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## ICC Peninsula Chapter Meeting April 5, 2006

Mariani's Restaurant, 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, **Tom Whisler** at 10:23 AM. Self introductions followed.

### 2.0 CHAPTER BUSINESS

2.01 Approval of Minutes for Previous Month: Minutes of the February meeting were presented and approved with minor corrections.

2.02 Old Business: **Stephen Lau** was appointed Chapter Webmaster.

2.03 New Business: none

2.04 Announcements: Yosemite Chapter is hosting a golf tournament and requests support. **Dennis Richardson** announced John Chiang is Acting Chief Plan Check Engineer for City of San Jose after Larry Wang's retirement and David Thompson has been promoted to Chief Electrical Inspector after Joe Doody's Retirement. **John LaTorra** announced Redwood City is looking for a Senior Building Inspector and reminded all to attend the Tri-Chapter Educational meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> and the Tri-Chapter meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>. **Joe Cyr** announced a meeting of building officials the last Wednesday of each month at Foster City, City Hall after a noon lunch at Harry's Hoff Brau on Chest Drive in Foster City. **John LaTorra** reported on the building officials meeting with the San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers. San Mateo County is adopting an Urban-Wildland Interface Code. It regulates access, water supply and vegetation ahead of the State emergency provisions.

2.05 Treasurer's Report: The treasurers report will be presented next meeting.

2.06 Code Discussion: **Fred Cullum** reported Rio Vista is working its way through the new California Energy Standards. It seems to be a hardship on small 750 square foot commercial tenants who now on average have to pay \$250 for energy calculations. There was a discussion about ways to streamline the energy approval process for small commercial tenants. **Hansen Tom** indicated San Francisco is requiring structural peer review for high rises 240' and higher.

### 3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.01 Code Changes: **John LaTorra** reported **George Thomas** is coordinating 8 general code change items. **Jim Russell** is working on structural items: for braced wall panels the code is not clear fasteners are required to both the top and bottom plates. Clarification of steel joist shop drawings as required by the building official. **Don Harter** has proposal to deal with frameless shower glass but it is not yet in code language and will need to be modified. **Mark Kliver** has put forth 3 code amendments similar to the State Fire Marshal which limits area increases for sprinklers. Other proposals include the requirement for a 1 hour separation between residential and mixed use; in addition to a previously successful amendment which takes away a previous sprinkler trade-off reducing column protection in high rise construction, a new proposal which also takes away the trade-off for a similar reduction of fire protection in beams framing into columns; and a change to require exterior fire walls to be rated from both sides due to the concern of losing water supply after a major earthquake. **Dennis Richardson** spoke about a change he submitted to clarify smoke dampers are required for penetrations through walls providing an area of refuge forming a horizontal exit.

3.02 Legislative: **Sheila Lee** reported about a scoping meeting with HCD for CPVC pipe and also announced three new members have been appointed to the State Building Standards Commission: Susan Dowdy into the structural engineer position, Christina Jamison in the fire official position and Kim Blackseth in the disabled access position. Sheila indicated there will be an April 10<sup>th</sup> BSC Code Change Committee meeting and an April 24<sup>th</sup> full BSC meeting to consider the 2003 UMC. The Calbo position is to adopt the 2006 UMC and UPC along with the 2006 code adoption process.

3.03 Special Inspection: **Dennis Richardson** spoke of efforts of several jurisdictions to work together to form a special inspection review committee. He announced there would be more discussion at the upcoming Tri-Chapter meeting.

3.04 Education: The next Tri-Chapter ½ day seminar is May 11<sup>th</sup> at Underwriters Laboratory in San Jose. There will be 3 days of training on transition from the UBC to the 2006 IBC. The first is August 22 in Marina on Non-Residential. Training on Residential will follow in San Jose, date TBA, and Non-Residential will repeat in San Leandro, date TBA.

3.05 Membership Services: There was a discussion of the chapter report being due soon at ICC.

3.06 Resolutions: none

3.07 Tri-Chapter Uniform Code Adoption and Interpretations: **Dennis Richardson** reported there is not much to do on code adoptions and interpretations until the State code

adoption. Most of his efforts have been to work as one of the Calbo representatives on the SFM Core Committee. **Stephan Kiefer** chaired that committee. Dennis reported those code recommendations are going to the Building Standards Commission on time. **Mark Kluver** also participated heavily in the process. There was a considerable level of collaboration and compromise between Calbo representatives and members of the fire service. As the state codes move forward there will be a need for the code change committee and the adoption and interpretation committee to work together.

#### 4.0 OTHER REPORTS

4.01 ICC: **John LaTorra** reported James Lee Witt will be leaving ICC in the future and they are working on a transition plan. The upcoming 2006 ABM is September 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> in Lake Buena Vista, FL and the code change hearings will follow at the same location September 20<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>. The 2007 ABM will be in Reno September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup>. ICC is working on a prototype electronic voting process for attendees at the conference. The recent Codes Forum in Sacramento was a success. There will be a meeting April 20<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> in Denver. **William Schock** is working on the ICC Governance Committee.

4.02 CALBO: **Sheila Lee** reported the March Calbo ABM was successful with 400 Attendees. The Code Forum held in Sacramento was well received. Upcoming training events include July 17-20 at the Modesto Doubletree Inn, and October 2-6 in Concord. It was announced May 7-13 is California Building Safety Week. The Calbo Legislative Committee is organizing a Leadership Advocacy Event May 9<sup>th</sup>. The purpose is to get member to learn about the legislative process and meet members of the legislature in Sacramento. Sheila announced Isam Hasenin was elected Vice-Chair of the Building Standards Commission.

4.03 International Evaluation Service: **Fred Herman** reported **John Taecker** is now on the International Evaluation Service Industry Advisory Committee. The board is considering the question of whether to sunset legacy reports. They are looking to make the ES process more open and will be holding public hearings to get input.

4.04 IAEI: **John Taecker** reported the IAEI website is <http://calei.iaei.org>

4.05 IAS: **Sheila Lee** reported there are more applications for building department accreditation. She will be attending the upcoming board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.