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

General Membership Meeting
September 14, 2005
Central Park, Fremont, California

1 CALL TO ORDER

.01 The combined meeting of the Peninsula and East Bay chapters was called to order by President Patricia Kutzmann at 10:15 AM.

2 CHAPTER BUSINESS

.01 Approval of minutes - Tom Whisler
Peninsula Chapter minutes were not distributed for review and approval. Check Peninsula website (www.iccpeninsula.org) for August minutes. Both August and September minutes will be presented for review and approval at the October Chapter meeting.

.02 Old Business
No old business discussed.

.03 New Business
No new business discussed.

.04 Announcements
No announcements made.

.05 Treasurer's Report - Larry Ford
No treasurer's report presented.

.06 Code Discussion
No code discussion discussed.

3 PROGRAM

No program presented.

4 COMMITTEE REPORTS

.01 Code Changes - John LaTorra:

John reviewed the Tri-Chapter recommendations for amendments to ICC's family of codes. The list is divided into three groupings: chapter submittals, additional items (of interest that we took a position on), and items to watch (of possible interest, but have not taken a position).

Simpson Strong-Tie representatives asked that the committee take a position of support for item RB 164 - braced wall panels. Simpson expressed their concern that the testing done did not reflect real conditions: that corner conditions were improperly simulated and panel widths were too narrow. They suggested a better test scenario should be developed. Much debate followed: members positions was that the test conditions were not too far off field conditions, and would evaluate the presentation in Detroit before deciding their vote.

John continued with: item RB 63 - explaining that it has to do with fire sprinklers; item RB 194 - would support if applied only to reroofing work; item M 82 - was withdrawn by proponent; item RB 164 - explained that the 16" wide panel could be anywhere in a building including first and second floors.

The Vulcraft group asked to discuss item S 151. They presented four reasons why including "... building official ..." in who may request an engineer's stamp and signature on steel joist layout plans. Most members thought the building official should be able to require the engineer's stamp and signature, and including the reference here does not dilute the building official's authority in Section 104. S 165 is a companion item for wood joist products.

Members made a motion, which was seconded, to support the review committee's positions on the proposed amendments to the ICC codes. It was unanimously approved.

.02 Legislative - Dennis Corbett
No report presented.

.03 Special Inspection - Keyvan Irannejad
No report presented.

.04 Education - Dennis Corbett
No report presented.

.05 Membership Services - Patricia Kutzmann
No report presented.

.06 Resolutions
No report presented.

- .07 Tri-Chapter Code Adoption and Interpretations - Dennis Richardson
No report presented.

5 OTHER REPORTS

- .01 ICC - John LaTorra

John began his presentation with a question: Has anyone read the IAPMO or ICC website lately? The point was that ICC and IAPMO have issued press releases announcing a MOU that describes a partnership to jointly develop and publish new Plumbing and Mechanical codes. Development will begin in 2006 and they hope to publish a new Plumbing and Mechanical codes by 2009 for use nation-wide. Agreeing on a procedure for membership voting was the key hurdle that was jumped. Details have not yet been announced, but the subjects of fuel gas and IRC plumbing and mechanical sections are not a part of this agreement. Later, ICC hopes to announce a similar MOU with NFPA to develop and publish a joint Electrical code. Look and listen for more details at the ICC 2005 ABM.

William Schock added that the plumbers' union is no longer interested in spending its money, time and effort on "code wars".

[The fog cleared and the sun shined through in Fremont at 10:34 AM.]

James Lee Witt was hired by the State of Louisiana to spearhead them recover from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Details are sketchy, but it's thought that an ad hoc regional government will be established to guide recovery efforts.

- .02 CALBO - William Schock for Sheila Lee

CALBO and ICC will develop a certification program for the California codes. Tests should be available on-line later this year. Certification categories will include Permit Technician.

California OES has declared a Stage One alert of its safety assessment program- locate resources available for use. Dick Stubbendorf (City of Santa Cruz) is the regional coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering, you may request a specific area or accept a general assignment. The typical commitment is for 5 - 10 days.

The combined CALBO and Fire Chiefs' code review committee is expecting their first draft addressing SFMO amendments to be published by February 01, 2006. The purpose is to quicken the process of adopting new California Building Codes. Each proposed amendment is checked against a rigorous nine-point checklist, and will be debated in committee to facilitate the adoption process. There is a coordinating committee that reviews the work of all subcommittees to assure consistent amendments. It's expected that when the CBSC convenes, all current codes will be eliminated, new model codes will be adopted, then all amendments will be considered.

.03 International Evaluation Service -
No report presented.

.04 IAEI -
No report presented.

.05 IAS - Sheila Lee
No report presented.

6 OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business was introduced.

7 ADJOURNMENT

.01 President Kutzmann adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Whisler
Secretary