

## **NAPA-Solano Chapter ICC**

### **MINUTES OF July 7, 2010**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Dan Kavarian called July 7, 2010 meeting of the Napa/Solano Chapter of ICC to order. The meeting was held at the Paradise Valley Golf Club in Fairfield. There were 31 members and guests in attendance.

#### **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

President Dan Kavarian-present; Vice President Gary West-Present;  
Secretary Fred Cullum-present; Treasurer Gene Ashdown-present

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Self-introductions were made by attendees

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Motion made to approve minutes of the June 2, 2010 meeting as submitted. Seconded and Approved

#### **SPEAKERS OF THE EVENING:**

Kae Ross and Luke Herman of Enalasy, a CEC-Approved Third-Party Quality Control Program for HVAC Change-Outs gave a presentation on their ground-breaking automated permitting, testing and certification program. Enalasy involves a system using tamper-proof wireless technology to test and certify compliance with the 2005 CEC HVAC change-out requirements. CEC allows HERS testing of HVAC change-outs to be as low as one in thirty installations with this system. If one test fails a second is tested; if that also fails, the regulations require: "When re-sampling reveals a failure, the builder is required to offer, at no charge to all the building owners for occupied buildings in the group to complete field verification, diagnostic testing and corrective action if necessary. Building owners may decline to have field verification and diagnostic testing and corrective action completed for the dwelling unit. The builder shall report the identifying location of any dwelling unit in which the building owner declines field verification, and diagnostic testing and corrective action to the HERS provide. The builder shall take corrective actions as required in all unoccupied dwelling units in the group and in occupied dwelling units in the group where the building owners have accepted field verification, diagnostic testing and corrective action". Enalasy also provides a permitting and verification package through greenNet.com. This system, used by City of Napa and Vacaville incorporates local fee schedule and tracks and monitors compliance on change-outs. The system is very comprehensive, and can generally be installed in a jurisdiction's permitting system in an hour or so. The Enalasy website has a lot of good information on this and on the 2005 regulations and building department's responsibilities:  
<http://www.enalasy.com/Gov/>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

We received a letter from IAPMO asking for support for and participation in their training offerings. David Cliché will do some research, and, if appropriate, will look into joint training opportunities.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Treasurer**

Treasurer Gene Ashdown reported that the Chapter's finances continue to be healthy.

- **EDUCATION**

David reminded attendees of the upcoming July 20 CASp training looking forward to the next CASp testing of August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Education Committee continues to work with ICC and CALBO for training for the remainder of the year. Future training will be in various locations providing free and accessible rooms: locations include Suisun, Winters, Fairfield (County facility) and Benicia's Clock Tower. Training will be concentrated in the near term on the CRC.

## **CALBO**

President Kavarian announced that the CALBO Board has determined that they cannot go forward with the 2011 Napa ABM. They have revised the contract with the Silverado Resort to hold the 2013 ABM there. CALBO will have the annual business meeting in conjunction with the Southern California Education Week to reduce costs. The CALBO Board will reimburse the Chapter for its hard costs of \$2900+. The money we have set aside for the ABM will be set aside in a separate interest-bearing account until needed.

- **CALBO ABM**

See above.

- **Building Standards**

Commissioner Steve Jensen informed us that an Alameda Superior Court decision has set aside the approval of PEX water piping, finding that there had been a flaw in the EIR process. The Commission has directed the EIR be reopened and the issue

addressed. Local jurisdictions may still accept PEX on an individual project basis as an alternate method or material.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The August picnic was discussed. Napa County will be doing the cooking. Families are encouraged to attend. This is pot-luck except for the meat and drinks, which will be provided by the Chapter. Please bring your own table settings and a side dish to share.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The option of having the Chapter buy code books for re-sale to the members was raised again. The Chapter can get a 20% additional discount. It was agreed to poll the members about their interest in pursuing this.

## **INSPECTORS TIME**

Harvey asked if the jurisdictions were requiring a vapor barrier under sunroom slabs. Some were allowing a surface sealer, such as ThoroSeal; others have no requirements. Some said it depends on whether the room is habitable, with insulation, heating and AC or unconditioned space. No strong consensus.

## **INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES**

Brian announced the availability of a new 31-page checklist for 2005 CEC requirements. Mike announced and distributed the new catalog for Strong-Tie, incorporating changes in their moment-frame offerings. He noted there are minor changes in some of the dimensions of their ordinary moment frames.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Kavarian adjourned the meeting to our picnic on August 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting at Paradise Valley in August.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Cullum  
Secretary, Napa/Solano ICC

Post Script: 23 members, guests and families enjoyed a neighborly barbeque and networking opportunity at Pina Adobe Park on August 14. Vittles arranged by Gary West with Chefs Eric Banvard and Dan Kavarian doing the cooking. Good time!