, as it also generates revenue for his Department. Mr. Hadi Tabatabaee, Building Official, City of Fullerton, also encouraged the membership to support this bill. Mr. Chuck Daleo also added that cities and counties can indeed do a very good job when it comes to reviewing and inspecting school projects. Mr. Matt Wheeler clarified again that under this bill, a local jurisdiction has the option to take on and be the lead for construction or remodels within public schools.
- 9.2 The second program was set up in a panel formation. Panelists were Stuart Tom (Building Official, City of Glendale), Laura Blaul, Fire Official,

Orange County Fire Authority, and Christina Jamison, Fire Official, City of San Ramon, and Building Standards Commissioner.

- Mr. Tom opened the forum by indicating that there have been accusations and an “active attempt on taking other people’s jobs”. This was due to a letter written by Kate Dargan, the State Fire Marshall (SFM) on April 20, 2009.
- Mr. Jay Elbetta, Building Official, City of Newport Beach, indicated that he was very concerned with the text in that letter published by SFM, especially that SFM has not issued a revised opinion despite a letter from CALBO outlining the necessary adjustments for the SFM letter.
- Christina Jamison indicated that despite and regardless of the SFM letter, the relationship and coordination between a Building and a Fire official is very pivotal and must exist in order for any jurisdiction to have all the proper life safety measures for its residents.
- Laura Blaul added that Fire and Building officials must have a strong relationship as they indeed compliment each other and are united to partner with the entire community, comprised of engineers, architects, residents, and the community as a whole.
- Mr. Fady Mattar and Mr. Chuck Daleo both asked the panel what is to be done when there is a disagreement between Fire and Building Officials. The panelists agreed that in all cases, Fire and Building Officials must explore all the avenues to reach amicable solutions that is most fit to serve the community rather than focusing on the authority or rather than fighting for a position.

#### **10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- Next meeting for the ICC-LA Basin Chapter will be held on May 13, at the Rio Hondo Country Club in the City of Downey.
- Next meeting for the OEC will be held on May 20, 2010 at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club.

#### **11.0 ADJOURNMENT.**

- Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM