

**Minutes of the January 9, 2007 Meeting  
Of The  
Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials**

1. Call to Order

President Michael Enright (City of Santa Rosa) called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Cattleman's Restaurant, Petaluma.

2. Self Introductions

President Enright welcomed members and called for self-introductions.

3. Approval of Minutes

President Enright requested comments and/or approval of the minutes of the December 2006 meeting. Larry Jones (City of Santa Rosa) added that he would be posting photos to the REACO website. Motion to approve Minutes for December 2006 meeting. Motion approved by voice vote (all ayes).

4. Officers and Committee Reports

a. Treasurer

Past-Treasurer Pantazes (Town of Windsor) reported on the annual earning and expense report for 2006. Summary included total income of \$23,796.45, year-end expenses of \$9,889.22, for net revenue of \$13,907.23. Investment CD balance was reported as \$12,111.94, resulting in a combined ending balance of \$26,019.17 for 2006.

At the request of Lee Braun (City of Belvedere), Pantazes gave his report on donations received by members toward the Brent Snyder Fund. Donations received totaled \$130.00 by members, of which REACO members previously approved by majority vote to match donations received, plus \$1,000.00. The total donation sent by the membership on behalf of the Brent Snyder Fund totaled \$1,260.00.

b. Secretary

Secretary Pantazes - No Report.

c. Vice President

Vice President Dewayne Starnes (County of Sonoma) - No Report.

d. President

President Enright announced that the Executive Committee met on January 8, 2007.

e. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on January 8, 2007 and discussed training classes, whether they wanted to institute a sliding scale for organization and class cost, and how many classes to sponsor or co-sponsor. It was noted that members outside of the Executive Committee would be asked to help with these plans. President Enright said safety assessment program training could be part of this program and it would be helpful to find out how many members had cards up for renewal. The Executive Committee believed that more committees need to be organized, as there wasn't a lot of committee action in 2006, and more volunteers to hold positions on committees are needed.

The Executive Committee discussed the February Fire Code training class and President Enright noted that a flyer on the training had been sent out to the fire protection officers group and another flyer will be sent to the REACO membership. He stated that because of this training, the regular February REACO meeting will be cancelled. The Executive Committee also discussed the meeting with the fire protection officers group that would be held in June.

The Executive Committee decided that in lieu of a June and July REACO meeting, that one meeting would be held the third Wednesday in June, to include a General Lunch session and either a morning or afternoon session on the code adoption process. This training would be helpful since so many local agencies would be making amendments to the code.

5. Correspondence and Announcements

- Received a thank you card from John Latorra for allowing him to sit in on our meeting.
- Received an email that Guy Bachelis (Independent Contractor) and REACO member for 20 plus years, passed away in early December. Under New Business should discuss making a donation to Guy Bachelis charity, as has been done in the past in regards to deceased members.

6. Legislative News

7. Code Issues

President Enright discussed the changes to the California Health and Safety Code (per AB2977) that went into effect on January 1, 2007 regarding the requirements for new suction devices on filtering systems of swimming pools. He noted that the new anti-siphon devices are required on any new, and any remodeled, swimming pool. In

addition, either a protective cover or a 5-foot high barrier between the pool and house are required on any new, or any remodeled, swimming pool starting January 1, 2007.

The Building Standard's Commission hearings on adoption of the 2007 IBC Codes will be held on January 16, 29 and 30, 2007. All are invited to attend to show support for the new codes. The new codes will be in print by July 1, 2007 and will go into effect on January 1, 2008, though it seems clear that there will be amendments to certain IBC codes.

The 2004 code changes to Chapter 11A, the California Accessibility Code, goes into effect on May 1, 2007. President Enright advised that he is trying to get someone from the State Architect's office to come to the April or May meeting to explain the changes to Chapter 11A (which is also being re-formatted).

Discussion ensued regarding accessibility regulations regarding reasonable construction dimensional tolerances.

Robert LaRose (San Francisco Port Authority) questioned occupancy of existing piers and warehouse at port used for parking, storage, and office space. Questioned what would be an appropriate occupancy based on the current use.

#### 8. Old Business

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Received a request from CALBO to sponsor annual business meeting break of March 12<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup>. Cost of break is \$450.00. Some discussion was made on the benefit to sponsor the meeting; a motion was made to sponsor the CALBO break, all approved.

#### 9. New Business

President Enright discussed the state of REACO and what to look forward to in the coming year. He said he would put something more formal in writing and send to the members. Enright discussed the importance of upcoming training and opportunities to host other events since there are new codes on the horizon. Possibly offer training at a lower cost than other organizations and to encourage the group to be more active in the organization. President Enright reiterated the need to get members to participate in committees.

No meeting is scheduled in February in place of the UFC to IFC seminar. The next meeting would be held March 6. There would be a joint meeting with the fire protection

officers on the third Wednesday in June, so there would not be a REACO meeting the first Tuesday of June or July.

President Enright opened for discussion making a donation and possibly getting a plaque to a charity group in memory of Guy Bachelis. A motion was made and unanimously approved to send \$500.00.

Discussion of fees for group members was discussed. Discussion of what would be the threshold points to establish fees for larger groups in relation to smaller groups. A suggestion was made to have the members provide input and have the executive members prepare a report to the members.

#### 10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm

Respectfully submitted by Steve Pantazes