

NAPA-Solano Chapter ICC

MINUTES OF October 6, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

President Dan Kavarian called the October 6, 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 19 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 September 1, 2010 meeting. Seconded and Approved

SPEAKER OF THE EVENING:

Brian Walker, a water resources engineer with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) informed us of DWR's current Code update efforts in response to SB5, which was signed into law by the Governor in 2007. The California Building Standards-approved approved voluntary Code (Appendix chapter R of the 2010 CRC and Appendix Chapter K in the 2010 CBC) attempts to address two key flood threats under deep flooding conditions in the Central Valley: (1) entrapment and/or drowning due to the lack of a safe evacuation route or an evacuation location, and (2) serious injury or death caused by structural failure of walls due to unbalanced hydrostatic pressures inside and outside of the building. The approved Code applies only to single family residential (SFR) homes and assisted care facilities operated within SFR homes. For the current Code adoption cycle, DWR is developing Code updates to expand flood provisions within the Code - on a voluntary basis for now - to address the same two flood threats listed above in additional building types: 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. DWR plans to submit the final draft language to the CBSC by January 1, 2011. The primary thrust of the current effort is directed at the levees in California. Much discussion ensued regarding how much responsibility is placed on the building official to make critical judgments such as warning time versus path of travel to

designated evacuation areas. Maps designating location of 200-Year flood prone areas and depths in response to this legislation will not be available until 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

President **Dan Kavarian** said that he has received a number of letters asking for support of a proposed ICC by-laws change regarding a ratification process for code changes. The by-laws amendment requires that by-laws, approved code changes and other ICC business will be subject to ratification by ONLY the designated government member or members from the jurisdiction. Generally that will be the building official and, possibly the fire official. A 60% vote would be required to overturn an approved code change. There have been cases of code change controversy over the past few years, and it is felt that this amendment adds a level of control by providing a level of dispassionate review by a smaller number of directly-involved code administrators. The amendment will be discussed at the ICC ABM in Charlotte, North Carolina and will probably be revised for clarity. Information on the by-laws change may be found at: <http://www.icc-ratification.info/>.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Treasurer**

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

- **EDUCATION**

David Cliche said that we have four days of training in November and December on the California Residential and Green Building Codes. Times and locations as well as sign-ups are available on the chapter website at:

<http://www.napasolanoicc.org/ICC/education.htm>

The first class for our Chapter in January will be a fire class from CALBO to apply toward reducing the amount owing the Chapter from the postponement of the 2011 CALBO ABM. After the class CALBO will determine the Chapter's profit, and then cut a check to make the Chapter whole for its outlay in marketing and preparing for the ABM: both that money and the profit from that class will be re-deposited in the ABM account.

David also announced that he and Tom have worked out a flat fee arrangement with CALBO, reducing our liability, they are also working with NFPA to arrange a similar agreement.

NFPA has contacted David regarding training in January. Discussion then ensued about the free NFPA training being provided in the Peninsula/East Bay Chapter area on the 2010 California Electrical Code including a free copy of the CEC. There is also a class scheduled for November 12 in the Sacramento area.

CALBO

No Report

CALBO ABM

See above.

Building Standards

No report

OLD BUSINESS

President **Kavarian** looked into transportation and hotel expenses and came up with an estimated cost of \$1,200 for ICC/Charlotte and \$600 for CALBO/Costa Mesa. **Dan Kasperson** (no known relation to the other DK) moved approval of a motion to grant up to \$2,000 in verified expenses for the president's attendance at the two meetings. Seconded and approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion about the Sierra Club's recent mailing regarding photo-voltaic plan check and inspection fees which recommended a fee structure that would assure cost recovery was held. A survey had been done in December 2008 based on a PV installation of 3KW with a valuation of \$27,000. The survey came up with fees ranging from \$0 to \$671.

INSPECTORS TIME

INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES

None

ADJOURNMENT

President Kavarian adjourned the meeting to our regular meeting (to be confirmed) on October 6. Respectfully submitted,

Fred Cullum
Secretary, Napa/Solano ICC