



MINUTES

Regular Chapter Meeting
August 4, 2011

Sign In and Introductions

22 in attendance

Discussions, Committee Reports

Discussion with regards to LULA elevators, concerning retrofitting (existing buildings), accessibility requirements, plan review and inspection. The State does not do plan reviews, only inspection. The elevators must comply with CBC and ASME. The Fire Department must also give approval. State will only inspect ASME operation, controls and safety requirements, not Accessibility.

Craig Oliver asked if Jurisdictions were getting any opposition to the requirement of the IRC to install Smoke and CO alarms due to the \$1000 in valuation. Roofing companies typically don't go inside the buildings so it creates issues with the new code requirement. His Jurisdiction provides an "Affidavit of Self Certification for Compliance of Battery Operated Alarms." Craig will provide their form for all to review upon request. Question on when the affidavit (signed by the Owner) should be signed, at permit issuance or final.

A brief discussion about the retaining wall handout and it's frequency of use. Fred Schott mentioned that he has recently reviewed retaining wall designs by SE's and all were not acceptable (4). He conveyed his concerns on the proper design criteria used even by other professionals.

Also Bryan Spain voiced concerns/caution on Allen block/geo-grid type of designs that are engineered by out of state professionals.

Craig also reported on CALBO. They are creating a Building Official Academy providing a series of classes (next year). This is in response to requests, to train the next generation of Building Officials, providing them with tools and training.

The ABM next year will be at the Hilton Los Angeles in Universal City. You may register at calbo.org. CALBO has been doing organizational cost cutting measures and these have resulted in a surplus of funding allowing CALBO to continue to provide services. It was asked if CALBO is considering re-instituting "Legislators' Day", and with the proper support from Building Officials, it is hoped to be put on next year. CALBO's membership is down approximately 65%.

IABO, International Association of Building Officials, has been officially chartered and has a board of directors. IABO is an organization that developed on the East Coast by Building Officials that do not feel represented by ICC.

ICC ABM will be in Phoenix in November.

Howie reported on his research on “Local Chapter Benefits”. What was discovered is there are basically no benefits to the local chapter with regards to discount ICC parent chapter membership costs, as well as the only discounts available on publications is only when “Bulk” publication orders are made. ICC’s own bylaws stipulate discounts, however, during his research and discussions with ICC, it was determined by the ICC representative that the bylaws are in error and they will proceed to reword them. All correspondences were either CC’d or forwarded to John LaTorra. He told Howie that he is going to look into what the situation is and try to help the local Jurisdictions.

Howie also asked the Chapter how it feels about a possible training from the Energy Commission. Brian Samuelson has called a number of times trying to see if we wanted to set something up. Also, John LaTorra is willing to give the Chapter training for Plumbing and Mechanical updates. The course would be ½ Plumbing, ½ Mechanical. Electrical update training is available as well. Howie will return with possible training dates, as well as cost estimates.

The Chapter website will have the capability to register for training as well as membership. Also Paypal is being integrated into the system to ease payments and facilitate the use of credit cards. Holly Frank of San Luis County has put in countless hours with the blessings of the Building Official Cheryl Journey in support of the Chapter to make the website what it is. Holly will provide training to the Chapter leadership to facilitate in using and updating the website, in order to maintain it in the future. Suggestions for additions or improvements to the website are greatly encouraged.

Fred Schott presented information on ATC71, soft story type construction and the new standards. He will forward the link for the information.

Kraig Crozier, P.E. of GeoSolutions gave his presentation.

Meeting adjourned
