

Meeting Minutes March 3, 2009
Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials
Cattlemen's Steakhouse
5012 Petaluma Boulevard North
Petaluma

1. Call to Order

President Steve Pantazes (Town of Windsor) called the meeting to order at 12:00pm at the Cattlemen's Steakhouse, Petaluma.

2. Self Introductions

President Pantazes welcomed the members. The 32 attending members and guests made self introductions.

3. Approval of Minutes

President Pantazes requested comments and/or approval of the February 3, 2009, meeting minutes as posted on the REACO Web Site. Motion made to approve amended minutes, seconded and approved by voice vote.

4. Officers and Committee Reports

- a. **Treasurer** Dave Lopez (City of Santa Rosa) reviewed the proposed 2009 budget. Dave presented the previous four years of fiscal costs. Dave explained each year's costs and moneys that were taken in. Steve Pantazes reviewed how recommendations for the 2009 budget were arrived at. Steve suggested that we raise the cost of the meeting meal to \$25 from the current \$20, have three meals that are reduced food costs, i.e. sandwiches, and limit donations until the Chapter can recoup some of its operating costs. Lee Braun(City of Belvedere) said that he thought the officers were doing a good job and that he would prefer keeping the monthly meals at Petaluma because this provides consistency and that he suggests increasing membership dues and meal costs. DeWayne Starnes(County of Sonoma) agreed with Lee. DeWayne would like to limit sponsorship to the REACO President and Vice President. DeWayne offered to provide self-sponsorship for himself to help with costs. Michael Enright(City of Santa Rosa) noted that budgets in past years had been attempted, but were never completed. Michael suggested that the membership review the budget over the next few months and discuss again at another meeting. Steve Pantazes said that he wanted a consensus today of how the

membership would like to save money. Bill Talley proposed taking a straw vote to get some sort of idea what the membership wanted to do. Kevin Burger(County of Sonoma) noted that the membership fee was low compared to other professional groups. Kevin suggested spreading the membership fee over four meetings. Michael Enright was in favor of a straw vote to pole the membership, but separate the membership fee and meal cost for the December meeting. Scott Ward(City of Healdsburg) agreed with Michael. Kevin Burger noted that ASCE membership fee was \$120. Mark Friedman suggested that we continue to pay for the guest speaker's lunch. Bill Talley suggested that we should have a straw vote to show who was in favor of what. Michael Enright moved to defer to the May, 2009, meeting a formal decision for the budget and enter notification of this topic in the April agenda. Shems Peterson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

- b. **Secretary** Clif Castle told the membership that a letter would be sent to the members identifying if they had paid 2009 dues. If members do not pay dues, meeting notifications, classes, minutes and agenda would not be sent to them until dues were paid.
- c. **Vice President** Glenn Schainblatt reported that CALBO would no longer have Chapter Days-free training. Web training is supposed to be available from CALBO. See CALBO website for information. Michael Enright said that PG&E classes are available for free. Check the PG&E website for time and location. Copy of Education Report is available from Glenn.
- d. **President** Steve Pantazes reported that with AB 811 home owners may be able to borrow money for their homes and pay it back through their property tax bill. Kevin Berger asked if this was low income money. Steve responded that anyone who wants to install energy savings devices can apply.
- e. **Executive Committee** No report.
- f. **Audit Committee** No report
- g. **Education Committee** No report
- h. **Common Code Committee** No report

5. Correspondence and Announcements

Guy Tomberlin requested support of the membership. Glenn Schainblatt requested \$500 for his attendance of CALBO. Glenn also asked for \$250 for sponsorship of lunch for the coordinator class through OES. Larry Jones (City of Santa Rosa) said that Glenn represented the chapter, so he should be reimbursed. Michael Enright asked if anyone was going to the ABM in Baltimore. DeWayne Starnes moved to reimburse Glenn for the \$500. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

6. Legislative News Steve Jensen noted that there would be a Building Standards meeting in two weeks (approx March 17). Tom Garcia noted that CALBO will make a brochure dealing with drowning prevention available. Contact Tom for more information. Tom noted that the IRC building provisions should be adopted shortly. CALBO would like to see the entire IRC adopted. CALBO feels that the CASp testing is happening too quickly and recommends added time.

- April 28 Leadership and Advocacy Day
- Oct 5-9 Education Week see CALBO website
- Nov 16-20 Education Week see CALBO website

Lee Braun noted that the SFM has asked CALBO board to relook at the perspective of life saving in regards to fire sprinklers. DeWayne Starnes will respond to requests concerning gray water if contacted. Jennifer Sylvester is also available for questions and comments regarding environmental health jsylvest@sonoma-county.org.

7. Code Issues Solar Guidelines were addressed by Michael Whitaker. The SFM guidelines for access were adopted. Steve Pantazes will place the suggested PV Guidelines on the Website for the membership to approve. Robert MacIntyre asked if anyone has found info on Class A declassification by placing Photo Voltaics on the roof? Glenn Schainblatt noted that the SFM will do a fire test. UL test verifies that the surface meets Class A requirements, but the underside of the PV does not. (see SFM website) Edward Hamer (City of Petaluma) suggested that the guidelines should include a reference to the SFM Guidelines. Steve Pantazes said that the Guidelines would be brought forward to the membership in the April meeting.

8. Education No Report

9. Old Business No Report

10. Guest Speaker Tito Sierra, Metal Framing tsierra@dietrichindustries.com

11. New Business Postponed to April meeting

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Clif Castle