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2005 OFFICERS: Patricia Kutzmann, President;
Dennis Corbett, Vice-President; Tom Whisler, Secretary;
Larry Ford, Treasurer; Brent Hipsher, Immediate Past-President

MINUTES

Meeting of July 6, 2005

- 1 CALL TO ORDER
 - .01 The meeting was called to order by President Patricia Kutzmann at 10:15 AM with 22 members present. Self-introductions followed.

- 2 CHAPTER BUSINESS
 - .01 Approval of minutes
Minutes of the June Tri-Chapter meeting were not taken.

 - .02 Old Business
No old business.

 - .03 New Business
No new business.

 - .04 Announcements
Wing Lau has been named Director of Permit Services, San Francisco.

City of Milpitas is recruiting a Permit Center Manager, and Building Inspector (special assignment).

City of Palo Alto is recruiting a Building Inspector.

 - .05 Treasurer's Report
Treasurer's report for the month of June was presented and accepted.

 - .06 Code Discussion
Brent Hipsher: Discussion of braising versus soldering of fittings in refrigeration lines. IMC requires soldered fittings. Failures would cause refrigerant to escape into the atmosphere.

Patricia Kutzmann: Good idea to required nailing schedule to be placed on plans

- especially owner/builder residential projects.

Keyvan Irannejad: How are number of restroom fixtures determined? Tables in CBC and CPC are not in agreement. IBC and IPC use the same tables.

Suggests a common interpretation for the Tri-Chapter jurisdictions. Sheila Lee: Made a suggestion to not adopt a table. State agencies are currently considering this issue and CALBO may submit a comment to adopt a common table.

Wang Lau: Unisex restrooms being proposed more often in San Francisco. Under what conditions should they be accepted? Some designs are separate stalls with a common lavatory area.

Fred Herman: Gray water usage is being proposed more often. Appendix Chapters G and G-1 are being cited. A special interest group is sending letters to all city managers to encourage its use.

Dennis Richardson: Structural engineers outside California are currently using the provisions of IBC 2003 and are looking forward to the IBC 2006. California has not yet adopted the 2003 provisions.

3 PROGRAM - "Warmboard Radiant Subfloor"

Paul Izenstark introduced his product to the membership. He handed out product samples and copies of the ICC ES Report (ESR-1421), the APA Report T2002Q-37, and manufacturer's brochure. For more information contact Warmboard toll-free at 877-338-5493 or check their website www.warmboard.com.

4 COMMITTEE REPORTS

.01 Code Changes - John LaTorra:

All changes have been submitted. Small modifications were made to some to clarify the intent of the proposed change. Look for the publication about August 24th. It has not yet been determined who will speak on each proposal.

.02 Legislative - Dennis Corbett

CALBO's website is not current. Check back for updates. Sheila Lee is chair of CALBO's Legislative Committee. Specific legislation discussed was:

SB 1025, which amends the Fair Employment and Housing Act to require that construction of multilevel townhomes, for which a construction permit is issued on or after 7/1/05, include construction of 10 % of the units, that has an accessible bathroom on the primary entry level floor and that meets existing accessibility requirements for mobility impaired persons. Provides that "discrimination" includes, but is not limited to, a failure to design and construct 10 %

of the multistory dwelling units in buildings without an elevator that consists of at least four condominium dwelling units or at least three rental apartment units in a manner that incorporates an accessible route to the primary entry level entrance and that meets the requirements in existing law with respect to the ground floor, at least one bathroom on the primary entry level, and the public and common areas. In multistory dwelling units in buildings without elevators, the "primary entry level entrance" means the principal entrance through which most people enter the dwelling unit, as designated by the California Building Standards Code or, if not designated by California Building Standards Code, by the building official. To determine the total number of multistory dwelling units subject to this subdivision, all multistory dwelling units subject to this subdivision on a site shall be considered collectively. This provision shall not be construed to require an elevator within an individual multistory dwelling unit or within a building subject to the provisions of this bill. This subdivision shall apply only to multistory dwelling units in a building for which an application for a construction permit is submitted on or after July 1, 2005.

and, AB 304 which defines wood-frame multi-unit residential buildings where the ground floor is constructed as a soft story as potentially hazardous if an earthquake occurs and would require them to be seismically retrofitted to comply with specified standards.

.03 Special Inspection - Keyvan Irannejad

A meeting of the Special Inspection Committee will be held tomorrow (July 7, 2005) in Milpitas to determine the future direction of the committee. Hanson Tom: It is a very useful committee that benefits all Tri-Chapter jurisdictions.

Keyvan Irannejad: The committee will discuss bringing a specific proposal to the Chapters next month. Dennis Corbett: Requested the latest list of recognized companies be e-mailed to all jurisdictions which could be used through the end of the year. He suggested that for those companies whose approval has expired, each jurisdiction should use their judgment. Keyvan Irannejad: Best procedure is to check special inspector's identification cards at the job site.

.04 Education - Dennis Corbett

A class to present the major changes to the California Energy Code is scheduled for August 3, 2005 at the City of Milpitas. Some members pointed out the conflict with the Chapter's August meeting, and to better coordinate educational seminars so as not to conflict with Tri-Chapter business.

.05 Membership Services - Patricia Kutzmann

Asked for the Chapter's interest in holding an upcoming chapter meeting

outdoors, similar to the meeting held last year at Mountain View's Cuesta Park. It was suggested that the start time could be later in the day. It was discussed to invite the East Bay Chapter to participate. September 7th and 14th were mentioned as possible dates.

.06 Resolutions

.07 Tri-Chapter Code Adoption and Interpretations - Dennis Richardson

The subcommittee on wood preservatives will meet on a date to be determined. It was discussed that the Tri-Chapter Code Adoption Committee and Uniform Interpretation Committee work closely with the Silicon Valley Economic Development Alliance, as their goals are aligned. John LaTorra presented the four objectives of the combined group:

- 1) Support timely adoption by the State of California of the ICC family of codes;
- 2) Promote the timely adoption of the California amendments to the Codes, with the fewest amendments consistent with public safety;
- 3) Sponsor regional coordination among cities and counties in the Silicon Valley for the local adoption of the Codes, with the fewest amendments consistent with public safety; and
- 4) Sponsor regional coordination among cities and counties in Silicon Valley for consistent and business-friendly transition to the new Codes.

The four points were supported by the Monterey Chapter last month. The Peninsula Chapter voted to support the goals. The East Bay will consider supporting the goals at their Chapter meeting next week.

5 OTHER REPORTS

.01 ICC - John LaTorra

ICC has published a report on the results of the World Trade Center collapse. It may generate code changes to high-rise structures and the use of elevators during a major fire. In Florida, hurricane zones were established, similar to California's seismic zones. Florida Governor Jeb Bush exempted some areas from new requirements. New York City will be on all the ICC codes by July 2006. In Texas, the ICC 2003 edition was adopted. Similarly, the ICC codes were adopted statewide in Iowa. The ICC 2005 ABM, to be held in Detroit, looks like it will be widely attended. John announced that Leslie R. Haberek is now the ICC liaison for California. Contact her in Sacramento at 916-497-0297 and LHaberek@ICCsafe.org. Internationally, ICC signed an agreement with Mexico to develop a nationwide residential code. Enforcement will be a key benefit. For education, ICC wants to coordinate training in the northern California area with CALBO (CTI), IAPMO and other code enforcement associations 1 to 2 years in advance. They will work from the more general topics and phase in the more specific subjects of the IBC, IRC, IPC, IMC and NEC. John's term as ICC Director will expire this year and he will be seeking reelection.

.02 CALBO - Sheila Lee

The CALBO Board will meet at the end of July.

.03 International Evaluation Service
No report.

.04 IAEI
No report.

.05 IAS - Sheila Lee
Announced that IAS is active in the Las Vegas area in certifying special inspection agencies. They are also looking at certifying Building offices, scoring them as was recently done by ISO. She explained there are advantages to being certified: bragging rights, to inform the public of the professionalism of their building department, and greater uniformity in the administration and operation of building departments nationwide.

6 OTHER BUSINESS
None.

7 ADJOURNMENT - Patricia Kutzmann
.01 President Kutzmann adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Whisler
Secretary