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2006 OFFICERS:

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Minutes ICC Peninsula Chapter Meeting October 4, 2006

Stanford Stadium, Palo Alto, CA

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, **Tom Whisler** at 10:15 AM. Self introductions followed with 18 members present. Jim Fruit was introduced as the new building official from Morgan Hill.

2.0 CHAPTER BUSINESS

2.01 See Item 2.03 below

2.02 Old Business: none

2.03 New Business: President **Tom Whisler** indicated **Ron LaFrance** has submitted a letter of resignation as Secretary citing workload. Since the year is near end, we will finish the year with a vacant Secretary position with Vice-President, **Dennis Richardson** taking over Secretary duties and getting us caught up on minutes.

2.04 Announcements:

President Tom Whisler asked members to recruit building officials to be officers.

It was announced the City of San Francisco is recruiting for the Director of Building Inspection position. November 20th is the deadline. The salary is being raised to top out at \$193 K. They have a staff of approximately 300.

Sheila Lee announced the City of Santa Clara has an electrical inspector opening.

It was also noted San Bruno has several openings: Building Official, Senior Inspector of Code Enforcement and 2 Planner positions.

2.05 Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer is having difficulty getting statements. There are uncashed checks and paid checks that have not cleared. There will be a statement for next meeting. We are having problems with paypal getting access. The recommendation is to deactivate it now by removing the paypal buttons from the web site and quit using it by the end of the year. Timing is important because November 10th is the next seminar. We need to see if our account at BofA can be upgraded to provide a similar service. The ability of the chapter to receive payments using credit cards is important. A motion was made by **Daniel Kostelec** and seconded by **Joe Cyr** to disconnect the paypal button now and was approved unanimously.

2.06 Code Discussion:

There was a question asking if anyone has experience with heavily loaded 2x3 framed shear walls with sheathing on two sides. It was suggested APA has a publication describing that situation with reduced vertical capacity.

The discussion continued with an example of a jurisdiction that had received an ISO rating of 3, five years ago, and after demonstrating improvement and completing the paperwork it was re-certified as a 4 with the note it would be upgraded to 2 once the State adopts the latest codes.

Hansen Tom asked if anyone has experience with the (ball grip) system using high strength concrete. It is ICC approved up to 4000 psi concrete but there is concern of brittle failure due to some testing with higher strength concrete.

Joe Cyr asked which jurisdictions have amended their permit expiration language.

3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.01 Code Changes: **John LaTorra** gave a brief report on the code-change hearings in Orlando. **Dennis Richardson** reported about the formation of a height and area committee to try and reach consensus at on the various code submittals including three from the tri-chapter. Dennis spoke with **George Thomas** who did not have time to be the primary representative but agreed to be a backup. Dennis agreed to represent the tri-chapter on this committee and would be seeking approval from his jurisdiction to attend the seven meetings: one in Kansas City, two days in Chicago, two days in Phoenix and two days in Orange County. The goal of the committee is to work with the ICC Code Technology Council and develop compromise language that can be supported. A motion was made by **Patricia Kutzman** and seconded by **Daniel Kostelec** to have Dennis represent the chapter with George as a backup with the chapter's share of expenses not to exceed \$1500.00. The motion was approved unanimously.

John LaTorra announced there is a seminar on November 10th on gas piping. John also noted the educational efforts have been successful financially. The three chapters expect to clear approximately \$22K after expenses to be split between the chapters.

John also announced the chapters are working with CALBO and ICC to draft a training plan that all can participate with CALBO providing the centralized calendar for code training efforts in California and also participation from other groups like California Fire Chiefs, Fire Prevention Officers and AIA.

4.0 OTHER REPORTS

Keyvan Irannejad reported he has a copy of the 2003 plancheck standards committee work that was done in cooperation with SEAONC.

5.0 PROGRAM

Rod Humble, Senior Project Manager for Vance Brown Construction, gave a compelling review of the construction schedule issues of completing the New Stanford Stadium starting immediately after the final game and finishing in time for the current football opener.

The business meeting was adjourned and a tour of the new stadium commenced.