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Patricia Kutzmann, Immediate Past-President

Minutes ICC Peninsula Chapter Meeting July 5, 2006

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

- 1.0 Called to order** at 10:10am with 23 members present. Self-introductions followed.
- 2.01 Approval of Minutes.** Motion to approve made by **Patricia Kutzmann**, seconded by **John LaTorra**. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2.03 New Business**
Larry Ford has left this group. Anyone interested in attending his retirement dinner should contact **Tom Whisler**. It will be in the Morgan Hill area. Since Larry is vacating the office of Vice President, **Dennis Richardson** and **Ron LaFrance** will bump up a level. **Stephan Lau** was nominated for the position of Treasurer and approved unanimously.
- 2.05 Treasurer's Report**
Last month the chapter spent \$238.04 to bring the total in the checking account to \$5,550.22. The savings account stands at \$10,291.83 for total assets of \$15,842.05. **Patricia Kutzmann** moved to approve the report and was seconded by **John LaTorra**. The motion passed unanimously.

2.06 Code Discussion

Fred Herman asked about a Mixed use building that has maxed it's A occupancy square footage and is mostly B occupancy. They want to add a lawn on the rooftop, which has been deemed A3 for code requirements, but they are unsure if it should be counted against the occupancy square footage. Those present felt they would not count it for occupancy in their jurisdictions.

Ron LaFrance brought up the topic of waterless urinals, which seem to be in conflict with the plumbing code. Currently they are being approved by some jurisdictions as alternate materials applications. Another option brought up the half-gallon flushing urinal as a water-saving option, while someone else mentioned utilizing recycled water.

Stephan Lau asked if firehouses being retrofitted are subject to ADA requirements regarding shower and bathroom stalls. He is getting the argument that disabled persons are not able to do the job and would not be working in said facilities. **Patricia Kutzmann** brought up temporary disability and/or office work. Most present felt that this situation was subject to the normal requirements.

3.01 Code Changes

John LaTorra informed the group that the July 21 meeting of the code change group would have to be rescheduled. There are approximately 2300 code changes to review, which are scheduled for their 2nd publication on July 14. He would like to get attendance from the Tri-Chapter committee up to properly represent our group. During this discussion the changes to the occupancy table introduced by the IAPMO came up. These were viewed as problematic and inconsistent with other tables. John will look into it further and report back to the group.

Mark Kluver passed around an informational handout regarding code changes to the height and area requirements. He would like to have Building Officials show up in support of these. The justification for the changes is based largely on the scarcity of water in emergencies. There was much discussion with Fire Operations. John wanted to know if anyone is watching the ICC code tech committee on passive protection.

Speakers: Ralph Kelly Ball and Josh Castellanos of PG&E presented on the Electric Service Process, timing requirements and coordination with local building permit processes. With regional, instead of local, offices opening processes should be speeding up.

3.05 Membership Services – out of order

Fred Herman is retiring. **Patricia Kutzmann** presented him with a “retirement kit.” He expressed his appreciation for the group and the gift. In addition he mentioned that he may stay in touch.

Patricia reported that we haven't found facilities for the August picnic. The East Bay chapter is supposed to be working on it.

3.04 Education

There is a UL seminar on July 13. We are trying to increase attendance at these seminars.

Several seminars on the changeover from the '97 to the '06 IBC means of egress codes are coming up on August 22, 23 and 24 in Marina, San Jose and San Leandro respectively.

There have been some difficulties on the financial side of the educational program because of issues with PayPal and splitting the costs three ways.

The July 21 meeting has been postponed until August due to scheduling conflicts. We are also hoping to coordinate the educational program for 2007 with CALBO, ICC and CTI.

3.07 Tri-Chapter Code Adoption and Interpretation

Vulcraft submitted a letter asking for a "white paper" on submittal requirements for metal buildings. Some discussion followed on getting a group together to make one, but it was deferred.

4.01 ICC

There will be an ICC National Town Hall meeting on July 15, held in Denver, Colorado. The focus will be working with IAPMO for the 2009 P&M codes. Now is the time to raise concerns if you have them. This meeting will be webcast if you cannot attend in person.

A meeting of the Board will be held on July 28 and 29 to select a new ICC CEO. James Lee Witt wants the new CEO in place by August 1.

The Annual Business Meeting is set for September 17 – 20. There is a reduced registration rate until August 7. The hotel rate is \$129 per night. This conference will utilize electronic voting onsite. The meeting will be webcast with a testing of offsite e-voting. Discussion of the benefits/detriments of e-voting followed.

4.02 CALBO

Sheila Lee announced that meetings are being set up throughout July and August, a schedule for which is available on the Building Standards Commission website. Not all amendments to the code are currently available online.

Sheila attended the first meeting last Friday. They are proposing to eliminate the tags identifying which agency enforces certain codes, referring instead to the matrix adoption table. It is felt this will make things unclear and can lead to confusion. The BSC committee is also concerned. State agencies have been advised to look into this issue.

It is proposed that the UPC table for plumbing fixture counts be adopted because of the DSA. Because this issue is contested, it has been tabled to speed the adoption process.

The language of SB1287 has not yet reverted.

4.03 International Evaluation Service

The service has been working to improve things. Revenues are good. There is currently no expiration date on testing. A Board meeting will be held in September.

4.04 IAEI

A meeting will be held July 26 at the Martin Luther King library in San Jose; there was an offer of a tour of the new City Hall

4.5 IAS

IAS is doing well, having received 18 applications for accreditation recently. They are asking for volunteers to become evaluators.

Adjournment: 2:04pm