

NAPA-Solano Chapter ICC

MINUTES OF November 3, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

President Dan Kavarian called the November 3, 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 25 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 October 6, 2010 meeting. Seconded and
Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

David Cliche said that Brian Walker of California Department of Water resources is pushing to get the new voluntary standards adopted by CBSC in December in the following building types (in addition to the already approved voluntary standard in Appendix R of the 2010 CRC and Chapter K in the 2010 CBC): educational buildings, multi-family residential buildings, hotels, motels, and assisted care facilities with more than six clients. These building occupancy groups are specifically E, R-1, R-2, R-2.1, and R-4. These updated requirements will apply in areas protected by the facilities of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) where flood depths are anticipated to exceed three feet for a 200-year flood event.

CBIA is working with CALBO and DWR to ask that approval be delayed until the next triennial code cycle. In some cases the DWR guidelines produce up to a 25' depth of inundation. The maps are not due until 2012, so DWR has not had adequate input, as most jurisdictions are unaware of the DWR boundaries for levee failure. Currently DWR's work is outside the purview of FEMA, but DWR may go to FEMA with the new 200-Year flood maps. This will potentially have a huge impact on many areas in the state.

The current guidelines (see Appendix Chapter R in the 2010 CRC) are too vague and place too much reliance on the judgment of the building officials, who will be working from insufficient data and history.

CBIA is taking the lead in this request for delay.

Glenn Schainblatt, President of the Redwood Empire Association of Code Officers presented a special Certificate of Excellence to our President **Dan Kavarian**. Ask Dan what the award was actually for.

Glenn also said that he had heard from ICC that ICC was going to raise prices on education for State-specific (CRC, CBC) training. Chair **David Cliche** said this was the first he'd heard of that and he would follow up with ICC and get back to us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Treasurer**

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

- **EDUCATION**

David Cliche said that he is in the process of calendaring training for next year. He said he wants to provide training that WE want, so please contact him at dwcliche@solanocounty.com with your ideas prioritized in order of need. There was a request for a sprinkler design class.

Information on training is available at:
<http://www.napasolanoicc.org/ICC/education.htm>

David also that the flat fee arrangement with CALBO, to reimburse the Chapter for expenditures on the postponed 2011 ABM by providing training by providing the first class free is now in effect.

OLD BUSINESS

President **Kavarian** reported on the ICC ABM: the proposed By-Law change was disapproved by the membership. ICC is doing better financially and is applying for and receiving federal grants. Jimmy Brothers is the new president of ICC, replacing Ron Ivy.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chapter Installation Dinner is tentatively scheduled for January 7, 2011: Peninsula Chapter's dinner is on January 14 and East Bay Chapter's is on January 22.

In the absence of Past-President Darrell Mayes, the nominations report was: Past President Dan Kavarian; President Gary West; Vice President Fred Cullum; Treasurer Gene Ashdown; Secretary Linda Young. Further nominations from the floor were solicited by the president. With no additional nominees a motion was made to cast a unanimous ballot for all the nominees; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

INSPECTORS TIME

Lots of good questions this month.

Gene asked for a follow-up on who is requiring fire-retardant caulking at top plates. Vallejo and Davis require this. Dan Kavarian said that fire-resistant caulking is not required in non-rated assemblies. Several questions came up regarding location of gas vented appliances under the current mechanical code; gas line pipe height above grade in the plumbing code; expansion tank requirement for residential water heaters on sprinklered single-families (due to check valve on water service) and test pressures on PVC piping. The new Vice President said he would ask John LaTorra, Northern California's plumbing and mechanical guru to attend an upcoming meeting.

NOTE: Mr. LaTorra has agreed to be the Guest Speaker at our March 2, 2011 meeting. Please make a note and bring your most vexing questions for him.

Additional scheduled speakers are:

On February 2, 2011, Bob Carter, California Architect Board's Architect Consultant will address the services CAB offers to building departments and discuss the Board's enforcement procedures;

On April 6, 2011, John Taecker of Underwriters will be at our April 6 meeting primarily to discuss field certification of industrial equipment, but also to take any UL-related questions.

INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES

None

ADJOURNMENT

President Kavarian adjourned the meeting. Our next meeting will be the Installation Dinner on January 7, 2011 at the Paradise Valley Golf Course.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Cullum
Secretary, Napa/Solano ICC