

**Minutes of the March 7, 2006 Meeting
Of The
Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials**

1. Call to order

President Doug Williams (Rincon Valley Fire) called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, Petaluma.

2. Self Introductions

President Williams welcomed the attendees (plus the guest speakers) and called for self-introductions.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes for February 2006 meeting. Motion Seconded.
Approved by voice vote (all ayes).

4. Officers and Committee Reports

a. Treasurer

Steve Pantazes (Town of Windsor) reported balances of: \$7913.43 for the checking account and \$11,843.13 for the CD.

b. Secretary

No report. EOC meeting next month. Limited RSVP to 30 people. Presentation of EOC operations, tour, SEMS, RIMS, NEMS terminologies discussed. Discuss things that worked and those that didn't. Lee Braun (City of Belvedere) said there is a heightened sensitivity regarding emergency preparedness throughout the state.

c. Vice President

No report.

d. President

No report.

e. Executive Committee

President Williams - Met on February 21, 2006 and talked about some ideas for upcoming meetings. April meeting focused around EOC. May meeting at Builders Exchange with guest speaker Keith Woods. June and July meetings will be combined with Fire Prevention Officers meeting at Petaluma Community Center with presentation by acting State Fire Marshal Kate Dargett and acting CDF Director Ruben Grijalva. BBQ type meeting on Wednesday, June 21st. No formal schedule for meetings beyond that. ICC has asked that we promote the Code Forum March 20-22. Mike Enright (City of Santa Rosa) mentioned that HCD may not adopt International Residential Code immediately. Point being that IRC update class may not be advisable at this time. President Williams said as an update the State Fire Marshall is still on track to have rule making package to go to Building Standards Commission in May. Concern that a change in governor could change things, but they are trying to move as expeditiously as possible. The number one discussion is over the height and area tables in the codes. The I Codes would allow bigger buildings than we do under the current California code and what that means when the building is on fire. The core committee is scheduled to meet on the 17th of March in Buellton and on the 24th, there will be a stakeholders meeting in San Jose for all interested parties to comment on the code adoption process.

5. Correspondence and Announcements

President Williams called on Lee Braun to comment on CALBO ABM. Lee said ABM was outstanding with respect to education and networking.

President Williams called on Glenn Schainblatt (City of Sebastopol) to discuss educational opportunities. Glenn said that at joint meeting of FPO's, Jason from drywall institute available for that meeting. Topics for green building, Mr. Armando Novarro of Sonoma State would be available to address the group if there is an interest. Joint meeting with FPO, new construction workshop with building and fire inspectors, half day classroom and half day field, TBA. ICC owes us two classes, such as an update class. OES and CALBO issue with ATC-20.1/45 class which is expense. OES wants instructors to be CALBO which drives the cost. President Williams asked group for commitment to make classes work. He asked if DeWayne Starnes should poll the group and thanked Glenn for all his work. Recommendation was to have DeWayne poll the group. Glenn mentioned that he spoke with head of OES to get SAP coordinator class going which was dropped due to lack of funding. Glenn asked that they put on a coordinator class since we are all required to have a coordinator.

Bud Melmanis (MKM) said that Ted Thorhaug retired, again, and that he left behind some models behind that presentations were made from. Mr. Melmanis offered the models up for use by the group for presentations and also offered MKM to provide some presentations periodically.

6. Legislative News

Question regarding AB 304 dealing with soft story inventory, is anybody doing anything? Lee Braun wrote an ordinance about this. Lee did a soft story inventory in his district.

7. Code Issues

None

8. New Business

Mike Enright suggested a motion to send chapter president to ICC ABM. Mike made a motion to reimburse president for attendance at ICC ABM. Lee Braun amended the motion by asking for a cap on the amount reimbursable. Motion as amended was to cap costs at \$1500. Vote was unanimously approved (all ayes).

9. Old Business

No comments

10. Program

Alex Rosas of PRMD provided an informative presentation regarding the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for construction site management. Handouts were issued that followed presentation.

Promote clean water by reducing construction site run-off. Biggest source of water pollution is sediment. Federally mandated program where State Water Boards implement. Any construction site of one acre or more is required to have a permit. Sonoma County has two water boards, the North Coast and SF Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Prohibited to discharge into storm systems. Best Management Practices (BMP) are used to control site management. BMP's fall into two categories: erosion prevention and sediment control, the former being the more economical than the latter.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by DeWayne Starnes