

**Minutes of the April 03, 2007 Meeting  
Of The  
Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials**

1. Call to Order

President Mike Enright (City of Santa Rosa) called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, Petaluma.

2. Self Introductions

President Enright welcomed members and called for self-introductions.

3. Approval of Minutes

President Enright requested comments and/or approval of the March 6, 2007 meeting. Motion made and seconded with corrections. Approved by voice vote (all ayes).

4. Officers and Committee Reports

a. Treasurer

Treasurer Glen Schainblatt (City of Sebastopol) - Reported on the earning and expense report for March 07, 2007. The summary included total checking of \$18,052.83 and \$12,199.57 for the CD; resulting in a combined ending balance of \$30,252.40 for March 2007. Glen also reported that approximately \$3,600.00 was received from the IFC course and he would have the final figures prepared at the next meeting.

b. Secretary

Steve Pantazes (Town of Windsor) – Reported the membership received a thank-you letter from the Santa Fe Teen Center regarding the donation sent by REACO on behalf of Guy Bachelis. The donation would help the Teen Center with the completion of their 15,000 sq. ft. facility.

c. Vice President

Vice President DeWayne Starnes (County of Sonoma) - Reports volunteers are still needed for the By-law committee.

d. President

President Michael Enright (City of Santa Rosa) – Reported he attended the CALBO ABM meeting in Sacramento and has submitted reimbursement to Treasure Glen Schainblatt. One of the issues discussed at the CALBO ABM was the requirement

regarding anti-suction entrapment devices. CALBO is in the process of lobbying to modify the law to include a monetary threshold so as not to apply to every permit issued as the law currently reads.

An introduction was made on behalf of Doug Hensel who attended the meeting to discuss HCD changes to the code. Also discussed CALBO will provide a grant of \$1,000.00 to Glen Schainblatt to attend the code hearings at Rochester New York. As directed at the last REACO meeting, letters of support were sent to the Building Standards Commission for Christina Jamison and Kim Blackseth. Christina Jamison was confirmed to the BSC; Kim Blackseth has since withdrawn his nomination to the BSC.

The City of Livermore swept the awards this year with the Building Official year and the Building Department of the year being awarded from CALBO. All the candidates of CALBO moved up a step of the executive board. Also a reminder that May 7<sup>th</sup> is the CALBO Leadership and Advocacy day in Sacramento and this year was made open to all class I members.

e. Executive Committee

Executive committee will meet later this month to discuss education and other issues.

5. Correspondence and Announcements

The membership received a letter from the Santa Fe Teen Center regarding the donation sent by REACO on behalf of Guy Bachelis. The donation would help the Teen Center with the completion of their 15,000 sq. ft. facility.

The Board of Architects Office has offered to have a representative speak at one of the REACO meetings. President Enright posed the question to the membership if there was any interest. The general consensus was favorable to have another speaker at a later date.

6. Legislative News

None

7. Code Issues

Bob Ost, Ost Engineering, asked what agencies had restrictions and or prohibitions on wood burning fireplaces. DeWayne Starnes said that the County required all new replacement stoves be EPA approved gas stoves. Mike Enright also said the City of Santa Rosa also requires a Phase II certification, however the City does not require the removal of an exist fireplace. Discussion continued among the membership to include the possibility of additional restrictions in the future.

The question was posed to the City of Santa Rosa regarding the enforcement of the anti-entrapment device. Mike Whitacker, City of Santa Rosa said they are enforcing similar to

the County. Steve Mitchell, Bureau Veritas, said that many City attorneys are ruling any permit issued would trigger the requirement of the bill.

Not a code issue, but Dewayne Starnes wanted to remind the membership that if they signed up for the advocacy day to please attend since it gives chapter members a chance to be known by CALBO and visa versa for the Building Official. Michael Enright reiterated that many of the bills under the radar and since CALBO represent the States Building Officials it's a good way to get legislative news to the membership. There were approximately 7000 bills proposed over the last two years.

Question was posed by Sal Lucido, The Phillips Group, on behalf of Jim Moscoso, Town of Corte Madera regarding subdivisions, code changes, and when they apply in regards to permit applications. Sal posed the question what the code states and what are other jurisdictions doing regarding compliance. Michael Enright suggested that he refer to the Subdivision Map Act and that documentation should be submitted showing compliance with current code to include a development agreement that list the specific provisions.

#### 8. Old Business

Glen Schainblatt, provided copies of the changes to chapter 11A that goes into effect May 2. Membership approved \$500.00 towards attendance for Glen Schainblatt to Rochester, New York, plus the \$1,000.00 grant from CALBO. Approved by voice vote (all ayes).

#### 9. Program

Doug Hensel, Department of Housing and Community Development discussed upcoming changes to HCD and the adoption of the 2006 IBC.

#### 10. New Business

Michael Enright updated the membership regarding the joint meeting date with the FPO's. CALBO has updated the flyer and changed the dates regarding training so there won't be a conflict for the June 27<sup>th</sup> scheduled date.

Peter Burke, City of Rohnert Park announced that the California Electrical Inspectors had their annual meeting in Rohnert Park. Peter suggested that attending would be a good opportunity to get current with electrical code items and industry issues.

#### 11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm

Respectfully submitted by Steve Pantazes