

**Minutes of the May 2, 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 North Coast Builders Exchange Building, Santa Rosa. President Williams thanked NCBE for providing the meeting room and The Phillips Group for hosting the lunch.

2. Self Introductions

President Williams welcomed the 21 attendees (plus the guest speaker, Keith Woods, NCBE Executive Director) and called for self-introductions.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes for April 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: \$7079.52 for the checking account and \$11,858.61 for the CD. Total of balances is \$18,938.13.

b. Secretary

No report. DeWayne Starnes (County of Sonoma) unable to attend this meeting.

c. Vice President

No report.

d. President

President Williams reminded everyone about the schedule change for June and July. There will be no June and July meetings. We will be having a joint meeting with the Sonoma County Fire Prevention Officer's Section on June 21. There is an FPO meeting, a workshop on the Wildland Urban Interface and a lunch with the Acting CDF Director and the Acting State Fire marshal as scheduled speakers. You can sign up for all three, the meeting and lunch or the workshop only.

e. Executive Committee

No committee report. President Williams announced that the Executive Committee has scheduled a meeting for later in May (met on May 30, 2006).

f. Education Committee

- Glenn Schainblatt, City of Sebastopol, talked about upcoming training opportunities. There will be a Post Disaster Safety Assessment Evaluator training on June 28, 2006 in Sebastopol. See REACO's website for more information. The program will offer an additional training module for streets / highways. Tentatively, the REACO Chapter will host classes for the transition from the 1997 UBC to the 2006 IBC and transition from the UFC to the IFC. More information will be provided once times, costs and class locations are known.
- Glenn Schainblatt and Sal Lucido, The Phillips Group, will be attending the Tri-Chapter Education meeting this month. The meeting will include an effort to coordinate training opportunities offered by ICC, CALBO, ICC Chapters and other groups.

5. Correspondence and Announcements

- President Williams passed out flyers for the joint FPO / REACO meeting in June. Reminder that the State recently changed the Urban Wildfire Interface codes for buildings. See CBC Chapter 7A, effective 12/1/05. The Urban Wildfire Interface issues are not just of concern to fire personnel. Building Plan checkers and Inspectors need to be aware of the code changes and the upcoming additional changes.
- President Williams announced that Rueben Grijalva, State Fire Marshal (and our guest speaker at last June's REACO meeting), was appointed the acting Director of CDF
- Vice President Enright and Treasurer Pantazes will be in Sacramento on May 9 representing our chapter at the 2nd Annual CALBO Leadership and Advocacy Day. Last year, only the CALBO board of directors were invited. This year, Chapter representatives were invited as well. President Williams will be in Sacramento on May 16 for the Fire Chief's day at the Capitol.
- Robert LaRose announced that he has left the City of Petaluma and now works for the Port of San Francisco. Robert's new boss, who used to work in this area before leaving for the Port of San Francisco, gave an overview of what the Port is doing and the problems they faced with older structures and mixed uses.

6. Legislative News

None.

7. Code Issues

None.

8. Old Business

No comments

9. New Business

President Williams requested reimbursement for the cost to obtain a plaque for Daryl Phillips, Past President. Motion approved, seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote.

10. Program (moved to before minutes)

Keith Woods, NCBE Executive Director, gave an entertaining overview of what the NCBE does, information about their new facility and a guided tour of the facility. Highlights of his presentation:

- The NCBE was founded in 1954 and serves Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties. NCBE has 1900 members of which 1300 represent licensed contractors. It is the largest builders exchange in the state (by membership) and the 3rd largest in the country. There are 21 people on the board of directors.
- The office building has 14,000 sf. They have a file room, meeting rooms, work rooms, offices and conference rooms. They have a training room / facility that is the envy of other builders exchanges and local organizations. Up to around 120 people can be seated in the training center.
- Why join the NCBE? The NCBE provides for its members: 1) Plan Room, 2) Access to Workers Compensation Insurance Plan, 3) Access to Health Insurance Plan, 4) Training Center (currently not rentable by outside groups).
- The NCBE also owns the adjacent building, 1000 Apollo Way. It is rented out to various tenants including the Engineering Contractors Association. There is a small meeting room in that building that may be available for use by outside groups (prior approval from NCBE required).

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Enright (filling in for DeWayne Starnes)