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### MEETING MINUTES

### BUISNESS MEETING AGENDA

July 14, 2010  
 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

RIO HONDO EVENT CENTER  
 DOWNEY, CA

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER.** President George Chavez called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM.
- 2.0 **ROLL CALL BOARD MEMBERS.** President George Chavez-- introduction of board members present.

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

- 2.1 **PAST BOARD MEMBERS.** Carol Jacobsen and Ray Schuller, past presidents, attended the meeting.
- 3.0 **SELF-INTRODUCTIONS.** The attendees introduced themselves; around 60 individuals attended the meeting.
- 4.0 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.** President George Chavez presented the meeting minutes for the June 10 meeting
  - Motion made by Troung Huynh and second by Mr. Mazen Dudar to approve the meeting minutes.
  - Motion passes unanimously.
- 5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS.** President Mr. George Chavez. Indicated that this meeting is very pivotal, as we will be discussing and introducing the amendments by the committee chairs. He



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recommended that all cities adopt the amendment package that will be presented. He also announced that training on those amendments will be provided to Building Department Employees adopting the amendments

5.1 **Vice President, Neville Pereira.** Not present

5.2 **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Truong Huynh.**

Indicated and encouraged all members and cities to adopt the same amendments as we will all be adopting the same set of codes. It will be very beneficial for the general public as well as architects and engineers to learn that all the jurisdictions within the Los Angeles basin have adopted the same amendment packages.

5.3 **Treasurer, Victor Cuevas.** None

5.4 **Secretary, Mazen Dudar** None

5.5 **Communications by others.** Mr. Bob Payne from the attendees discussed the latest publication by the State disapproving the use of PEX. He indicated that he is contacting all the cities in LA, Orange and Ventura counties to ask if an alternate method request would be acceptable by applicants who still wish to use PEX. So far, all but one city in Ventura indicated that an alternate method application for PEX usage is acceptable. Mr. Payne urged Building Officials and administrators to return his call in that regard upon receiving it.

## 6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 6.1 Structural

Mr. Philip Yin briefly presented the proposed structural amendments and thanked Mr. Hassan Alameddine, Mr. Juan Madrigal, and all the committee members who participated in the development of those amendments. He asked all jurisdictions to seriously consider the adoption of those amendments as these amendments represent engineers, building officials, structural engineers, and professionals with vast knowledge in the structural field. The amendments have been posted on the chapter's website.

Mr. Andrew Adelman asked a question regarding wind forces within seismically active zones. Mr. Truong Huynh and Mr. Philip Yin indicated that the structural committee will look into the question and report back during another chapter meeting.

### 6.2 CRC Committee

Jonathan Lam, committee chair, indicated that the committee has proposed a total 29 amendments, 28 of which are structural, and one is life-safety related. The amendments have been posted on the chapter's website.



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A motion was made by the general membership for the chapter to adopt all the amendments that have been submitted by the CRC and by the structural committees. A motion was made by Mr. Fady Mattar and second by Mr. Fouad Barakat, the motion passed unanimously.

**6.3 Disabled Access**

Ewa O'neil indicated that the committee would be meeting in early August to start working on updating the correction sheets.

**6.3 Administration** None**6.4 Inspection**

Mr. Jesse De anda indicated that the committee will coordinate solar energy plan check and inspection training seminar. Anticipated date in January 2011.

**6.5 Fire-Life Safety**

Mr. Chuck Daleo, representing the life-safety committee, indicated that the committee has one amendment that is being considered.

**6.6 Education Committee**

Mr. Chon Cervantes, Education committee chair, indicated that the training matrix for the upcoming 2010 codes will be ready in August 2010. Training is scheduled for September 28, 29 and 30 in the City of Norwalk and will be free of charge to local jurisdictions. Classes vary in capacity from 50 to 100 attendees. Seminars will be offered on ADA, wood sciences (APA classes), 2010 code updates for Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical and seminars on the new Green Building Standards Code.

**6.7 Code Adoption**

Mr. Hassan Alameddine, committee chair, indicated that the chapter must get involved and propose changes at the State and at the National level as well. He indicated that this usually requires that we have an early head start and must keep in mind as we get into the 2013 codes. He also indicated that the key is to start coordinating early with the state agencies, attend state hearings regarding State agencies' proposed amendments in order for us to further pursue things at the national level.

A meeting has been set for July 19, 2010 in the City of Norwalk to discuss the amendment package with the Orange Empire Chapter and the Ventura Chapter.

**6.8 Green Building Committee**

Mr. Ron Takiguchi, committee chair, indicated that the committee is proposing a total of seven amendments. He thanked co-chair Mr. Ousama Younan, committee secretary Mr. Fouad Barakat, and all the committee members on all their hard work and participation the past six months. He indicated that the committee still have some upcoming work to complete



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and will continue to meet as needed to complete all pivotal tasks and to address as many controversial issues as possible.

Mr. Takiguchi indicated that green building training will be provided to the membership, and that he as well as Mr. Younan are coordinating such training with CALBO. More details will be provided as they become available.

The amendments have been posted on the chapter's website.

Mr. Younan discussed "LEED", and indicated that LEED requires commissioning. He further indicated that no state or oversight programs have been set for LEED; as such, jurisdictions may have to develop certification programs as we do not presently have a guideline at this time to gauge who is qualified in this field to provide LEED services.

## 6.9 Nomination No report

## 7.0 CALBO AND ICC REPORT.

**7.1 CALBO REPORT:** Mr. Raj Patel, CALBO Board member, indicated that CALBO is proposing to merge the Annual Business Meeting with the education week activity, as this would save money for jurisdictions, especially for cities that normally participate in both events. He also urged members/volunteers who may be able to assist CALBO Training Institute by providing training and seminars during the ABM/Education week to approach him; then he will coordinate a dialogue with CALBO Training Institute coordinators.

## 7.2 ICC REPORT:

**7.2.1** Mr. Kermit Robinson indicated that ICC received over 400 comments regarding the new energy code.

**7.2.2** Mr. Robinson indicated that the Green Building Standards committee is working to improve this new code.

**7.2.3** Announced that he is conducting training in means of egress updates (Chapter 10 of The International Building Code) will be conducted on Thursday July 29, 2010 in Brea. Further details are available on the Orange Empire chapter website.

## 8.0 NEW BUSINESS. Open Forum.

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**9.0 PROGRAM.**

The committee chairs presented the amendment packages and discussed the latest activities and developments within their committees. Details have further been provided in item number 6 above.

**10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS.** None

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.