

NAPA-Solano Chapter ICC

MINUTES OF June 2, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

President Dan Kavarian called June 2, 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 29 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 April 7, 2010 meeting as amended to reflect in the CALBO report that 16 Building Officials attended Legislative Day including four from Southern California. Seconded and Approved

SPEAKERS OF THE EVENING: Ben Duterte of the Drywall Information Trust Fund presented the group with the current 2009 edition of GA-600-2009, "Fire Resistance Design Manual", for gypsum sound and fire control systems and with GA-216-2007, "Application and Finishing of Gypsum Panel Products", which remains the current publication. Ben replaces Jason Fell as the Executive Director of the fund, which has served Northern California drywall contractors, architects and building departments for over 40 years. He reminded the assembly that the design and application manuals are the standards for use and application of gypsum materials in the current ICC and California Building Codes. Ben drew our attention to items 1.3, prohibiting use of gypsum board products where there will be direct exposure to water or continuous high humidity conditions, such as steam rooms, saunas, gang showers and indoor pools and to item 1.4 which prohibits use where the products will be exposed to sustained temperatures of 125 degrees F for extended periods of time. Ben said that we should pay attention to this when we have a Type I hood and duct system where cooking is essentially continuous, such as a Denny's restaurant, where higher temperature are expected for extended period such as pizza oven ducts. In those cases he recommends one of the other rated shaft systems such as 3M Duct Wrap.

Section 3 of GA-216 has standards for delivery, handling, identification and storage. Identification has become more important due to the Chinese gypsum board issue. Plastic-wrapped material should be unwrapped as soon as they are out of the weather to avoid condensation. Use of moisture-damaged materials is not permitted. Gypsum products must be stacked flat, not on the edge, and, where salamanders are used to heat a building under construction, measures must be taken to reduce the humidity produced.

Failure to address these areas of concern could result in mold propagation as well as deterioration of the panels. The new CalGreen Code also prohibits use of moist materials. Ben polled the members on whether anyone was checking for trueness of the finished walls. Many architects are specifying a maximum deviation of 1/8th inch in 10'. None answered affirmatively. Section 1, Item 11 of GA-600 covers the installation of insulation within a fire-rated floor-ceiling/roof-ceiling assembly, stating that such inclusion might reduce fire resistance; this item has an acceptable fix if this happens in a one- or two-hour rated assembly.

A question was raised about whether only cementitious board is the only acceptable material for use below the flood level in construction. Ben said that the only exception of which he is aware is Georgia-Pacific's DensShield, which is FEMA recognized for use in flood areas. In those cases regular gypsum may be used above the designated flood level. Information on the Drywall Information Trust Fund may be found at www.drywallinformation.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Glenn Schainblatt of Sebastapol, President of the Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials visited and announced that there is a joint meeting scheduled with the building and fire officials in Petaluma on June 23. Attendees will include luminaries from the State Fire Marshal's Office. The meeting must be booked by June 13. Contact Glenn at sbd@sonic.net

CORRESPONDENCE:

Another ICC Board candidate asked for Chapter support. Based on current policy, that will not be given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Treasurer**

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

- **EDUCATION**

Gene reported that the May 26 Access in the Public Way seminar netted approximately \$3,200.00.

- **CALBO**

CALBO Board Member Bob Latz reported that there has, as yet, been no meeting of the Board to consider actions to take in response to the financial report and recommendations from Executive Director Matt Wheeler. Bob hopes there will be a conference call within the next two weeks. He understands the Chapter's concern about getting an answer as soon as possible regarding the 2011 ABM. He also said

that CALBO has been talking with CalChiefs about joint fire/building training programs.

- **CALBO ABM**

ABM Host Committee Chair Harvey Higgs reported that he received a call from Matt Wheeler, CALBO Administrator, asking that all work on the 2011 CALBO ABM be suspended pending future communications. Matt will be meeting with the Silverado to try to re-negotiate the contract for a later date, substituting an abbreviated business meeting following the Southern California Ed Week. This is a part of his direction from the board to look at all programs and consider revenues and costs. Matt will let us know after the board meeting, no later than June 1.

- **Building Standards**

Commissioner Steve Jensen said there has been a short CBSC meeting to meet the new temporary chair, Bill Leonard, who is the acting State and Consumer Safety Secretary. Isam Hasenin was re-appointed as vice chair. The Commission still has two vacancies.

- **Standard Details**

None

OLD BUSINESS

Dan Kasperson briefly mentioned the necessity to have the California Residential Code in hand for the upcoming CRC trainings, as many changes from the base IRC have been incorporated into the CRC.

President Kavarian asked whether reservations had been made yet for the picnic in August. He said Napa County has volunteered to barbecue, but we need a site. He will call Jay to ask if Pena Adobe is booked/available.

Gary again asked if other jurisdictions are requiring rated expansive foam for firestopping in wood frame construction at penetrations of top and bottom plates. Consensus was no: Gary will come back with additional information.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Kavarian asked if any other jurisdictions are requiring their inspectors to be certified to inspect for compliance with green ordinances. No one else is. Dan Kasperson says that he requires receipts to show that materials used meet the minimum requirements. Dennis Corbett says that Pleasanton uses easy-to-check checklists to verify compliance.

INSPECTORS TIME

None

INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES

None

ADJOURNMENT

President Kavarian adjourned the meeting, thanking Glenn Schainblatt, President of REACO, for his attendance. The next meeting will be July 7, at Paradise Valley Golf Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Cullum
Secretary, Napa/Solano ICC