



**Peninsula Chapter**  
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## **International Code Council**

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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  
October 5, 2005  
Mariani's Restaurant  
Santa Clara, California

### **1 CALL TO ORDER**

.01 The meeting was called to order by President Patricia Kutzmann at 10:20 AM, with 13 members present. Self-introductions followed.

### **2 CHAPTER BUSINESS**

.01 Approval of minutes - Tom Whisler  
Minutes for the August and September general membership meetings were distributed for review. A vote by the membership approved the August minutes as amended, and September minutes as submitted.

.02 Old Business  
None

.03 New Business  
John LaTorra asked other jurisdictions what they were doing about naming a code enforcement hearing officer. He suggested that Peninsula Chapter Building Officials agree to a "mutual aid" concept to help each other by accepting a request from another jurisdiction to be the hearing officer. "Good idea" was heard around the room.

.04 Announcements  
It was announced that, at the ABM in Detroit, John LaTorra was elected to serve a three-year term on the ICC Board of Directors. John thanked everyone, both those at the ABM and others throughout his career, for their support.

.05 Treasurer's Report - Larry Ford

The Treasurer's report was distributed for review. A vote by the membership approved the report as submitted.

.06 Code Discussion  
None.

### 3 PROGRAM

"Misconceptions About Ventilation"  
by Darren Wilkinson, from Lomanco - The world's largest manufacturer of residential and light commercial attic or crawlspace ventilators. They offer Ventilation Workshops in the Sacramento area. Call them at 916-339-0549 or check their website (<http://www.Lomanco.com>).

### 4 COMMITTEE REPORTS

.01 Code Changes - John LaTorra:  
John LaTorra said that the results of the code development hearing at the Detroit ABM were on the ICC website. He commented that our chapter did not get as many changes passed as expected. Patricia Kutzmann noted that there were not many attendees from California - 92 registered, but only 5 were voting members. LaTorra stated that California needs to get back into the code development process. John Taecker suggested politicking with other chapters. Kutzmann thought that greater representation is needed, and noted that many members voted "no change". LaTorra announced that the next ICC Code Development Hearing will be September 17 - 30, 2006 at Lake Buena Vista, FL, and the next Final Action Hearing will be September 14 - 20, 2008 in Minneapolis, MN.

.02 Legislative - Dennis Corbett  
None.

.03 Special Inspection - Keyvan Irannejad  
None.

.04 Education - Dennis Corbett  
John LaTorra said that ICC, CalBO and local chapters will be coordinating training schedules efficiently offer classes to members. He also thinks that California is falling behind in ICC training. Peninsula Chapter's Education Committee is currently understaffed and therefore not as active as it could be. LaTorra encouraged members to volunteer for this committee as it will become more important as California's ICC code adoption nears. He is working with the Sacramento Valley Chapter's Education Committee (which has about 15 members) to boost California's training effort. Both ICC and CalBO will post chapter training schedules on their websites. ICC is offering excellent training in Sacramento, CA from March 20 - 22, 2006. Check their website for a schedule

and registration. CalBO will also be offering new training on the I-codes. Check the Peninsula, East Bay and Monterey Chapter websites for their offerings. It was suggested that better advertising would increase attendance - targeting architects and professional engineers. Sheila Lee noted that CalBO's Education Week was breaking records in Concord, CA this week.

.05 Membership Services - Patricia Kutzmann

Patricia Kutzmann noted that the bi-chapter meeting and picnic was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to the chefs! This is an event that we would like to encourage as much as possible.

.06 Resolutions  
None.

.07 Tri-Chapter Code Adoption and Interpretations - Dennis Richardson  
None.

## 5 OTHER REPORTS

.01 ICC - John LaTorra

John LaTorra said that ICC is serious about improving the Annual Business Meetings - any suggestion for improvement will be forwarded to the right person at ICC for consideration in developing the next ABM. One recommended item is the ability to dual-track or multi-track educational classes.

LaTorra discussed some the terms of the September 28, 2005 MOA between IAPMO and ICC (check either's website for more information-ICC's is [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org), and IAPMO's is [www.iapmo.org](http://www.iapmo.org)). They definitely want to consolidate the plumbing codes and mechanical codes, and are also considering AGA's Fuel Gas Code and NFPA's National Electrical Code. Hopefully, moving in this direction will end, or at least reduce, the turf battles of recent years. John summarized a few of the agreed upon principles:

\* They agree to work cooperatively and in good faith as discussions proceed.

\* A Governmental Consensus process will be used to create and maintain the codes. Specific details of how this will happen are yet to be determined.

\* ICC and IAPMO will hold joint code development hearings to develop and maintain the codes. IAPMO wants to maintain its identity and not be overshadowed by ICC.

\* The new codes will be jointly owned.

John's goal, as an ICC Director, is to complete this process. A "... high-level, face-to-face meeting ..." is scheduled for November 19, 2005.

.02 CALBO - Sheila Lee

Lee reported that CALBO was able to send volunteers to Mississippi to assist with assessing the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. For others interested in volunteering, please contact CALBO regional coordinator Dick Stubendorff at 909-736-2250.

CALBO is sponsoring a booth at the next League of Cities conference to strengthen alliances with their organization.

John Miller (County of Riverside) has replaced Tony Elmo as a member of the Contractors State License Board.

The Wildland Urban Interface model code is available for comment. The document will not become effective until 2008.

The next CALBO ABM will be held in the Palm Springs area the week of February 27, 2006.

.03 International Evaluation Service -  
No report.

.04 International Association of Electrical Inspectors - John LaTorra  
The Southwest Section held their annual meeting October 16 - 20, 2005 in Albuquerque, NM. The 2006 meeting will be held October 15 - 19, 2006 in San Diego, CA. The Northern California Chapter will hold their meeting November 16, 2005 in the south bay area.

Check their website ([www.iaei.org](http://www.iaei.org)) for current information, including training opportunities.

.05 International Accreditation Service, Inc. - Sheila Lee  
With AISC, IAS is pursuing joint accreditation of fabrication shops. The Building Inspection Office accreditation has received ten applications, none from California. IAS is looking for evaluators to participate in the accreditation process. For more information, check their website ([www.iasonline.org](http://www.iasonline.org)).

## 6 OTHER BUSINESS

John LaTorra asked that all members respond to the local survey regarding minimum number of plumbing fixtures.

## 7 ADJOURNMENT

.01 President Kutzmann adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Whisler  
Secretary