

2009

President: Will Foss
Vice President: Jim Zicaro
Secretary: Mehdi Shadyab
Treasurer: Phil Scattergood
Past President: Pat Healy

Meeting Location:
 City of San Diego, Development Services
 9601 Ridgehaven Court, San Diego, 1st Floor Auditorium

Meeting Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

1. Call to Order

President Will Foss called the meeting to order at 8:41 A.M..

2. Roll Call

<u>Building Official</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Will Foss	Carlsbad	X	
Lou El-Khazen	Chula Vista	X	
David Calvani	Coronado		X
Clay Westling	County of San Diego	X	
Mark Beauchamp	Del Mar	X	
Dan Pavao	El Cajon	X	
Bob Williams	El Centro		X
Mark Beauchamp	Encinitas	X	
Joe Russo	Escondido	X	
Ed Wilczak	Imperial Beach		X
Jessie Wu	La Mesa		X
Mark Beauchamp	Lemon Grove	X	
Luis Sainz	National City	X	
Jim Zicaro	Oceanside	X	
Richard Esgate	Poway	X	
Afsaneh Ahmadi	City of San Diego	X	
Carl Blaisdell	San Marcos		X
Richard Esgate	Santee	X	
Mark Beauchamp	Solana Beach	X	
Rick Snider	Vista	X	

Chapter Executive Officers in Attendance

President	Will Foss	City of Carlsbad
Vice President	Jim Zicaro (Absent)	City of Oceanside
Secretary	Mehdi Shadyab	City of San Diego
Treasurer	Philip Scattergood	City of Oceanside

Associate Members and Guests

Rich Geary, Hoover Treated Wood products
 Ali Fattah, City of San Diego
 Mike Kratz, City of Vista
 Nancy Martinez, City of San Diego
 Gina Adams, RCP Block & Brick
 Patrick Healy, County of San Diego

Jeff Landon, FBC Building Solutions
 Marsha Larsen, San Miguel Fire
 Ron Carter, Keyline Sales
 Ken Bell, Simpson Strong-Tie

3. **Approval of Minutes** :

- Approval of Minutes from meeting of July 21, 2009.....(Approved as amended).

4. **Treasurer's Report:** [Philip Scattergood]

The treasurer reported:

- Checking balance of: \$ 4,072.05
- Saving balance of: \$ 22,111.47

- Total balance of: \$ 26,183.52(Approved as submitted).

5. **Committee Reports**

a. **Executive:** [Chair: Will Foss]

- Mehdi Shadyab has proposed an amendment to the Chapter Bylaws.
 - Mehdi Shadyab: The proposed amendment to the bylaws is to also allow 'Affiliate Members' to serve in the position of Secretary and Treasurer, in addition to governmental and associate members. A draft copy of this proposal has been emailed to jurisdiction's building officials for review and consideration.
 - Will Foss: The addition of affiliate members to serve as the secretary and treasurer will give the Chapter more flexibility to nominate more qualified members who desire to serve in those capacities. As you are all aware, last year we had members who were qualified and were interested to serve as the treasurer but could not, because they were affiliate members.
 - Mark Beauchamp: The affiliate member serving as the secretary or treasurer will not then be eligible to be elevated to vice president and president. Is this correct?
 - Will Foss: Yes. This is correct. However, if the secretary or treasurer is a governmental or associate member, they will be eligible to elevate to the positions of vice president and the president.
 - Joe Russo moved to approve the amendment to the Chapter bylaws as proposed.
 - ❖ Ali Fattah: Seconded.
 - ❖ The amendment to the Chapter bylaws as proposed was approved unanimously by the governmental members present.
- Pat Healy: Concerning the term of election of the officers, suggest eliminating the 'one-year' requirement, so that incumbent officers could continue serving in the same capacity.
 - Will Foss: Since there is no requirement for term limit in the Chapter bylaws, a current officer may get nominated and re-elected to serve for another term. Therefore, there will be no need to make any revisions to the current 'one-year' term in the bylaws.
- Status of PEX: No new information is available on the Court's PEX ruling.

b. **Codes:** [Chair: Ali Fattah]

- The committee met on August 12, 2009. Here is some of the issues discussed:
 - Corridors: City of San Diego's BNL 10-2 Corridors.
 - Conventional construction.
 - 2010 CBC and CRC: SFM, HCD, BSC amendments, code changes..
 - Are Hoist way doors listed assemblies in light of Section 706.7 and Exception 3? If elevator doors are not tested to ASTM E119, width of door can be no more than 25% of length of wall.

c. **Disaster Preparedness:** [Chair: Dan Pavao]

- No report.
- Dan Pavao requested to have a first alternate assigned.

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- Ali Fattah: This is an alternate to OES call-out. Ali will check with Martin Montessoro, Senior Structural Inspector, City of San Diego, to see if he would be interested in serving as the first alternate.
- d. **Education and training:** [Chair: Gina Adams]
- HCD seminar was well received and presented.
 - Gina Adams asked the membership for subjects of interest desired to have a seminar or workshop.
 - Mehdi Shadyab: Due to the present financial situation and economic impact on the department, City of San Diego currently has a freeze on training expense which City has to pay for staff. City will not pay for any training seminars or workshop. This may also be true for many other jurisdictions as well. The Chapter should offer seminars/workshops free of charge to members. As for subjects of interest, we should concentrate on offering new topics such as Chapter 7A, PEX, Green Building Standards, etc.. As with other familiar topics such as fire-resistive construction, exiting, disabled access etc. City of San Diego will not send any staff for training, due to reasons that staff has had many hours of training on such subjects.
 - Ali Fattah: we should take advantage of the seminars offered for free by ICC.
 - Dan Pavao: ICC-San Diego Area Chapter should cover the cost of the instructor and offer the seminars for free to the membership.
 - Members are requested to send an email to Gina Adams identifying the topics of interest which they want to receive training on.
- e. **Electrical:** [Chair: Nancy Martinez]
- The Committee met on August 6, 2009. Here is some of the issues discussed:
 - City of San Diego Inspection Safety Policy: the City's Inspection Services Division has developed a plan that will be implemented upon assessment and review by an outside third party safety consultant.
 - Concentrated Photovoltaic Systems: Concentrated PV is a newer technology for which UL standards are being developed. Several installations are in development in Arizona, California and New Mexico.
 - Placard for PV Systems: there is a discrepancy in the placard requirements for PV systems as posted in the ICC-SD SDAENLs and SDGE's SS&G. The Chapter's website shows the inverter and the SDGE's placard does not. Members present were in agreement that the inverter location should be shown.
 - DC Circuit identification interior of buildings: there is no defined acceptable method of labeling. Inspectors have seen stickers, zip-tied labels, duct tape, etc.. The Cal-Fire guidelines have additional requirements for identifying these circuits in exterior locations.
 - Racking systems: Solar City-Is this system acceptable for bonding of PV systems? If the listing includes the installation instructions.
 - Water submeters: at least one multifamily project has been replacing private meters. New meters are of nonmetallic construction and therefore bonding around these meters is required to maintain continuity of the metallic water piping system bonding.
 - Does an adjustable trip 480V circuit breaker, 1000A frame, require GFI testing set at 900A? Yes, per CEC Section 230.95.
 - Ali Fattah: Motion to form a joint ad-hoc committee of ICC-San Diego area Chapter and the San Diego County fire prevention officers to discuss and make recommendations on the State Fire Marshal's photo voltaic guidelines.
 - Pat Healy seconded. Motion approved.
 - Dan Pavao volunteered to chair this joint ad-hoc committee.
 - Pat Healy will participate. Will Foss and Lou El-Khazen stated that they will ask their respective fire marshal if they want to participate in this committee.
- f. **Green Building:** [Chair: Will Foss]
- No report.

- g. **Plumbing / Mechanical:** [Chair: James Pine] Reported by Jeff Landon
- The Committee met on August 5, 2009. Here is some of the issues discussed:
 - Grey water: There was an “emergency adoption” of code language regarding the use of gray water by the BSC/HCD.
 - PEX adoption: Effective August 1, 2009, use of PEX is an approved material in the body of the California Plumbing Code.
In the presentation by Mario Orlando of Nibco it was stated that there are no installation standards for PEX, so installation requirements fall back on the manufacturer’s installation instructions. The Plastic Pipe Fitting Association (PPFA) makes an installation handbook that is intended to cover all brands.
 - Fire ratings: Transition fittings (specially copper transition sub outs) in a fire wall. CPC Section 1505.4 states that when piping penetrates a rated assembly, combustible piping shall not be connected to non-combustible piping unless the specific insulating or covering material has been tested as part of penetrating firestop system.
 - ❖ Ali Fattah: This requirement is already in the code.
 - Sizing of water systems: When using Table 6.6 it does not matter what piping material (listed in Table 6-4) you are using. CPC 610.9 provides the guidelines for using Table 6-6 and it does not differentiate between any of the approved materials listed in Table 6-4.
 - AB 1953: At the low lead/lead free conference it was reported that most manufacturers will comply with this new law when it goes into effect, and that it should only affect “potable water systems”, and only fixtures that disperse “drinking water”. There is no consistency in marketing that is state compliance.
 - Training Announcements:
 - ❖ September 16, 2009: CA plumbing and Mechanical Inspection Seminar. For more information contact David Gans at (760) 801-0327.
 - ❖ September 17, 2009: Inspectors Get Trained in CSST, PEX, CPVC, PE Pipe. For more information contact David Gans at (760) 801-0327.
- h. **Special Inspections:** [Chair: Mehdi Shadyab]
- No report.
- i. **Valuation:** [Chair: Ali Fattah]
- No report.

6. Communications

- a. **Chapter President’s Report:** [Will Foss]
- No Report.
- b. **CALBO Report:** [Dan Pavao]
- Does the Chapter membership have any interest in committing to another charity remodeling project for a family in need of assistance? The membership present stated that they are interested to volunteer assistance in the form of time and labor.
 - Will Foss: Dan Pavao to present to the Chapter a few charity remodeling projects for evaluation and consideration. Consideration should be given to projects which can get done in a few weekends by the volunteers.
 - Mehdi Shadyab: In order for the Chapter to give any consideration, such charity remodeling project should be based on humanitarian reasons and purpose.
 - International Residential Code is targeted for adoption on January, 1, 2011.
 - CALBO was requested to give support for having the plan check and inspections of schools performed at the local level by the building departments. CALBO has responded by wanting to stay neutral on this issue.
 - A proposal to Building standards Commission for the appointment of building official position for each of state agencies.
- c. **ICC Report:**

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- No report.

d. **Legislative:** [Jim Zicaro]

- No report.

7. **Old Business:**

- None.

8. **New Business:**

- None.

9. **Question of the Month:**

- None.

10. **Good of the Order/Uniform Code Interpretations**

- Ali Fattah: Effective August 27, 2009, City of San Diego will start enforcing the requirements of Materials And Construction Methods For Exterior Wildfire Exposure as set forth in Chapter 7A of the 07 CBC based on the fire hazard severity map as adopted by City Council, set forth in the Ordinance number 19885.
- Luis Sainz: Paper towel dispensers require reasonable amount of pinching to dispense paper towels which is not allowed per the disabled access provisions. Does any jurisdiction enforce this requirement? Jurisdictions present stated that they have neither heard of such requirement, nor enforce it.
- Nancy Martinez: How many jurisdictions keep or discard the notices written during the construction? Jurisdictions present stated that the construction notices are discarded after the construction is completed and passed final inspection.

11. **Adjournment**

President Will Foss adjourned the meeting at 11:27 A.M..

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Mehdi Shadyab

Mehdi Shadyab, P.E., J.D.
Secretary, ICC-San Diego Area Chapter

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