

**Minutes of the January 8, 2008 Meeting  
of the  
Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials**

1. **Call to Order**

President DeWayne Starnes (County of Sonoma) called the meeting to order at 12:00 at the Cattleman's Restaurant, Petaluma

2. **Self Introductions**

President Starnes welcomed the members; the 28 attending members made self introductions.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

President Starnes requested comments and/or approval of the minutes of the December 4, 2007 meeting, amendments to the posted minutes where proposed. Motion made and seconded to approve as amended, approved by voice vote.

4. **Officers and Committee Reports**

a. **Treasurer**

Glenn Schainblatt (City of Sebastopol) provided a summary of chapter funding:

Total income	\$ 29,980.63	
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 10,885.71</u>	
As of 12/13/07	\$ 19,094.92	Total Checking
CD	<u>\$ 12,433.10</u>	
Year End Balance	\$31,528.02	

b. **Secretary**

No report

c. **Vice President**

No report

d. **President**

Mike Enright (City of Santa Rosa) outgoing President gave a report on his tenure as President.

Incoming President DeWayne Starnes gave a report on his vision for the next year. The following items are goals for this year:

1. Get some things done.
2. Provide common code interpretations.
3. Solicit membership input on related issues.
4. Encourage better participation from Marin and Mendocino members.
5. Encourage Fire Department participation at the meetings.
6. Improve training at the local level.

7. Provide informational programs at the meetings.

Dewayne Starnes suggested the Common Code Committee name be changed to the Common Code Interpretation Committee. A motion was made and seconded, approved by voice vote.

The membership was asked for suggestions for training/seminars that would be of value to the organization. The implementation of a scholarship program was proposed.

Request for donations will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

DeWayne Starnes introduced Chris Warrick current president of CBOAC to discuss the Annual Business Meeting being held the first week of May at the Hyatt Vineyard. Bill Kelley (County of Marin) discussed the education program for the event. Peter Bruck (City of Rohnert Park) will be giving a presentation on Green Building. A tour of Standard Structures was proposed.

A motion to sponsor a break at the ABM was made, seconded and passed by voice vote.

e. **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee met in December to discuss the next meeting agenda.

5. **Correspondence and Announcements**

The Chapter received a request from ICC for volunteers for Governance Review Committee. Dewayne Starnes and Steve Pantazes volunteered to serve.

Mike Enright informed the membership that Tim Ryan is now liaison to the 26 California Chapters. He is expected to attend CALBO ABM and similar events. John LaTorra will still be attending the local chapter meetings.

ICC has authorized the use of their logo on chapter correspondence.

6. **Legislative News**

None

7. **Code Issues**

John Hamer (City of Petaluma) noted DSA approved an alternate configuration of Truncated Domes on a project in Petaluma. He also noted errors in CBC Chapter 7.

A discussion on the use of Smart Levels to verify slopes was held. Many jurisdictions require verification of finish grade by a Final Grading Letter from the Engineer of Record.

A discrepancy in the code language for smoke detectors was noted. Doug Williams was asked to follow up with SFM for clarification.

Mike Enright noted the 2007 CBC Section 1908.1.15 requires a 7-1/2" stem wall. That section indicates that Section 22.10 of ACI 318 is deleted and replaced with new text. The stem wall requirement is in 22.10.1 (a) of the replacement text on pages 188 and 189 of the 2007 CBC. You get to CBC Section 1908.1.15 from CBC Section 1805.9 "Seismic Requirements" for footings and foundations of structures. 1805.9 is also the same section that allows 2500 psi concrete for foundations in R and U occupancies instead of the 3000 psi required for all other occupancies.

## 8. **Education**

IAPMO has sent the chapter a proposal for providing seminars on the California Plumbing and Mechanical Codes.

## 9. **Old Business**

A motion was made and seconded, approved by voice vote to provide up to \$500 to each member attending the ICC Code Hearings in Palm Springs February 2008. Doug Williams (Rincon Valley F.D.), Cliff Kendall (City of Petaluma) and Glenn Schainblatt (City of Sebastopol) are planning to attend.

Continued discussion of Group Membership; The membership approved Group membership as follows:

To clarify the existing language in the by laws,  
Each local group membership gets one vote.  
Each individual membership receives one vote.

Group rate applies to seminar/training costs to provide member discount.

Group Membership Fees

3-5	\$75.00
5-10	\$125.00
10+	\$175.00

## 10. **Program**

Rich Geary of Hoover Wood Products, Inc. gave the membership a presentation on his company's fire-treated wood products.

## 11. **New Business**

A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice to research costs for a professional audit.

Membership was asked to review the proposed code changes on the ICC website and provide some input to those attending the code hearings.

## 12. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted by Glenn Schainblatt