

MINUTES 1997

January 1997

JANUARY INSTALLATION DINNER

This mailing contains the following: A brief outline of the installation dinner, a meeting notice for the February 5th meeting, a final notice for members who have not paid their 1997 dues, and for members who work as city and county inspection staff a letter certifying the number of meetings they attended in 1996.

Installation Dinner
Napa Solano Chapter I.B.C.O.
January 10, 1997

The 1997 Installation dinner was held January 10, 1997 at the Legends and Heroes Restaurant. There were 59 members and guests present. Outgoing President Richard Tash was the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Richard thanked everyone for attending. He also thanked the board members and general membership for supporting him throughout the year.

The installing officer was Fred Cullum, Building Official for the City of Burlingame. He currently serves on the ICBO Board of Directors for the Central District and is our chapter liaison. Fred said that chapters like ours are the backbone of ICBO. He encouraged us to remain involved in code development, especially throughout the process of adopting a national code. Fred installed the following members: President, Jay Salazar; Vice-President, Tom Garcia; Secretary/Treasure, Harvey Higgs.

Outgoing Vice-President Jay Salazar presented Richard Tash with a plaque from the chapter in thanks for his outstanding job as Chapter President. In turn, Richard presented Jay Salazar and Tom Garcia each a plaque of appreciation for their work through the year. Richard then turned the gavel over to Jay.

Jay gave a short acceptance speech in which he thanked all chapter members for supporting him over the years as he has developed in his position with the City of Vacaville Building Department. Jay said that as President he intends to build a more personal relationship with each member of the Chapter. He said that he hopes to have a positive impact in making our chapter a strong, future-oriented ICBO Chapter.

Respectively Submitted,
Tomas R. Garcia
Vice-President

FEBRUARY 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The February 5, 1997 meeting of the I.C.B.O. Napa-Solano Chapter was called to order at approximately 5:30 by President Jay Salazar. 34 people were in attendance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

The following officers were present:

President, Jay Salazar

Vice-President, Tomas Garcia

Secretary-Treasurer, C H Higgs

INTRODUCTIONS

Self-Introductions of dinner attendees were made.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The January minutes were approved.

SPEAKER OF THE EVENING

Vice President Garcia introduced John Hurley of Specified Technologies. Mr. Hurley spoke on fire caulking and applications of fire caulking. A slide show of the product was given as part of the presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

A suggested mission statement and goal sheet was presented and discussed. The mission statement will be taken up by the board and discussed at a later meeting. Comments on the mission of the chapter can be faxed to our President by using the fax number 449-5423.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chapter has been requested to participate in the state wide disaster call out system sponsored by CALBO. A volunteer was requested to coordinated a call out. A couple of members agreed to volunteer. A call out would occur if a major disaster occurred some where in the state and inspection services were needed.

Building Safety Week materials are available to order from ICBO thorough the chapter if desired.

The errata sheet to the Mechanical code was passed to the attendees.

ATC 20-3 training is being offered at UC Berkeley-Clark Kerr Campus, April 19th. The seminar teaches the stuff necessary for an inspector to know if Calbo calls in event of a disaster.

Call Don Cushing at 510-243-1697 as the source of more information.

INSPECTORS TIME

Post tension slabs for room additions were discussed.

The always accepted method by the inspection field is to secure an engineered design.

The City of Fairfield will permit a 24 inch deep footing in lieu of an engineered design with the understanding the settlement may be different from the two systems.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn made and seconded.

The meeting was adjourned by President Salazar approx 7:30

March 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The March 5, 1997 meeting of the I.C.B.O. Napa-Solano Chapter was called to order at approximately 5:30 by President Jay Salazar. 30 people were in attendance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

The following officers were present:

President, Jay Salazar

Vice-President, Tomas Garcia

Secretary-Treasurer, C H Higgs

INTRODUCTIONS

Self-Introductions of dinner attendees were made.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The February minutes were approved.

SPEAKER OF THE EVENING

Vice President Garcia introduced Dennis Lee of Moxie International. Mr. Lee spoke on the virtues of the product his company sells. Moxie International produces and sells concrete sealants, both admixtures and surface treatments. Also included are sealants for any concrete products such as stucco.

OLD BUSINESS

The mission statement and goal sheet of the chapter was briefly discussed. President Salazar once again asked the members for additional input. The fax number 449-5423 to reach Mr. Salazar for your input.

Sign up for the Electrical IV seminar in Vacaville is proceeding well.

NEW BUSINESS

John Benito and Dick Miller volunteered to coordinate the statewide emergency call for the chapter.

Richard Tash, City of Dixon, reported on a small portion of the Calbo ABM. A plan review from a building department staff member does not have to be an engineered report if done correctly and therefore may not have to be stamped. Each jurisdiction should get a ruling from the jurisdiction's legal council.

The City of Vacaville purchased the "exiting" video from ICBO and invited chapter members to view the tapes with them each Wednesday during lunch.

ICBO has started a computer based certification program. The test can be scheduled 4 days in advance and the results given prior to leaving the testing center. Only three traditional type tests will be given throughout the year. Call ICBO at 1-800-423-6587 for more information.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn made and seconded.

The meeting was adjourned by President Salazar approx 7:30

APRIL 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The April 4, 1997 meeting of the I.C.B.O. Napa-Solano Chapter was called to order in Napa at approximately 5:30 by President Jay Salazar. 31 people were in attendance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

The following officers were present:

President, Jay Salazar

Vice-President, Tomas Garcia

Secretary-Treasurer, excused

INTRODUCTIONS

Self-Introductions of dinner attendees were made.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The March minutes were approved.

INSPECTORS TIME

David Cliche, Solano County, asked if other jurisdictions allowed galvanized gas pipe fitting. Mr. Cliche stated the county has noticed leaks in the galvanized fitting and therefore does not permit the use of galvanized fitting for gas lines. Solano County stands alone on the issue.

Mr. Bill Turgeon, City of Vacaville, inquired if other jurisdictions require permits for television antennas. Although the National Electrical code has a section detailing requirements for installation, all other jurisdictions do not required permits or inspections.

Maury Mackenzie noted the EIFS installed on the Genentech project had an unsolved problem with surface treatment.

SPEAKER OF THE EVENING

Vice President Garcia introduced Tim Kincade representing Ward Flex, the maker of a flexible gas line. While the product and fitting appears to be well designed, no current IAMPO approval exists. The product installation guild lines left many approvals up to the Building Official. As an example the installation manual state concealed fitting are acceptable with the approval of the Building Official. Since the product is not specifically designed as an approved product in the plumbing code the Building Official must use Sec 301 to grant approval for use of the product in the jurisdiction.

Jim Hodges of the Pleasanton office of the ICBO spoke on the code adoption process. The following items were highlighted.

- * The Building Standards Commission appears ready to adopt the 1997 IAMPO UPC and the 1997 UBC & UMC.
- * Jurisdictions with less than 100,000 population will be allowed two voting members.
- * ICBO headquarters has a new area code. 562 replaces 310.
- * The International Fire Code (IFC) is on track for the 2000 code. The ICC signed an agreement with NFPA to jointly develop the code.

* ICBO has set up a process for UL to make field verification of listed products which come to the job site with out a label.

OLD BUSINESS

Sign up for the Electrical IV seminar in Vacaville is proceeding well.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn made and seconded.

The meeting was adjourned by President Salazar

MAY 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The May 7, 1997 meeting of the I.C.B.O. Napa-Solano Chapter was called to order in Napa at approximately 5:30 by President Jay Salazar. 31 people were in attendance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

The following officers were present:

President, Jay Salazar

Vice-President, excused

Secretary-Treasurer, C H Higgs

INTRODUCTIONS

Self-Introductions of dinner attendees were made.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The April minutes were approved.

INSPECTORS TIME

John Benito, Rio Vista, raised the question of occupant load for Bed & Breakfast establishments.

Maury Mackenzie brought in samples of dryvit installed at the Genentech project.
Jose Jaimes, City of Davis, discussed listed and non-listed strainers for use in showers.
Jay Salazar, City of Vacaville, in an effort to gain more knowledge asked about a handicap parking situation which occurred in Vacaville.

SPEAKER OF THE EVENING

President Salazar introduced Jerry Parks of the Western Woods Preservers Institute from Vancouver, Washington.

Mr. Parks discussed with the attendees the virtues of using the proper type of pressure treated wood for the proper type of job. In addition to using the proper type of wood, the proper label must be on the lumber. If the proper label is not on the wood is not ok because one can not tell. A discussion occurred on the subject.

OLD BUSINESS

Sign up for the Electrical IV seminar in Vacaville is proceeding well.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn made and seconded.

The meeting was adjourned by President Salazar

JUNE 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The June 4, 1997 meeting of the I.C.B.O. Napa-Solano Chapter was called to order in Napa at approximately 5:30 by President Jay Salazar. 33 people were in attendance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

The following officers were present:

President, Jay Salazar

Vice-President, Tomas Garcia

Secretary-Treasurer, C H Higgs

INTRODUCTIONS

Self-Introductions of dinner attendees were made.

Mr Salazar introduced John Wong from the State Contractors board. Mr Wong is attending this evening at the request of State Contractors board member Steve Patterson, to become more active with inspection agencies. Mr. Wong is available to assist members of the Chapter with contractor related items.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The May minutes were approved.

INSPECTORS TIME

John Benito, Rio Vista, Mentioned houses in Rio Vista were still suffering from water leakage with the one coat stucco system.

Harvey Higgs inquired how other jurisdictions handle pest control repairs when the foundation is below grade level. The suggestion espoused by most was drilling and cementing in an anchor bolt long enough to reach the new plate The void is filled in with concrete.

Jose Jaimes, City of Davis announced a workshop was being sponsored by the City of Davis with GAMA tables from the code as the object of the instruction. The workshop is set for June 12 in Davis.

Eric Walters, City of Napa, inquired how each jurisdiction handled window replacement.

Approx 1/2 of the code enforcement bodies cheered when Mr. Higgs stated in Benicia if one does not chop cut or fill and the new window is put in the same hole no permit was required.

The other half stated a permit would be required because bedroom egress or other code items might be affected.

A lively discussion followed the introduction of the use of smoke dampers in 1hr rated buildings. No conclusion was reached pertaining to necessary requirements.

SPEAKER OF THE EVENING

Tomas Garcia introduced Tom Finn of C & S Air Products as the speaker of the meeting. Mr. Scilley flew in from Southern California to discuss the use of smoke and heat dampers. Mr Finn noted the code is revolving to be more concerned with smoke rather than flame. This is important since smoke kills more people than flame.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Salazar announced the passing of Dave Scola's wife. A card will be passed around for those who desire to sign.

Richard Tash, City of Dixon, announced the next seminar the Chapter will sponsor will be centered around the legal aspects for building inspectors. The seminar will be held in October. Mr Tash passed out chapter pins to all in attendance. The remainder of the pins is now in the possession of the chapter president.

Bruce Gunn, City of Napa, discussed the Redwood chapter meeting with Jon Traw, ICBO Chairman, as a principal speaker.

The International Code and the upcoming code development conference was discussed.

During the discussion Dan Kasperson, City of Suisun, made a motion which was seconded by Eric Walters.

The motion is as follows: The Chapter Board shall be authorized to spend up to 3000 dollars to send a representative from the chapter to the ICC code development conference in Denver in August.

The following was suggested by chapter members:

1. A qualified person should be sent, not just someone who wants a vacation. Ability to go is a factor.
2. Goals of the chapter should be followed to determine what issues the chapter should address.
3. The code development committee should be utilized to determine objectives of any potential representative.
4. The question was raised as to whether a big town could better afford to send any one to the conference.
5. President Salazar stated some funds are available for such uses.
6. Perhaps Calbo could use money to send qualified representative.

The motion carried by a vote of ten to none.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Salazar reported the electrical seminar in Vacaville went well and was well attended.

Recognition was given to Earl Margaret Ricci, and

The mission statement of the chapter was discussed. Mr. Salazar requested the attendees to submit a brief statement of what they felt was the goal of the chapter. Recognition was given to Maury MacKenzie for the work done toward the mission goals and committee work.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn made by Mr. Tash and seconded.

The meeting was adjourned approx 8:30 by President Salazar

SEPTEMBER 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The September 3, 1997 meeting of the ICBO Napa-Solano Chapter was called to order at approximately 5:55 p.m. by Vice President Tom Garcia. 21 people were in attendance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

The following officers were present:

Vice President Tom Garcia

Secretary-Treasurer C.H. Higgs

President Jay Salazar was excused.

INTRODUCTIONS

Self introduction of attendees were made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Chapter Family Picnic will be held September 12th at Pena Adobe in Vacaville.

Seminar on legal aspects of code enforcement will be held in Vacaville, October 14, 1997. Attendance is approximately 24 at this time with more expected.

A letter from the City Manager of Vacaville was read urging all jurisdictions throughout the chapter to adopt the code with few if any amendments.

INSPECTOR'S TIME

A discussion was held on whether the 24" of required safety glass began the measurement from only the movable portion of a sliding glass door or from all portions of the sliding glass door. No consensus was developed. Approximately ½ of the jurisdictions went either way. Eric Walters, Plan Check examiner for the City of Napa opened a discussion of pier and grade beam foundation systems.

Bruce Gunn, Building Official for the City of Napa inquired as to how other jurisdictions enforced allowing log lighters in manufactured fire places.

Bruce Gunn reported on his trip to Denver for the ICC Code Hearing. The next code development meeting will be held in Boston in the Spring.

SPEAKER OF THE EVENING

After the dinner break Vice President Tom Garcia introduced Domenico Digregorio from Crosslink Poly Water Pipe. The virtues of the piping were pointed out. Strength and durability were noted. It was noted that approval must come from the alternate materials section of the code.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm by Vice President Garcia.

OCTOBER 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The October 1, 1997 meeting of the ICBO Napa-Solano Chapter was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice President Tom Garcia.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

The following officers were present:
President Jay Salazar Tardy.
Vice President Tom Garcia
Secretary-Treasurer C.H. Higgs

INTRODUCTIONS

Self introduction of attendees were made.

Old Business

Tom Garcia spoke on the fun time had by all at the annual family picnic held last month

SPEAKER OF THE EVENING

After the dinner break Vice President Tom Garcia introduced Dave Goodin of USP Timber Connections. Mr Goodin spoke of the virtues of the connectors the company produces. A product notebook was given to the attendees. The contents of the handouts were explained. The numbering system and labeling of the metal connectors were pointed out

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for 1998 Chapter officers were
President Tom Garcia, City of Fairfield
Vice President C H Higgs, City of Benicia
Secretary-treasurer Eric Walters, City of Napa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The October legal aspects of the code seminar will take place 14 October in Vacaville

NEW BUSINESS

Mr Salazar shared with the group experiences of attending the ICBO ABM in September. Copies of the hands outs from the conference were passed out.

The chapters role for the upcoming ICBO ABM in San Francisco was discussed. Many ideas were brought up. the verdict was to wait and see what the sponsoring chapters had in the plans.

The upcoming ICC Code development meeting in Washington DC was mentioned. A discussion was held as to how involved the chapter could be in supporting the meeting. A committee was authorized to develop a proposal for the chapter.

INSPECTOR'S TIME

Jose Gallegos, State Fire Marshals Office, brought to the attention of the assembly concern about security bars on bedroom windows.

John Benito, City of Rio Vista, inquired whether or not any jurisdictions were enforcing alarms on doors leading from the dwelling to the pool area Most were not requiring alarms at this

time. Harvey Higgs, City of Benicia, stated Benicia's policy would change in January to conform with state regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm President Salazar.