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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  
November 2, 2005  
Mariani's Restaurant  
2500 El Camino Real  
Santa Clara, California

### 1 CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2 CHAPTER BUSINESS

.01 Approval of minutes - Tom Whisler

Minutes of the October meeting were not available for review. They will be presented at the December meeting.

.02 Old Business

The Town of Woodside extended the application period for Senior Building Inspector.

.03 New Business

Dennis Corbett announced that the 2006 Chapter Officers' Installation Dinner will be held Friday, January 20th at the [Arrivederci Restaurant](#) (487 Seaport Court, Redwood City 94063). The event will start with drinks at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner at 7:00 PM, and the installation ceremony at 8:00 PM. Cost will be \$25 per person.

.04 Announcements

None presented.

.05 Treasurer's Report - Larry Ford

The October treasurer's report was not available for review. It will be presented at the December meeting.

.06 Code Discussion

The 2005 California Energy Code became effective on October 1, 2005. A summary of changes is available on their website - check [www.energy.ca.gov/title24](http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24) for more information.

On the issue of a narrow and deep commercial space, the separation of two required means of egress was discussed. Consensus was to use an Exit Passageway per CBC Section 1005.3.4.

For a building that straddles a county boundary line (or any jurisdictional boundary line), consensus was to work it out between jurisdictions. All relevant offices should be involved, including the Fire Departments.

Developers that want foundation-only permits for the garage portion of a "podium" building should negotiate an agreement with the Building Official that includes "at-risk" and "no liability" clauses.

For high-density residential (R1) buildings that exit from the second story to grade using stairways, the stairway shall not project into required setbacks as described in CBC Section 1006.1.

### 3 PROGRAM

No program was scheduled.

### 4 COMMITTEE REPORTS

.01 Code Changes - John LaTorra:

Results of the ICC Code Hearing are posted on the ICC website ([www.iccsafe.org/](http://www.iccsafe.org/)). The time to start the next round of code changes is soon.

UWI code was adopted at the state level, but will not be effective until 2008. Each jurisdiction, especially those with urban-wildland conditions, should consider adopting at the local level before 2008. Local CALBO chapters should encourage Fire Prevention Officers to work through the Tri-Chapter Code process to develop regional requirements. The preference is to use the state version, not the ICC version, as the base document with minor modifications.

.02 Legislative - Dennis Corbett

No report.

.03 Special Inspection - Keyvan Irannejad

Discussion of Chapter's options was started: 1) dissolve committee effective January 2006, defer to IAS or each jurisdiction shall manage their own program; 2) restart the committee with insurance to protect the chapter; or 3) a few member cities get together and develop a website that other cities may use. Chapter insurance rates were discussed - costs for liability insurance could run \$10,000 - \$13,000. Committee membership burnout issue was discussed - new members are needed and their jurisdictions need to support their participation. Each Chapter should pledge three new committee members - equaling a total of nine members. Fees should be charged to cover their expenses, including

insurance premiums and costs of doing business. Kutzmann said she would contact the East Bay and Monterey Chapters for their opinions and report back in December.

.04 Education - Dennis Corbett

Recently scheduled classes were canceled due to low sign-up levels. John Taecker volunteered to be a member of the Education Committee, and challenged others to do the same. We are coming upon a critical time with the imminent adoption of the I-Codes and our general unfamiliarity with them. The interest in CALBO Education Week was cited as encouraging with about 925 pre-registered for the Concord classes and about 1200 for the Ontario classes. The goal of Peninsula Chapter is to sponsor classes every 2 - 3 months. The focus should be on the IBC, IRC (though lagging somewhat by HCD), and IFC. It is possible that the IBC may be adopted in May 2007, published in December 2007, and may become effective as early as June 2008.

.05 Membership Services - Patricia Kutzmann

Kutzmann brought up the subject of raising dues, and encouraging more building office staff to become members. We may consider a new membership structure with each jurisdiction being a member with one representative, and as many staff members as may want to attend. Voting membership would have to be addressed.

.06 Resolutions - Daniel Kostelec.  
No report.

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

## 5 OTHER REPORTS

.01 ICC - John LaTorra

LaTorra distributed a handout with his report summarized. (See attachment.) LaTorra emphasized the need for training - of our own members and staffs, architects and engineers, fire marshals and code enforcement personnel.

.02 CALBO - Sheila Lee  
No report.

.03 International Evaluation Service -  
No report.

.04 International Association of Electrical Inspectors - John LaTorra  
No report.

.05 International Accreditation Service, Inc. - Sheila Lee  
IAS is accepting applications for certification of Building Inspection Offices.  
For more information, check their website ([www.iasonline.org](http://www.iasonline.org)).

**6 OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**7 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Whisler  
Secretary