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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
December 7, 2005
Mariani's Restaurant
2500 El Camino Real
Santa Clara, California

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dennis Corbett (Redwood City) at 10:15 AM with 21 members present. Self-introductions followed.

2 CHAPTER BUSINESS

2.01 Approval of minutes - Tom Whisler

Minutes of the October and November meetings were presented and approved.

2.02 Old Business

Brent Hipsher (Milpitas) referred to a recent letter from CCTA which contained a procedure on how to assess participating special inspection and testing agencies. The Peninsula Chapter had decided not to go in that direction; they want to keep the review and listing process at the local level. Brent said that Keyvan Irannejad (Milpitas) wants this. Dennis Richardson (San Jose) said if the Tri-Chapter is not doing anything, he wants San Jose to take the lead. He also invited other jurisdictions to join San Jose's committee. However, he first supports the Tri-Chapter to become active. Hanson Tom (San Francisco) said he would like San Francisco to be active in either case. Brent Hipsher said the same for Milpitas.

Dennis Richardson announced that if the Tri-Chapter does not reconstitute itself, San Jose will begin meeting in January on a date to be determined. Other interested jurisdictions are invited to attend. They will consider reciprocity with IAS, but noted that their process is very slow. Sheila Lee (Santa Clara) agreed, saying that they should not be considered until they approve more companies.

2.03 New Business

Dennis Corbett announced the date, time and location of the installation dinner: Friday, January 20, 2006 at Arrivederci Restaurant (487 Seaport Court, Redwood City 94063). The evening will begin with a social hour at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner at 7:00 PM and the installation ceremony at 8:00 PM. The evening will cost \$25 per person.

Nomination Committee Chairman Brent Hipsher announced the slate for the 2006 election of officers: Dennis Corbett for President, Tom Whisler (County of Santa Clara) for Vice President, Larry Ford (Morgan Hill) for Secretary, and Dennis Richardson for Treasurer. It was moved and seconded to unanimously approve the ballot as presented. Motion passed. Congratulations to the newly elected officers.

2.04 Announcements

John Taecker (UL) announced the new location of UL:
Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
455 East Trimble Road
San Jose, CA 95131-1230
website: www.ul.com

John's new contact information is:
telephone 408 754 6658
fax 408 689 6658
e-mail John.K.Taecker@us.ul.com

Dennis Richardson welcomed John and UL to San Jose.
Dennis announced ICC training on IBC on February 14 - 15, 2006.
Dennis then announced the December 15th retirement of three of his key staff: Scott Troyer, Joe Doody and Barry Keech. He asked that you contact his office for retirement party details, if you're interested.

2.05 Treasurer's Report - Larry Ford

The November treasurer's report was presented and approved.

2.06 Code Discussion

Daniel Kostelec asked for discussion of the following items:

- a coupler nuts used to extend threaded rods.
- b the location of electrical service when the residence is in a floodplain with an expected flood depth of 10 feet.
- c exiting from the third floor of a residence

Fred Cullum asked for discussion of the classification of a steel fabrication shop, suggesting F2 due to the use of open-flame manufacturing processes being similar to open-flame welding.

Brent Hipsher asked for discussion of the use of UPC Appendix Chapters A and L when reviewing multi-dwelling housing projects. He noted that piping could be mis-sized.

Dennis Richardson asked about the use of CSST being used in single-dwelling or multi-dwelling projects. There was a caution of using "mixed" systems of different material types. It was also noted that there are use restrictions to interior walls. Read the conditions of acceptance carefully.

Gale Bate discussed the use of safety film on untreated glass that become "hazardous locations" due to building alterations. An example is the installation of a backyard swimming pool near existing glazed openings.

It was mentioned that all members should monitor the State Building Standards Commission website for the status of proposed changes by all state agencies.

SPEAKER

John Henry, standing in for Leslie Haberek of ICC.

John announced that ICC develop a web-based code development program called “e-solution” and offered it to the State of California. The program will “evolve as we go” depending on feedback from state agencies. The goal is to reduce the time to publication date. The program will begin being used December 9, 2005.

The 2006 IBC and IRC will be “on the street” in February 2006. John said that the 2006 edition is a good one for California to begin using. All the technical provisions have been taken out of the code and are referred to in industry standards, but the design criteria were left in the code. The structural provisions are the state of the art. He suggested that design engineers forget the UBC and learn the IBC. ICC will provide training in California.

The 2007 edition of the California Building Code will be based on the 2006 IBC. John offered a possible timeline for code adoption:

	<u>earliest</u>	<u>probable</u>
Model code ready	Feb 2006	Feb 2006
CA amendments	May 2006	May 2006
Public hearings / approval	May 2007	Nov 2007
CA publish date	July 2007	Feb 2008
(using e-solution)		
Becomes state law	Jan 2008	Aug 2008

John reminded everyone to plan their FY 2008 office budgets for the cost of codes and training, and to include time for local amendments.

Also speaking was Kurt Newick with Home Energy Systems Sales, who discussed a recent study published by the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club. The study surveyed local jurisdictions for the time and cost of a permit to install a specific residential photovoltaic system. The reported times and costs varied widely between jurisdictions. Members told Mr. Newick and the Sierra Club representative that gathering information by telephone may not be reliable. Asking for simple answers to a complex question should have been done in writing and addressed to the jurisdiction’s Building Official. Members stated that private solar energy production is a process that is wholeheartedly supported by all jurisdictions, and permit processing time and costs are being evaluated to facilitate its implementation.

3 COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.01 Code Changes
(Previously discussed.)

3.02 Legislative - Dennis Corbett
Not much happening.

3.03 Special Inspection -
(Previously discussed.)

3.04 Education

John Taecker and Mark Nolf, City of Belmont, will be developing educational offerings for the next six months. ICC is looking for trainers in California.

3.05 Membership Services

The issue of membership dues was brought up. Items discussed included that dues for industry members be raised; and that jurisdiction membership dues be raised and include one representative. Additional staff members dues would be set at a lesser rate to encourage more participation. The question was raised - Could we do more with more money? What would we do with more money? And, Would raising dues discourage membership and participation? Further discussion was postponed until the January 2006 Chapter meeting. Please attend and bring your opinion.

3.06 Resolutions

No report.

3.07 Tri-Chapter Code Adoption and Interpretation

No report.

4 OTHER REPORTS

4.01 ICC

No report.

4.02 CALBO - Sheila Lee

Sheila announced that Education Weeks broke all attendance records which is an indication that members are looking for more educational opportunities. CALBO sent about 50 damage assessors to the hurricane-damaged areas of southern United States. Current support has stopped due to funding problems.

HCD completed their draft of amendments to IBC. CALBO is a stake holder with comments. HCD has the staff to process comments. They are also proposing universal design criteria to be added to the model code. All responsibility would rest with the local jurisdictions. This could create many problems. Check their website for current information.

OSHPD is proposing amendments about the seismic anchoring of equipment in I-1, I-2 and I-3 occupancy classifications.

4.03 International Evaluation Service - Fred Herman

A meeting at the ICC ABM in Detroit was canceled due to the lack of a quorum. A board was set to be more effective.

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4.04 IAEI - John Taecker

The Annual Meeting of the California Electrical Inspectors (also known as the California Section District of the IAEI Southwestern Section) is March 31st and April 1st, 2006. The meeting is in Redding, CA.

There is a Professional Education Day on March 30th, and the Registration materials should be available by the end of January.

4.05 IAS

No report.

5 ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Dennis Corbett adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Whisler, Secretary