

## MINUTES OF February 7, 2007

### **CALL TO ORDER ( 5:40 PM )**

President **Tom Garcia**, City of Fairfield , called the February 7, 2007 meeting of the Napa/Solano Chapter ICC to order. There were 44 members and 1 guest speaker in attendance.

### **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

President **Tom Garcia**: present; Vice President **Steve Jensen**: present; Secretary **Dennis Corbett**: present; Treasurer **Dan Kasperson**: present.

### **INTRODUCTIONS: (5:45 PM)**

Self-introductions were made by 44 members.

(The meeting adjourned briefly for the dinner buffet.)

### **SPEAKER OF THE EVENING ( 6:05PM )**

**Jerry Parks**, Director of Marketing Services for the [Western Wood Preservers Institute](#), gave a presentation to the Chapter about recommended fasteners to use with treated wood; types and applications of wood preservatives; standards and specifications; where treated wood is required in the 2006 International Building Codes; and quality assurance issues – in particular, the CheckMark Quality Assurance Identification Program developed specifically for code enforcement.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (6:55)**

Motion and second to approve the November 2006 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: (6:50 PM)**

**President Garcia** gave the ICC report for John LaTorra (see below). Chapter member **Jay Salazar**, City of Vacaville, has written an excellent article about accessibility for the February CALBO news. An online survey will be sent out for members to provide input regarding dinner choices at Chapter meetings. In order to help everyone become familiar with the change from the Uniform Code to the International Code, **President Garcia** proposed having mini-education sessions at upcoming meetings.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS: ( 7:00 PM )**

**Education: David Cliché**, County of Solano , reported on upcoming Chapter seminars. A class on Load Path will occur in April, and the CALBO Post-Disaster SAP training in May. The Chapter plans to offer additional classes on Plumbing, Mechanical & IBC. There is interest in trying to do half-day seminars, repeating the material both in the am & pm, so that department staff can be split up to attend either session.

**Treasurer: Dan Kasperson**, City of Suisun, reported several jurisdictions have renewed their membership, but some still lagging. He reviewed the two choices of membership available and chapter benefits.

**ICC:** Submitted by **John LaTorra**, City of Redwood City, Chapter Liaison, ICC Board Member.

**California Codes**- The Building Standards Commission has adopted the 2006 editions of the International Building Code, International Fire Code, International Existing Building Code Appendix A, Uniform Plumbing Code, and Uniform Mechanical Code, and the 2005 edition of National Electrical Code with California amendments. ICC is committed to publishing a quality California Code in a short time period. The scheduled effective date will be determined soon; currently scheduled for January 1, 2008. Thanks to Chapters, members, and the industry for the tremendous effort that finally made the adoption happen.

**ICC President California Visits**- ICC President **Wally Bailey**, CEO **Rick Weiland**, Board Member **Barbara Koffron**, and I will be visiting with California Chapters and members during the weeks of February 12-16 and March 12-16, 2007. We look forward to meeting with as many members as possible, discussing ICC business, and hearing what is important to the members and any suggestions on ways we can improve our service. The itinerary for the visits is attached to the email message that delivered this report. Please encourage your members to attend one of the meetings in February or March.

**ICC President Initiatives**- ICC President **Wally Bailey** wants to focus on several issues during his term: spotlighting code officials including a national advertising campaign and working with ICMA, partnering with AIA to include codes in the architectural school curriculum, establishing a committee to evaluate what is important to the membership, more communication with the members, promoting sustainability and green buildings, partnering with others on promoting building safety throughout the world, and emphasizing that ICC is no longer a legacy organization.

**New Headquarters Building** - ICC's new headquarters office is located at 500 New Jersey Ave. NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20001 This building is a LEED-certified green building, a few blocks from the U.S. Capitol. The toll free number to reach all ICC offices remains the same, (888)423-7233, or (888) ICC-SAFE, if that is easier to remember. Please make a point to visit the ICC headquarters office if you are in DC.

**Task Force on Hearings**- I chaired this committee in 2006, which has developed recommendations on improving the ICC code hearings (i.e. electronic voting, investigating remote access and voting, 8am to 8pm maximum hours, no member activities scheduled to conflict with the hearings, rotating the order of the hearings, etc). The first interim report is available on the [iccsafe.org](http://iccsafe.org) website. Wally has reappointed me to Chair this committee, so we can continue with the work of improving our hearings. The next committee conference call meeting is February 21, 2007. I will expand the membership feedback and welcome your suggestions on methods to improve our code hearings.

**Chapter Benefits-** The Board of Directors approved an enhanced Chapter rewards Program. Active Chapters now have an opportunity to earn benefits in addition to the free ICC training, complimentary Chapter President registration at the Annual Meeting, newsletter, magazine subscription, 20% chapter discount on publications, banner, etc.

**Training-** CALBO and ICC are working in partnership with local chapters and other organizations to provide much needed training in California. CALBO and ICC have merged their training plans and signed a MOU which was reviewed and approved by a committee of local chapter representatives. California Chapters in good standing (merely file your annual chapter report) are entitled to a day of free training and an additional day of transition training, provided the transition training is coupled with a free or purchased training day.

CALBO agreed to provide a shared calendar which is now operational on the calbo.org website. CALBO, ICC, and ICC Chapters can post all training seminars. Members of CALBO can submit the chapter training events on line, which will be reviewed and posted by CALBO. The goal is a coordinated training effort in preparation for enforcement of the new California Codes. We can support and promote Chapter training efforts. **Kelly Midgley**, CALBO Director of Training & Communications, (916)457-1103 and **Sol Alba**, ICC Education Program Coordinator, (888)423-7233 x4333 can help us with posting and scheduling training.

**Meeting Locations-** The 2007 Final Action Hearings are in Rochester, New York, May 21-26. The 2007 Annual Educational Conference is in Reno, Nevada, September 30-October 4. Both events are great opportunities for us Californians to receive valuable training and code knowledge prior to the effective date of the new codes. Reno is "just over the hill"....make your plans now.

**CALBO:** **Jay Salazar** reported on CALBO board activities, the access committee and the Energy Commission. **Bonnie Patterson**, CALBO, spoke to the group. She talked about leadership advocacy day, the AB2977 interpretation controversy regarding the last minute wording change, ABM activities, PAC high rollers night, committee applications, foundation, education efforts with ICC, and the 24 Code Academies throughout the state.

**Building Standards:** **Steve Jensen**, City of Napa, gave a report on the Building Standards Commission. Everyone is pleased with last month's unanimous approval of the new California Codes; however there was six hours of testimony regarding the Chapter 11 accessibility changes. The changes should be on the CSLB website within the next few weeks.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**President Garcia** spoke above some confusion regarding the approval of PEX and CPVC. The previous requirement of findings by the Building Official before approval has been removed for the installation of CPVC. He also reminded everyone that local

amendments and adoption of the new codes cannot become effective before the state adoption date.

**David Cliché** still has 3 certificates from last seminar.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**President Garcia** shared an interpretation from Jay regarding pool & spa entrapment drain covers and AB2977. The wording of the legislation requires the installation of an anti-entrapment cover any time a building permit is issued for a repair or modification at a single-family home with an existing pool, toddler pool, or spa. Jay is preparing a press release for his department, but we are working toward a consistent interpretation and application of these requirements in the Chapter. The actual bill can be found at: [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/05-06/bill/asm/ab\\_2951-3000/ab\\_2977\\_bill\\_20060926\\_chaptered.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/05-06/bill/asm/ab_2951-3000/ab_2977_bill_20060926_chaptered.pdf).

**Dan Devine**, City of Vacaville, noted that they have purchased new AFCI testers for their inspectors.

The three story height limitation for single-family homes was discussed and will be brought up for discussion at next month's meeting.

The Plan Review Standards committee will be re-activated and is also to be discussed at next month's meeting.

**INSPECTORS TIME:**

None.

**INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT: (7:35 PM)**

There was a motion to adjourn and **President Garcia** adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM. The next meeting is on March 7, 2007 with Dinner at the Paradise Valley Golf Course. Start time is 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Corbett  
Secretary

## MINUTES OF March 7, 2007

### **CALL TO ORDER (5:42 PM)**

President **Tom Garcia**, City of Fairfield, called the March 7, 2007 meeting of the Napa/Solano Chapter ICC to order.

### **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

President **Tom Garcia**: present; Vice President **Steve Jensen**: present; Secretary **Dennis Corbett**: present; Treasurer **Dan Kasperson**: absent, represented by **Linda Young**, City of Suisun.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Self-introductions were made by 42 members.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (5:45 PM)**

Motion and second to approve the February, 2007 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

(The meeting adjourned briefly for the dinner buffet.)

### **SPEAKER OF THE EVENING (6:15 PM)**

**Nancy Springer**, Supervisor of Building & Safety Services, Willdan. Nancy is a member of the ICC Education Committee, and our Chapter liaison, and spoke about the new ICC Chapter Relations Program and the Chapter Rewards Program, <http://www.iccsafe.org/government/chapters/>.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: (6:40 P.M.)**

**President Garcia** had two items, the results of the dinner survey, and the ICC final action code hearings in Rochester, New York. Solano County has a Permit Technician position available. Load Path half-day course flyers (intended for contractors) are available. The dinner selection survey was successful, results were 80% for tri-tip; lemon chicken, salmon, and teriyaki chicken also scored well. Final Code Change hearings information is posted on ICC website, <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/2006-07cycle/FAA/index.html>. ICC is offering a second day for transition classes to chapters. Our chapter seminars will be happening later this year. We will scheduling mini-education sessions at upcoming meetings.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS: (7:00 PM)**

**Education: David Cliché**, not in attendance.

**Treasurer: Dan Kasperson**, City of Suisun, was unable to attend, and the report will be presented next month.

**ICC:** Code Hearings for 2009 codes in Rochester, NY. President Garcia made a proposal that the Chapter reimburse the Building Officials of the chapter up to \$700 in expenses to represent chapter at the Code Hearings, if they are not covered by their

jurisdiction. The motion was made and seconded, and the discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously. Tom will coordinate with Peninsula & East Bay Chapter.

### **CALBO: Jay Salazar**

**Building Standards: Steve Jensen**, City of Napa, reported the next meeting is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>. A light agenda is expected. A question was raised, when will the ADAAG and BSC accessibility regulations be incorporated into single document, as they are not in sequence? CBC chapter 11A is not changing, and there is a process to align them with federal standards. The CBSC is working with the Department of Justice for certification of CA regulations, but it will be complete this year. California's standard for showers does not meet the federal standard, for instance.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**President Garcia** discussed the AB2977 Pool & Spa Safety Act. Last week several Building Officials met with **Don Burns**, CA Pool & Spa Safety Council. The Chapter will post pictures on the website of approved covers. **Jay Salazar**, City of Vacaville, spoke of the City of Vacaville policies regarding issue. They are requiring the approved covers for all permits. **Ken Welch**, Interwest Consulting Services, reports that SVABO discussed this issue last month, and many members do not plan to require covers for sub-permits. The City of Fairfield is using certification form for verification, and the inspectors are visually confirming. The intent of the bill is to save lives, so why not enforce it? **Paul Siegel** spoke of the City of Dixon's short experience with this regulation. Many owners think we are certifying the cover, not that they need to get them certified. Vacaville does not support certification only, must also be a visual inspection. The LA Basin chapter has created a holographic label for pool contractors to use on the approved covers.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Representatives from the City of Davis and Yolo County asked if they qualify as Class I Chapter members despite the fact they are not in Napa or Solano county? Yes, they do. **Tom Garcia** brought up water hammer arrestors, as they are not in the CPC, and asked if any jurisdictions are requiring them? Second floors with an occupant load over 10 need second exit, including the large day care. Since day care facilities are under the jurisdiction of the State Fire Marshal, we can't require more than that required for an R-3.

**Dan Devine**, City of Vacaville, noted that they have purchased and are using new AFCI testers.

### **INSPECTORS TIME:**

None.

### **INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** (7:20 PM)

There was a motion to adjourn and **President Garcia** adjourned the meeting at 7:21 PM. The next meeting will be on April 4, 2007 with Dinner at the Paradise Valley Golf Course. Start time is 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Corbett  
Secretary

## MINUTES OF April 4, 2007

### **CALL TO ORDER (5:40 PM)**

President **Tom Garcia**, City of Fairfield , called the April 4th, 2007 meeting of the Napa/Solano Chapter ICC to order.

### **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

President **Tom Garcia**: present; Vice President **Steve Jensen**: present; Secretary **Dennis Corbett**: present; Treasurer **Dan Kasperson**: present.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Self-introductions were made by 40 members.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (5:45 PM)**

Motion and second to approve the March, 2007 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

(The meeting adjourned briefly for the dinner buffet.)

### **SPEAKER OF THE EVENING (6:15 PM)**

**Jay Salazar, Chief Building Official, City of Vacaville** . Jay spoke about the top 5 site accessibility issues in both plan review and inspection, and the top 10 accessibility issues in non-residential restrooms.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: (7:20 PM) None.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS: (7:00 PM)**

**Education: David Cliché**, County of Solano, was not present. Seminar on Load Path next week, 40 attendees registered expected.

**Treasurer: Dan Kasperson**, City of Suisun, presented the report. Chapter has a total of \$44,700. We'll give the end of fiscal year report next month, last year a net plus of \$2000.00.

### **ICC:**

**CALBO: Jay Salazar** has chosen to step down from the Board of Directors, **Tom Garcia** has been elected to the Board. CTI is planning to present over 350 seminars this year. CALBO transition training classes will qualify attendees for re-certification in ICC California Codes certification. Each Chapter will receive \$1000 to help cover the costs of sending members to the Code Hearings in Rochester, New York.

**Building Standards: Steve Jensen**, City of Napa, reported the Commission met two weeks ago. **Kim Blackseth** was not confirmed by the Senate for the Commission, so the Public Member/Disabled member is now open, as well as two others. A code change for OSHPD in restrooms was approved. **Steve Winkel**, Architect member, was

reappointed. Reports from Architects and CALBO about educational opportunities were presented to the Commission.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**President Garcia** none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Plan review committees needs to be reformed to update standard details for Chapter. President Garcia urges jurisdictions to allow a staff member one day a month to volunteer for this important function. This is a great opportunity for staff to upgrade to BO in future. Code adoption committee will form to encourage uniformity. **Jay Salazar** selected as the Educator of the Year by CTI and CALBO.

**INSPECTORS TIME:**

Insulation installation complaints are up. HERS inspectors are doing this in some applications.

**INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT: (7:35 PM)**

There was a motion to adjourn and **President Garcia** adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM. The next meeting will be on May 2nd, 2007 with Dinner at the Paradise Valley Golf Course. Start time is 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Corbett  
Secretary

## MINUTES OF May 2, 2007

### **CALL TO ORDER (5:40 PM)**

President **Tom Garcia**, City of Fairfield, called the May 2nd, 2007 meeting of the Napa/Solano Chapter ICC to order.

### **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

President **Tom Garcia**: present; Vice President **Steve Jensen**: absent; Secretary **Dennis Corbett**: present; Treasurer **Dan Kasperson**: present.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Self-introductions were made by 47 members and our guest speaker.

(The meeting adjourned briefly for the dinner buffet.)

### **SPEAKER OF THE EVENING (6:10 PM)**

**John Henry**, Structural Engineer, International Code Council, gave a presentation on the use of the span tables in the 2006 IBC.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (7:00 PM)**

Motion and second to approve the April, 2007 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: (7:01 PM)**

The City of American Canyon has an opening for Admin Clerk III, primarily performing Permit Technician type duties. **Tom Garcia** thanked **Dennis Richardson**, Bureau Veritas, for presenting code change information and background to the Building Officials before the general membership meeting. **Paul Siegel** has started as the Building Official for the City of Woodland.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS: (7:03 PM)**

**Education: David Cliché**, County of Solano, reported that the seminar on Load Path had excellent feedback from the attendees. **Rolando Isip** and **Gene Ashdown** are now also on committee, and they are formulating our education calendar for the next two years with CALBO and SVABO. A SAP training session (formerly ATC-20) is being organized in near future. David asked for feedback from the membership regarding types of training desired in the future.

**Treasurer: Dan Kasperson**, City of Suisun, presented the report. The fiscal year report on November had \$37k, before income from dues of this year, roughly the same balance as last year. The cost of a typical meeting dinner is about \$1000. Certificates will be sent out at end of year for attendance at the meetings.

**CALBO: Tom Garcia** presented the report. Plan 425 has started. Tom and Dennis attended the CALBO Presidents meeting to coordinate and define interactions of group. Jay & Tom met with Cool Roofing group as part of CALBO Energy committee, working with CEC to simplify regulations.

**Building Standards:** **Steve Jensen** was not present.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Dan Kasperson** requests that receipts be given to him for reimbursement for Code Hearings.

**NEW BUSINESS: (7:20)**

The City of Dixon has opening for Building Official. CSLB representatives have been in contact with several jurisdictions. They have created a pilot program in Fairfield and Vacaville and Dixon to crack down on illegal activity, and have instituted a drop box program in both jurisdictions. The Solano County District attorney is working with this CSLB program. **Dan Kasparian**, City of Napa, has had the first meeting of standard details committee. They will be updating the current drawings and creating new handouts, and are seeking feedback and suggestions. They plan to meet every two weeks initially, then once a month when fully implemented. The LA Basin Chapter has developed a DVD for the transition to the 2007 CBC and will have it available by July. Susan Dowdy and **John Henry** have collaborated on a new book, a comparison of 2006 IBC and 2007 CBC. ICC Chapters have a 20% discount on purchase of books from ICC, and we hope to make a joint purchase for all our member jurisdictions.

**INSPECTORS TIME: (7:25)**

**Harvey Higgs**, City of Benicia, spoke of water heater demand load, and asked if anyone is checking? One response is that used to, but never has seen it being a problem. He also has seen shutoff valves installed on both sides of water heater recently, and asked if there is any prohibition? None known. The City of Vallejo asked if pans are required on raised platforms in garages. Not required in most jurisdictions. The question was raised if a door from master bath meet egress requirement from bedroom if no other window qualifies? Not in the opinion of most attendees.

**INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT: (7:40 PM)**

There was a motion to adjourn and **President Garcia** adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM. The next meeting will be on June 6, 2007 with Dinner at the Paradise Valley Golf Course. Start time is 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Corbett  
Secretary

## MINUTES OF June 6, 2007

### **CALL TO ORDER (5:40 PM)**

President **Tom Garcia**, City of Fairfield, called the June meeting of the Napa/Solano Chapter ICC to order.

### **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

President **Tom Garcia**: present; Vice President **Steve Jensen**: present; Secretary **Dennis Corbett**: present; Treasurer **Dan Kasperson**: absent.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Self-introductions were made by 46 members and our guest speaker.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (5:50 PM)**

Motion and second to approve the April, 2007 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

(The meeting adjourned briefly for the dinner buffet.)

### **SPEAKER OF THE EVENING (6:10 PM)**

**John LaTorra, Building Official, City of Redwood City and ICC Board Liaison, was our guest speaker.** He gave a brief history and explanation of the Plumbing and Mechanical Code making process and ANSI accreditation of IAPMO. He spoke about the major changes in the 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code and the 2006 Uniform Mechanical Codes. Plumbing code highlights include a maximum 120 degrees F discharge from bathtubs and whirlpool tubs, completely new water heater chapter 5, table 10-3 gravity grease interceptor sizing, and a complete Chapter 12 rewrite. Mechanical code changes include the removal of restrictions of LPG appliance locations, commercial hood and kitchen ventilation changes, a required 18" vertical clearance for ducts in crawl spaces, combustion air & venting changes, guards required for rooftop equipment within 6' of edge, and un-vented room heaters are now permitted in mechanical code, though they are still prohibited for sale by existing State law in California. John answered questions from the group after his presentation.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: (7:20 PM)**

**Tom Garcia**, President, spoke about the ICC report our chapter needs to file to maintain our Chapter benefits, and also spoke about his discussion with ICC regarding the cost of the new California Code books. The Rochester code hearings were successful, and our chapter made a big difference. Our delegates at the hearings met with our state's fire code officials and coordinated our efforts to vote on a statewide basis. **Gene Ashburn**, City of Winters, thanked the chapter for sponsoring our group and told everyone how worthwhile it was. The Chapter picnic is in August 3rd at Pena Adobe Park in Vacaville, and the City of Napa volunteered to coordinate the barbeque. The July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting is at the Solano Napa Builders Exchange, with Steve Winkel, FAIA, PE, as our speaker.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: (7:25 PM)**

**Education: Gene Ashburn** spoke of the calendar they are setting up, which will be posted on the website when finalized. Proposed classes will be in SAP, Energy code training, and contractor education.

**Treasurer: Dan Kasperson**, City of Suisun, was not present and the report will be presented next month.

**ICC: John LaTorra** gave the report. ICC will be hosting a July 19th celebration of the CA codes in Sacramento. John recommended the IBC code and commentary publication as an excellent reference for us in CA. The 2007-2008 code development hearings will be scheduled in Palm Springs, CA from Feb 18<sup>th</sup> through March 2nd. Details will be posted when available at <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/2007-08cycle/index.html>. John thanked the Chapter for our efforts at the final action code hearings in Rochester.

**CALBO: Tom Garcia**; no report.

**Building Standards: Steve Jensen**, City of Napa & CBSC, gave the report. The Commission met last month, and all CA code on track to be published on July 4, which will become effective January 1, 2008. The Code will be in two separate documents. Volume one will contain chapters 1 to 15, and volume 2 will contain chapter 16 to appendices. The Commission has established a green building committee to coordinate efforts from different agencies and jurisdictions.

**Standard Details: Dan Kasparian**, City of Napa, said they have met, and hope to have the details updated before our September meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS: (7:35)**

Water Heater demand sizing calculations will still be in 2006 UPC. The first hour rating is based upon number of bedrooms.

**NEW BUSINESS: (7:40)**

City of Fairfield asked about an issue of electrical main panels and the limitation of two breakers as per manufacturer in some new installations. **Tom Garcia** asked for input from others regarding this matter

**INSPECTORS TIME: (7:50)**

**Harvey Higgs**, City of Benicia, asked if the building code required or specified expansion joints in stucco walls, but none are known. **Dan Kasparian** asked about anti-entrapment devices and how jurisdictions are enforcing the State law. Several jurisdictions spoke about their procedures. **Lonell Butler**, County of Yolo, asked if any

jurisdictions are waiving fees for PV systems. No jurisdiction is waiving the fee, but some have reduced or limited the permit cost.

**INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** (8:00 PM)

There was a motion to adjourn and **President Garcia** adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM. The next meeting will be on July 11th, 2007 will be hosted by and at the Solano Napa Builders Exchange, <http://www.snbe.com/>. Start time is 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Corbett  
Secretary

## MINUTES OF July 11, 2007

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Tom Garcia called the July 11, 2007 meeting of the Napa/Solano Chapter ICC to order. The meeting was held at the Napa/Solano Builders Exchange office in Napa. There were 40 members and 1 guest speaker in attendance.

### **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

President: Tom Garcia– present, Vice President: Steve Jensen: present, Secretary: Dennis Corbett, absent, Treasurer: Dan Kasperson– present.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Self-introductions were made by 40 members

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion to approve June minutes was passed by the membership.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

### **SPEAKER OF THE EVENING**

**Steve Winkel, FAIA, PE**, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the "**Introduction to the New California Building Code, Major Changes ...** Steve manages the San Francisco Bay Area office of the Preview Group, and has written several books including *Building Codes Illustrated: A Guide to Understanding the 2006 International Building Code (Building Codes Illustrated)*. He is also the architect member of the California Building Standards Commission.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Building Standards- Steve Jensen reported on activities of the Building Standards Commission including information about new green building standards being developed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Tom Garcia announced that the next chapter meeting for August 3 was the annual chapter picnic at the Rancho Adobe picnic site in Vacaville.

### **INSPECTORS TIME:**

None

### **INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There was a motion to adjourn and President Garcia adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be the chapter picnic on August 3, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Jensen  
Vice President

## **MINUTES OF SEPT 5, 2007**

### **CALL TO ORDER (5:30 pm)**

President Tom Garcia, City of Vacaville, called the September 5th, 2007 meeting of the Napa/Solano Chapter ICC to order. The meeting was held at the Paradise Valley Golf Club in Vacaville. There were 44 members, Gene Paolini, current President of CALBO, and 1 guest speaker in attendance.

### **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS (5:32 pm)**

President: Tom Garcia– present; Vice President: Steve Jensen– present; Secretary: Dennis Corbett– present; Treasurer: Dan Kasperson– present.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Self-introductions were made by the attendees

**The meeting adjourned for dinner.**

### **SPEAKER OF THE EVENING (6:04 pm)**

**Doug Hensel, Assistant Deputy Director, HCD**, gave an overview of HCD, their charging authority, and parameters of their duties. Doug spoke about many topics including Title 25, plastic piping issues in California, proposals to allow air admittance valves for island sinks, higher efficiency standards for toilets & urinals, green building topics, accessibility provisions in Chapter 11A, proposed changes for ramps to accessible balconies in R-1 units, accessible shower stall dimensions, the removal of townhouse references in 11A, and the IRC. California code amendments primarily based on access, revised references and IRC references. Big items in CBC: 36" guardrails raised to 42" in relevant occupancies (based on Building Standards magazine article); 5' distance to property line; townhouses require 2 one-hour walls or 1 two-hour wall; fire sprinklers not required in R-3; recreated conventional construction provisions in SZ C; updating of references to the Uniform Housing Code; PEX and CEQA. How to participate in the process: attend hearings, HCD website state housing law program, CBSC website, initial public comment-get on mailing lists, code advisory committee testify, 45 day comment period-HCD must respond to all comments, testify at CBSC meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (7:10 pm)**

Motion to approve July minutes was passed by the membership.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Tom Garcia announced that William Schock, City of San Leandro, is running for the ICC Board of Directors and is seeking our support; the Chapter voted to support his nomination. Steve Jensen, City of Napa, is bringing Richard Skaff, [Designing](#)

[Accessible Communities](#), to present an accessibility seminar in Napa regarding barrier removal, 10:00am, September 24, at no cost to attendees.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Education- Gene Paolini reported CTI recently met and is finalizing 2008 calendar. CTI is looking to repeat classes in consecutive months to allow splitting of staff. The Education Committee is offering SAP training next week. They are also scheduling our ICC seminar offering on December 10 and 11. The Chapter had a successful contractor training last year, would like to try and present this 3 to 4 times a year.

Treasurer- Dan Kasperson, City of Suisun , did not have a report, but encouraged everyone to attend trainings as they are our primary Chapter fundraiser.

CALBO- Gene presented the report. He is meeting with all Chapters to encourage members to consider applying for CALBO board. [AB382](#) is moving forward to fix AB2977, The Swimming Pool and Spa Safety Act, effective January 1, 2008. CALBO Advocacy Day educated legislators as to how it is preferable that building regulations advance through code making process rather than statutory route. All CALBO committees have met and established goals for this year. CALBO certifications are available and encouraged for all Building Department personnel. California Code update classes will qualify renewal of California Code certifications. The ICC ABM in Reno , and the code hearings in Palm Springs , are both coming up.

Building Standards- Steve Jensen reported that there is an upcoming meeting, but agenda is not yet published. Some Committees may meet day before.

Standard Details Committee- Dan Kasparian, City of Napa , reported that the committee's updating of details are essentially complete, but now in the final editing process. Changes are being made to be consistent with code, i.e. all measurements in inches rather than feet/inches. When completed, they will be distributed to membership for final review before posting on website.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Tom asked if anyone has started categorizing code changes. Next month scheduled meeting conflicts with the ICC ABM, and he polled members if they desire training or move the meeting to the following week. The Chapter decided to reschedule the meeting to October 10, if the restaurant is available that evening.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nominations for the Chapter board are next month, and the election during the November meeting.

**INSPECTORS TIME:**

A question was if the 5' measurement (in regard to openings in the 2007 CBC) is measured from PL, to foundation or finished wall edge. Members felt the measurement to the foundation would be acceptable. Protection under stairs also will no longer be required. Furnace manufacturer installation specifications usually require drip legs be installed in gas lines.

**INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT (7:49 pm):**

There was a motion to adjourn and President Garcia adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be on tentatively on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Corbett  
Chapter Secretary

## **MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2007**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Tom Garcia called the November 7, 2007 meeting of the Napa/Solano Chapter ICC to order. There were 45 members and 1 guest speaker in attendance.

### **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

President: Tom Garcia– present, Vice President: Steve Jensen: present, Secretary: Dennis Corbett, absent, Treasurer: Dan Kasperson– present.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Self-introductions were made by 46 members and guest.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion to approve October minutes was passed by the membership.

### **SPEAKER OF THE EVENING**

Kevin Reinertson, from the office of the State Fire Marshal spoke to the membership about various new code requirements related to local jurisdictions including the Urban Wildland Interface regulations contained in chapter 7A, State Fire Marshal requirements, water purveyor difficulties, control areas, sprinkler requirements in buildings and other changes.

Kevin indicated that the sleeping room egress regulations were now contained in chapter 10 and that first floor windows are allowed to be reduced to 5 square feet vs. the current 5.7 square feet. Chapter 7A will be in effect on January 1, 2008 for State Responsibility Areas (SRA) and July 1, 2008 for Local Responsibility Areas (LRA)

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Nominations committee chairman Paul Siegel reported that the following slate of officers was recommend for 2008:

Dennis Corbett, President  
Darryl Mayes, Vice-President  
Dan Kavarian, Secretary  
Gene Ashdown, Treasurer

Motion to approve recommended slate was passed by the membership

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Tom Garcia announced that the City of Fairfield changed the composition of their building Appeals Board to include members that are active building officials from the

Napa/Solano Chapter. Solano County is also considering a similar change to their code.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Treasurers report – Dan Kasperson handed out a draft comparison report showing income and expenses incurred this last year. The report indicated that chapter expenses were greater than income. Following discussion Harvey Higgs made a motion to increase chapter dues by \$10. Motion failed due to a lack of a second. This matter will be brought back for discussion of the membership next year.
- Education - David Cliche announced the two day ICC training seminars for December 10 and 11th, -2006 IBC transition and 2006 IBC Mixed occupancies and encouraged chapter members to send their staff. David talked about seminars planned for January and February to include structural provisions of the CBC.
- Standard Details – Dan Kavarian talked about the activities of his committee and asked the membership if anyone had diagrams that could be easily modified. If so, please forward to Dan.
- Building Standards – Steve Jensen indicated that there was a Building Standards Commission meeting on November 14. Items on the agenda included approval of appointments to a new green building standards advisory committee.
- CALBO – Tom Garcia talked about the ABM in San Diego March 17-21, William Shock running for the ICC board of directors in Reno , and the Energy Committee

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tom Garcia indicated that DSA says they will not permit stucco behind a handrail, because 1012.6 states that the "wall or other surface adjacent to the handrail shall be free of any sharp or abrasive elements." He also talked about the new R3 – opening protection within 5 feet of the property line. See Table 704.8 footnote 'c'.

**INSPECTORS TIME** Tom Garcia shared an in-line duct damper for dryer installations. The consensus of the membership was that this would not be allowed.

## **INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES**

### **ADJOURNMENT -**

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Jensen  
Vice President