



MINUTES

Regular Chapter Meeting
July 7, 2011

Sign in and Introductions

17 in attendance

Approval of the June minutes was postponed to next meeting

Discussions.

Our meeting opened with a round table discussion about the projects currently in the process for each jurisdiction. The City of San Luis Obispo has the Hampton Inn, Olive Garden Restaurant, Dick's Sport and (2) computer stores currently in process. The City of Paso Robles, Atascadero & Morro Bay gave updates on their permit activity. Two of the world's largest Solar Farms (SunPower & 1st Solar/Topaz) are currently in SLO County for building permits. In the future, we will invite one of the Solar Farm teams to come do a presentation for our members to educate us on how these projects are built.

Clyde Ganes lead the discussion on the disabled access topic regarding tenant improvements and shell buildings. The question was, is an application for new tenant improvements in an existing shell building considered to be new or an alteration? Each jurisdiction had input and we found most are similar in their approaches yet some approaches vary. It depends on how you permitted the original shell building but generally a tenant improvement is considered new construction. The dialogue included a discussion on removal of barriers, what is our role as the enforcing agency? In conclusion we see the trend for tenant improvements moving towards always requiring a License Professional and for applicants requesting exceptions typically will be taken to the Board of Appeals.

Committee Reports:

Website Development: Brain Cowan did an update on the website development, where we are and where we are going. Holly Frank & Brian have been developing the website. Recently Brian approved the ability to pay electronically through pay-pal. We are hoping to have the ability to register and pay electronically via pay pal on our website for the up and coming seminar on Sept. 21, 2011, titled, The Significant Changes to the 2009 IBC. We also encouraged members to go on the website and give us feedback or any ideas for improvements. Next year we plan on having the enrollment for our annual membership available through our website.

Education: Update on up & coming trainings, see agenda. On Sept. 21, 2011, the Chapter will be sponsoring another training, titled, The Significant Changes to the 2009 IBC. You will be receiving the flyer & registration form electronically along with the August agenda & minutes.

Presentation: Hilti gave a presentation on “cracked concrete” and anchorage. Lorena Arce, PE, addressed specific items for plans examiners and inspectors as well as demonstrated the free tools available for designing engineers on the Hilti website.

Meeting Adjourned.