



## **MINUTES**

Regular Chapter Meeting  
February 2, 2012

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### **Sign In and Introductions**

16 in attendance

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The meeting opened with a code discussion question. The question was do we have a transfer of responsibility issue in this situation? We have a Geotechnical Engineer of record #1 under the direction of General Civil #1 for a large project. The applicant has proposed 6 separate grading permits covering the 600 acres. The first 3 of 6 grading permits are issued with team #1 described above. During the plan review process of the 4<sup>th</sup> grading permit, the General Civil stayed the same but the Geotechnical Engineer # 2 (different firm) is proposed and has prepared an addendum which references items in the Geotechnical Engineer #1's original soils reports. After discussion, the conclusion it was concluded yes, this is a transfer of responsibility issue and the process need to be documented as required by the code.

President Elizabeth Szwabowski announced the Chapter's Committee members and each committee reported on current activities. The Scholarship/Education Fund Committee includes Clyde Ganes, Chairman, Brian Spain, Sylvia Aldana, Brian Cowen, & Elizabeth Szwabowski.

Vice President and Treasurer Howie Conroy reported on the January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Solar Photovoltaic Installation/Inspection Workshop sponsored by PG &E. The training had good reviews and the guest speaker was well received. Howie will continue to work with PG &E and keep us posted on future training opportunities.

On January 12, 2012, Howie Conroy went to the Monterey Peninsula Chapter meeting of the Education Committee at UL to get ideas for our education program this coming year. The group meets at the beginning of each year to map out a plan of the trainings for the coming year. Howie would like to mirror this practice with our Chapter Education Committee. John Taker of Underwriter Laboratory, also a member of International Association of Electrical Inspectors was present. Howie is working with John on providing 2 electrical trainings this year, the first being May 17, 2012, on commercial kitchens. The second training would be on grounding & bonding. At the Monterey Peninsula Chapter meeting they discussed the potential for the Monterey Chapter to

donate one of their ICC education benefits to our Chapter. If a Chapter of ICC is in good standing with ICC, then the Chapter is eligible for an education benefit which includes 1 free seminar per year by ICC. The Chapter would have to pay for the cost of books. Howie will keep us posted on how this develops. Howie has also been in contact with Dan Kaiser for the CSAp Certification and Training planned tentatively in June 2012. Howie requested help with any ideas for trainings or volunteers to help him on the Education Committee. Howie Conroy has been in contact with ICC and he has requested they provide Chapter members a discount for membership. ICC is currently evaluating his request.

The website committee consists of chairman is Brian Cowen along with Sylvia Aldana and Holly Frank. The 3 members of the committee met and we are independent of Holly's services for maintenance of the website. Regarding the use of the website, we are encouraging members to use the website because if you don't use it, then it will become obsolete. Brian put a new link to the California Building Officials, CALBO, on our website. Brian also posted photos on the photo gallery and he encourages members to check it out. Brian would like to highlight a significant project within our jurisdiction on a quarterly basis. He is working with Howie and Elizabeth on 2 large projects with their jurisdictions; he would like photos and a brief description. We encourage the members to use the website; we will post the agenda and minutes there for your convenience. Please visit, [centralcoasticc.com](http://centralcoasticc.com)

The January and December minutes approval was continued to next month again, we encourage you to go to the website and download and read them so we can approved

Elizabeth Szwabowski announced the chairman of the Spring BBQ committee is Clyde Ganes. Clyde described his approach for the BBQ and requested volunteers to assist him. This will be the first Chapter BBQ since the mid-nineties. If you would like to volunteer for the Spring BBQ, contact Clyde Ganes. The group discussed the BBQ details, Brian Cowen volunteered to reserve Lila Kaiser Park, Morro Bay, at no cost to the Chapter, on April 20, 2012 (Friday) or April 27, (Friday). The BBQ will be a free luncheon for members. Howie Conroy recommended we invite the contractor community and send notices to stakeholders. At the BBQ, we will have membership registration available. We took a potential count of attendees from the jurisdiction in attendance and we counted 30- 50 people. We all need to advertise.

Elizabeth Szwabowski has been in contact with ICC (Ohio) and requested John La Torra to become our Chapter liaison. We are eligible for education benefits from ICC this year because we are in good standing. CALBO is requesting volunteers to serve on their committees and become members. If you are interested, contact Craig Oliver, CALBO representative.

**Below is a list of future training's:**

- 1) T-Bar Ceiling Installation/Inspection with emphasis on seismic requirements. (February 16<sup>th</sup> in Santa Maria, Free, flyer was sent out).

- 2) Gypsum fire rated assemblies. (March)
- 3) SAP Certification Training from State of California. Office of Emergency Services. TBD
- 4) I-Joist Installation/Inspection. TBD
- 5) Electric Sign Plan Check/Installation/Inspection/Energy Code Requirements. TBD
- 6) Accessibility/CASp training. (June) TBD
- 7) Simpson StrongTie is coming to San Luis Obispo on 5/4/2012 & Santa Barbara on 7/12/2012, [www.strongtie.com](http://www.strongtie.com)

We discussed ideas for the monthly speakers; Fred Schott recommended we use our local experts as the guest speakers since we have such a talented pool of professionals. It was suggested we have a storm water training, non-conventional foundations such as pilings on the revetment and in the water, sea walls, and exiting for mixed uses. Fred Schott and others recommended we ask our staff what challenges they face and what kind of training they would like to see at the Chapter monthly meetings. If you have further ideas please contact Howie Conroy. Brian Spain suggested jurisdictions email their staff and ask what their training needs are.

Howie Conroy suggested we join the Ventura Chapter as a member. Brian Cowen recommended we approach the Ventura Chapter by giving them an honorary membership to our Chapter and they could do the same for us. No funds would need to be exchanged. Howie Conroy will pursue this avenue for the honorary membership and report back.

**Closing comments/ Adjourn**