



# Foothill Chapter

International Code Council

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REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF TUESDAY, May 19, 2009

## MINUTES

The May 19, 2009, regular business meeting of the Foothill Chapter of ICC was held at the City of Rancho Cucamonga. 15 people were in attendance.

### CALL TO ORDER

President TRANG HUYNH called the meeting to order at approximately 1:10 P.M.

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

PRESIDENT.....	TRANG HUYNH
SECRETARY/TREASURER .....	MERRY WESTERLIN
BOARD MEMBER.....	ERIC BEILSTEIN
BOARD MEMBER.....	CHAZ FERGUSON
BOARD MEMBER.....	SARKIS NAZERIAN
BOARD MEMBER.....	ANDY SHIPPER
BOARD MEMBER.....	PETE GOODRICH

### CITY NEWS:

Chaz Ferguson gave a brief talk about the interesting facts about Rialto.

## PROGRAM

Our new Chapter Liaison and CALBO Board Member Jay Salazar paid visit to our meeting. Jay is the Chief Building Official of Vacaville. Jay updated us on recent CALBO's actions and activities. Jay spoke on the following points:

- Thanked the Foothill Chapter for sponsoring the ABM.
- CALBO has created a budget for the upcoming year. The budget reflects a 15% reduction. CALBO is anticipating a lower number attending training this year at the Education Weeks due to the slumping economy.
- CALBO and the IRC are moving forward. HCD is refusing to accept the mechanical, electrical and plumbing and energy portions, and only accepting the structural provisions. January 1, 2011 the IRC will be approved for only the structural portion.
- CASp issues. The program requirements are not clear to the membership. There is not enough available training. Work is being done to inform Senator Corbit that more training is necessary to make the program result in the achievements desired. Look for updates in future newsletters.
- CALBO has a drowning prevention brochure now available on the website for jurisdictions to download and hand out to new pool owners.
- ABM has proposed a new Bylaw change that would allow for a 2-year semi-audit and a 4-year full audit. This change would save some money considering the \$8,000 per audit fee which is currently incurred.
- Leadership Advisory Day – CALBO is currently active in this program which arranges for Building Officials to meet elected officials.
- CALBO Board – Concerned interest in current lobbyist efforts to have schools plans review completed by Cities. DSA plan reviews to be checked by the jurisdiction.
- CALBO is also taking a stance of '*Jurisdictional Rule*' concerning the lobbyist efforts for Residential Fire Sprinklers to be plan checked and inspected by building inspectors and not fire officials.
- Creation of an ICC policy change proposal in which a requirement of at least three Chapters support is necessary to submit a code change. This is Policy change #28.
- Jim Miller, Building Official of Big Bear Lake has received a reference of support letter from CALBO for Jim to sit on the California Contractor's State License Board.

Discussion concerning the ABM came from the Chapter. Eric Beilstein noticed that 70-80% of the vendors represented were contract services. Eric asked about having more technological or product based vendors. This could be more of an outreach to those jurisdictions who do not have or require contract services. Eric also inquired about the training at the ABM's. He asked if the training could be distinguished from Ed Week. Perhaps the classes could be more focused towards Building Officials. The group threw out several different topics for trainings that they felt appropriate. Sarkis Nazerian suggested changing the event days of the ABM to encourage more participation through the early part of the week.

Jay stated that he was a board member of the National Resources Defense Committee. The NRDC is a lobbyist group which is writing a similar job description as to that of the CASp Inspector; but energy related. The board has determined that California has the most restrictive standards and regulatory obligations in the U.S. Nonetheless, the peak demand hours are continually going over the limits of usage. With that being stated, it has been stated that the building inspectors are not doing their jobs. Jay was stressing to the Chapter that we need to enforce Energy regulations to the best possible means. The goal of the NRDC is to reduce energy consumption at the peak demand hours. The new political push is to strengthen energy requirements on the Building Departments. Jay encouraged Stuart Tom's new Title 24 training which is geared directly toward what is required of the permit technician, building inspector, plans examiner, and Building Official.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2009 meeting was made by Eric Beilstein and seconded by Jim Barrett. The motion was approved.

#### SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary/Treasurer Merry Westerlin reported that the checking account had a balance of \$2,777.40 and the savings account had a balance of \$6,479.39.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- President Trang passed out an e-mail concerning the Community Building Code Administration Grant Act (CBCAG). This senate bill 970 would dedicate grant money for the comprehensive administration and enforcement of residential, building, fire, energy, plumbing and related codes. He urged building officials to send their letter of support for this bill.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Membership ~ Andy Shipper – The current membership dues were sent out last week.

- Education ~
- CALBO Liaison ~ Jay Salazar was present. See "Program" above

### OLD BUSINESS

- Pete Goodrich stated that the website is doing well. Pete will be updating the site with our upcoming training. He again encouraged the group to look at the website at [www.iccfoothill.org](http://www.iccfoothill.org). The site is progressing as we add to it. Pete encouraged group participation for adding contents to the website.

### NEW BUSINESS

- President Trang announced that on June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department will be burning a structure for training purposes. He invited the group to contact him if you wished to attend.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Jim Martin announced that he would be leaving to aid the furtherance of the building codes in Abu Dhabi.
- Discussion by several members concerning the poor financial state and the effects it is having on many surrounding jurisdictions.
- Eric Beilstein discussed an article in the XXX magazine which included a situation where building inspectors were going along on an inspection with the police. During their inspection they cited several code violations along with illegal construction. The judge threw out the code violations because the building inspectors did not have a separate warrant for the building violations. Merry Westerlin asked for the article and said she would forward it to the group.
- President Trang stated that the BIA has created a stimulus package for energy reduction for plan review and permit fees.
- Matt Winter inquired if jurisdictions had planned for how they were going to deal with the loss of funds if Measure 1A passes. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 P.M.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, June 16th, 2009

LOCATION: City of San Dimas  
245 E. Bonita Ave.  
San Dimas, CA 91773

TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merry Westerlin  
Secretary/Treasurer

**NOTE: The board members will meet at 12:00 p.m. to have a pre-board meeting.**

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