

**Minutes of the December 5, 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 12:02 pm at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, Petaluma.

2. Self Introductions

President Williams welcomed the attendees including John LaTorra, ICC Board of Directors and called for self-introductions.

3. Approval of Minutes

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

4. Officers and Committee Reports

a. Treasurer

Steve Pantazes (Town of Windsor) reported a new balance of: \$19,321.79 for the checking account and \$12,084.45 for the CD. Total balance \$31,406.24. Steve indicated that this would be the last opportunity to give to the Brent Snyder fund. Lee Braun asked for a report at the next business meeting to state the amount given.

b. Secretary

Ballot results were that we needed a total of 37 aye votes for each of the three amendments to the Bylaws for the amendments to pass. We ended up with 40 total ballots. For amendment number 1 (name change), there were 40 aye votes, none opposed, for amendment number 2 (corporate/municipal memberships), there were 38 ayes and 2 nays. The third amendment (dealing with effective date of amendments) was also passed with 39 ayes and one nay.

Sacramento Valley Chapter is sponsoring a crossover to the IBC with classes from 6-9pm, January 8 through April 23, 2007 at Butte Community College.

c. Vice President

Looking at next year's business schedule, and would like to move the January 2nd meeting to the next week at January 9th being the second Tuesday of the month. Located at Cattlemen's in Petaluma.

d. President

Executive Committee met regarding calendar and educational opportunities. Trying to integrate ABM's for CALBO, ICC, CBOAC and CALBO Ed week into calendar. Focusing on IFC transition class in February (15th & 16th). Looking at doing an IBC Structural transition class in September. Also potentially joining up with FPO's again in June. Consider local adoption of codes and the procedures to implement. Transition meeting of Executive Board tentatively set up for January 3, 2006.

Wanted to thank everyone who has supported the organization and helping him personally. This chapter has been the seed for a lot of things that have been accomplished. Thanked the Chapter for allowing him to be President. Acknowledged that the fire community really appreciated the cooperative relationship and interaction with the building community. Announced that Dave Martinez announced his retirement from the public sector.

e. Executive Committee

See "President" comments above

5. Correspondence and Announcements

President Williams received request to sponsor a break for the CALBO ABM and suggested that this be agendized on the January meeting. John LaTorra's newsletter was received and distributed to the membership this morning.

6. Legislative News

None

7. Code Issues

PEX issue was raised by Cliff Kendall which came out of an e-mail from HCD. HCD claimed that they ran out of time and are basically pulling PEX out of the Plumbing Code again, leaving it up to the individual jurisdictions to either accept it as an alternate material or by ordinance. Cliff proposed to the membership that we look into a cross the board ordinance between Marin and Sonoma County could either accept or not. PEX piping is a recognized green building material. Lee Braun indicated that he has accepted it on a case by case basis without exception, has not disapproved the use. Lee recommended that we incorporate

something in our code adoption process to address this, however, we may not be able to if we have to justify it based on local conditions, ie: problems with water or soils. Mike Enright indicated that REACO might want to take a consistent position on this to allow flexibility on behalf building officials in the approval process. Mike cited he thought the pipefitters union sent a previous letter indicating that if a standard was to be adopted, there would need to be an EIR, so a consistent position as opposed to an ordinance would be preferred. Doug Williams indicated that this issue may be like the discussions going around regarding residential fire sprinklers and what happens to the water that sits in the pipe? Should it be allowed to circulate? If it is allowed to circulate, other issues arise, so the point being that we may need to look at several issues in dealing with the PEX issue and not just one.

8. New Business

John LaTorra wanted to thank the chapter and talked about a few things going on at ICC. John highlighted the history of partnerships created by folks in the room. John talked about the president of ICC (Wally Bailey) goals. Improving our profession, particularly the public exposure. He also wants the Vice President of ICC to chair a committee on membership needs. John has requested that we participate in these goals. ICC & NFPA settled lawsuits and John is confident that we will be working with NFPA. John's vision is that of creation of one set of codes for the country. The ICC and IAPMO were working toward negotiating a single plumbing and mechanical code. This didn't work out, but both agencies grew to know each other better. John feels the negotiations are just temporarily cooled. He feels that a single plumbing and mechanical code will happen. CALBO was adequately recognized as the Chapter of the year at the ICC ABM. John also said that California is about 2 years behind the curve of training for the new codes. There is an MOU between ICC and CALBO (also with FPO's) to schedule a lot of training in California this next year. He feels that this will only work if we proceed as partners, bringing those from AIA, FPO, CALBO, IAPMO, structural engineers, home builders etc. John set up an impromptu meeting at ICC ABM, of the 26 chapters in California, 23 were represented to talk about training needs, the result was this MOU. CALBO's plan is called 425, which represents the number of classes that will be offered next year in the partnerships with FPO's and ICC. John was able to persuade his board counterparts to not charge for books for the free training that each chapter in good standing earns each year. Now we will end up with an additional day of transitional training if it is held in conjunction with the free day, resulting in a total of two free training days. This is for every chapter in California. In addition, active chapters can earn points they can turn in for additional training. John is a part of the task force on hearings and is charged with figuring out how to conduct code hearings so that people can afford to participate. John is looking for our help and suggestions on this item. John also mentioned ICC President Wally Bailey will be in California during February 12-16, he will be touring California and again at CALBO's annual meeting.

9. Old Business

Annual election of officers, confirm nominations ask for nominations from the floor, have the vote to confirm the election and ask John LaTorra to install the officers.

Ron Averette recapped recommendations of nomination committee by stating that the committee recommended to move the officers forward, Mike Enright as the new president, DeWayne Starnes as the new Vice President, Steve Pantazes as the new Secretary and Glenn Schainblatt as the new Treasurer.

President Williams asked for any nominations from the floor. None were received. Recommended a motion to accept the recommendation of the nomination committee. A motion was received to accept the recommendation of the nomination committee and close the nominations. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote (all ayes)

10. Program

John LaTorra performed installation of officers.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by DeWayne Starnes