

**Minutes of the January 3, 2006 Meeting  
Of The  
Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials**

1. Call to order

President Doug Williams (Rincon Valley Fire Protection District) called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, Petaluma.

2. Self Introductions

President Williams welcomed the 20 attendees and called for self-introductions.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes for December 2005 meeting. Motion Seconded.  
Approved by voice vote (all ayes).

4. Officers and Committee Reports

a. Treasurer

DeWayne Starnes (County of Sonoma), out going Treasurer, reported balances have not changed since the December meeting which were: \$7028.46 for the checking account and \$11,799.70 for the CD. New Treasurer, Steve Pantazes (Town of Windsor) assumed duties.

b. Secretary

No report from incoming Secretary Starnes, outgoing Secretary, Michael Enright (City of Santa Rosa) indicated his e-mail is changing and would let the group know the new address.

c. Vice President

Mike Enright reported that he sends meeting agendas and minutes by e-mail and to make sure all e-mail addresses were current.

d. President

Doug Williams – Discussed the Executive Committee meeting in December discussing ideas for upcoming meetings including training which focuses on the new codes, ICC classes to take advantage of and help REACO's cash flow. Meeting locations, alternating between Joseph's and Cattlemens as a default. Discussed April meeting to have tour and presentation of Sonoma County EOC

and June meeting to try and arrange something again with the State Fire Marshall's Office. Also indicated discussions with Executive Committee regarding elimination of defunct committees, starting fresh, and requested any information regarding any committees.

e. Donations Committee N/A

#### 5. Correspondence and Announcements

- CALBO ABM, February 28 – March 3, Palm Springs.
- CBOAC ABM, April 30 – May 5, San Francisco
- The California Building Standards Commission met January 19, 2006 to hear a report on progress of "I" codes and 2003 UPC & UMC. Next meeting March 22-23, 2006.

#### 6. Legislative News

None.

#### 7. Code Issues

- Glen Schainblatt, City of Sebastopol, indicated today was last day for SFM working group to turn in comments re: 2006 IBC. Comments on area & height picked up by "M" & "B" occupancies, electric vehicle charging stations brought back. SFM coordinator, Joe Garcia R2/R6 committee recommending inclusion into IBC. Core committee to meet January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- President Williams said height & area spawned own subcommittee, looking at differences between UBC & ICC. Amendments are for State regulated occupancies, not local regulated occupancies. Questions regarding mixed occupancies where "A" occupancy within "B" occupancy, with "A" occupancy being state regulated, but "B" occupancy not, on area & height, who rules and who prevails?
- Cliff Kendall offered handout on residential lighting and energy standards for home owners and contractors. President Williams asked if this information could be placed on REACO website and referred Mr. Kendall to Larry Jones.

#### 8. New Business

No comments

#### 9. Old Business

No comments

## 10. Program

Discussion on upcoming year.

President Williams mentioned that Steve Jensen was going before the Senate Rules Committee tomorrow for confirmation hearing for BSC. Executive Committee authorized sending of letter of recommendation as this was needed ASAP.

Meeting Topics: ICC possibilities, State Fire Marshal, Interface with Northcoast Builders Exchange (possible for February meeting). Suggestions taken from group for topics. Suggestion from Joe Kagan (retired) regarding presentations product information and installation. President Williams indicated that there will be some of this, but that we did not want to turn into a regular advertisement for products, balancing topics. Suggestion by Tom Aherns (San Rafael) to incorporate Energy Regs with presentation by Chuck Clemens and suggested topic on permeable concrete. Possible joint meeting with Marin Codes Advisory Committee was also mentioned.

Meeting Locations: Alternate between Josephs and Cattlemens with open invitation for group to suggest other locations.

Question brought to table by Mike Whitaker (City of Santa Rosa) regarding plan checking for SCWA criteria and City taking over review for SCWA. D.Starnes indicated that County has own Drainage Review Section that checks to SCWA standards and has both an agreement and an MOU in place on how to accommodate plan checks. M.Enright indicated that SCWA has all hydraulic, hydrology background data and historical data would be lost if City of Santa Rosa took over review.

President Williams said another issue dealt with at the Executive Committee was the re-ratification of REACO bylaws. Copy of last bylaws ratified in 2002 sent in by Wayne Wirick (Town of Sonoma). President Williams stated need for group to redistribute and ratify since update from REICBO to REACO

Education: President Williams talked about co sponsoring classes outside of regular meeting. Glen Schainblatt said that ICC would sponsor one education event for us, CALBO putting on IBC/IRC transition courses, ACT disaster courses such as ACT45 for flood and wind damage, OES would help advertise and Glen is a certified instructor. Marc Friedman indicated need to have certification training and the difficulty in traveling to Sacramento to get it. Sal Lucido (The Phillips Group) indicated his interest in possibly teaching a class on the structural provisions, perhaps on the order of comparison of UBC vs ASCE-7. His concern was based on how local Building Officials will deal with and interpret the provisions as with either ICC or NFPA, both adopt provisions of ASCE-7 by reference. Sal indicated that as a comparison, ASCE-7 wind provisions are more rigorous and much more costly to the applicant, yet yield only a 3-5% savings on force levels, so it may be something for local BO's to consider re-adopting and carrying forward the UBC provisions.

CALBO/ICC ABM – President Williams encouraged attendance and that the Chapter be engaged in these events..

Committees: President Williams said that the Executive Committee will be the only standing committee and other committees would be created as the need arises. There was no resistance from the group to this idea.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by DeWayne Starnes