

NAPA-Solano Chapter ICC

MINUTES OF September 1, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

President Dan Kavarian called the September 1, 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 32 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 with correction that Vice President Gary West was absent from that meeting. Seconded and Approved

SPEAKERS OF THE EVENING:

Mike Wight of Simpson distributed the new Strong Wall Shearwall Prescriptive Design Guide and gave us a brief but thorough presentation on the anchorage options as well as methodology, engineering considerations and availability of software for design.

Richard Tash brought forward some of the changes we will experience with the 2010 California Residential Code and some of the conflicts between the CRC and CBC. He also pointed out that under the 2010 California Electrical Code there will be no exemptions from the AFCI/GFCI requirements for dedicated circuits with the sole exception of basement sump pumps. He said that there are significant changes from the 2007 CBC to the 2010 CRC, that many changes/errata will be forthcoming and strongly suggested that we buy some of the ICC books on both the IRC and IBC. He stressed the need for up-to-date training.

In discussion, Pleasanton and Vacaville will be plan checking and inspecting 13D residential sprinkler systems. Napa County and Vallejo are in training to provide those services. **Gary West** pointed out that the 13D system is more complex than he expected, but felt his training was comprehensive. **Dennis Corbett**, in response to a comment about the cost of larger water meters said that Pleasanton requires a 1" meter for normal 13D systems, but only charges for a 5/8" meter. **Dan Kasperson** said that Suisun also charges the lower meter rate for residential fire sprinklers.

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**

No report.

CALBO

President Kavarian spoke to CALBO Administrator Matt Wheeler who said we will, eventually, get our reimbursement check for expenditures on the postponed 2011 ABM. Dan said the Chapter offered the idea of providing free training to the Chapter in lieu of a cash payment, but that offer was not accepted.

CALBO ABM

See above.

- **Building Standards**

While the EIR for PEX piping has been approved and accepted, the first publication of the CPC will still show PEX as not adopted for use by HCD 1&2 or BSC. The material is, however, now an approved material for use for potable water. Some discussion ensued including the use of "Smurf Tube" (ENT for you technical types) for sleeving of PEX in concrete. The NEC does recognize ENT for encasement in concrete, so this looks like a good and practical solution to an otherwise intractable problem. The approval of PEX requires that certification be supplied by the installer: No certificate-No final!

OLD BUSINESS

Gary brought up the issue of lack of attendance at the annual picnic and suggested moving it to mid-week as furlough Fridays are becoming more common and people are going away for long weekends. We will discuss further next year.

NEW BUSINESS

The question of defraying costs to allow president Kavarian to attend the ICC ABM was raised with a motion to allot reasonable travel and lodging expenses up to \$2,000. Motion was tabled until next meeting so the President could give the Chapter an accurate estimate of costs for final approval.

Dennis Corbett announced that John LaTorra will be retiring from Redwood City after many years of service to the building inspection community. He suggested that the Chapter get a gift for both John and Karen for their service. **Greg Shriver** suggested that East Bay, Peninsula and Monterey Bay Chapters be approached to participate in providing one big gift. Suggestion approved by affirmation.

INSPECTORS TIME

Question arose as to application of CalGreen to mobile homes. Modular/Mobile homes are specifically exempted from compliance. **Eric Banvard** has been working on the codes adoption and found a number of areas of confusion between the CBC and CRC. **Richard Tash** said that after his review, bring the Green, Building and Residential Codes into coordination will be very difficult.

Dennis Corbett pointed out that Division 2 in the new CBC is the old Appendix Chapter 1 for administration: now in the body of the code.

Gene Ashdown reminded all that where a radiant barrier is specified, the radiant barrier is also applicable for gable ends.

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