

**Minutes of the March 6, 2007 Meeting
Of The
Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials**

1. Call to Order

President Mike Enright (City of Santa Rosa) called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm at the Cattlemen'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 March 6, 2007 meeting. Motion made and seconded with corrections. Approved by voice vote (all ayes).

4. Officers and Committee Reports

a. Treasurer

Treasurer Glen Schainblatt (City of Sebastopol) reported on the earning and expense report for February 2007. Summary included total checking of \$21,558.72 and \$18,478.69 for the CD; resulting in a combined ending balance of \$40,037.41 for February 2007.

b. Secretary

Secretary Steve Pantazes (Town of Windsor) reported a donation was made to the *Santa Fe Teen Arts Center* on behalf of Guy Bachelis.

c. Vice President

Vice President DeWayne Starnes (County of Sonoma)-DeWayne Starnes reports volunteers are needed for the By-law committee.

d. President

President Mike Enright (City of Santa Rosa) reported the Executive Committee did not meet this month, and will try to meet after the CALBO convention to discuss training opportunities.

e. Executive Committee

No Report

5. Correspondence and Announcements

- Joint meeting in June changed from June 20th to June 27, 2007 due to availability of Kate Dargan Assistant State Fire Marshall, President will confirm.
- CALBO attendance reviewed. Limited flexibility due to two other organizations involvement. Glen will check with Hans Henneberque and report back to the Chapter.
- A request for a Letter of Support was made by Doug Williams on behalf of Christina Jamison to be confirmed on the Building Standards Commission. She has a Senate confirmation hearing on March 7th, and is asking for a letter of support by REACO. Lee Braun (City of Belvedere) offered positive live opinion reporting she has been very active in the Fire Protection Services and is highly regarded in Southern California. A motion was made by Lee Braun to send support letter on behalf of Christina and motion seconded by Steve Jensen. Approved by voice vote (all ayes).
- Discussion of support letter from REACO for confirmation of Kim Blackseth. President Enright abstained due to potential conflict, noting that Kim Blackseth has done consulting work for projects he reviewed in the City of Santa Rosa. Based on consensus, there was no further discussion and a motion was made and seconded to send letter. Approved by voice vote (all ayes).
- President Enright received correspondence from CALBO requesting interest of sponsorship for the 2011 Annual Business Meeting. Discussion of the amount of work involved by Lee Braun, President Enright suggested possible Co-Sponsorship.
- No other correspondence received.

6. Legislative News

Steve Jenson (City of Napa) was available to update the membership regarding future code updates. The IRC was taken off for future adoption; amendments were made to the IBC to accommodate the residential code within California. A meeting was scheduled for later in the month regarding schedule, and publication was still on for July 1, with adoption in effect after 180 days. President Enright stated he understood that there was a possible push requiring residential sprinklers in single family dwellings. Steve Jenson stated that currently the IBC has that provision for residential occupancies; however it was amended out of California's edition of fire sprinkler requirements. Steve stated he was not aware of any organized groups at this point other than the Fire service being very supportive of fire sprinklers in residential occupancies.

Discussion continued regarding the use of CPVC for residential occupancies. There continues to be much opposition regarding HCD's decision to approve. Steve Jenson anticipates there may be some litigation at a later date.

President Enright attended the three days of hearings and wanted to express his personal appreciation of Steve Jenson's presence on the Building Standards Commission. There were strong advocates attacking the board members positions and actions, Steve helped keep the board meeting moving in a positive manner.

7. Code Issues

There were two items on the CALBO bulletin board. President Enright asked that Lee Braun bring forward the first item since he posted the question regarding pool barrier requirements. Lee mentioned the responses received varied and were all over the board. Discussion was made regarding pool covers and barriers. Representatives of the pool industry feel the cost of anti suction devices was minimal. All permits issued after the effective date of 1/1/07 must comply with the pool barrier requirements.

President Enright posed the question regarding ADA exiting being required at all exits or only at exit doors (referring to exit path of travel to public way). The question was posed to the group and the consensus was that all exit paths were required. Cliff Kendall gave an example of one exception that the State Fire Marshal has ruled on that the exiting for assemble at a theater complex does not have to comply with Chapter 11 accessibility. Cliff used that ruling for the Theater complex in Petaluma. Interpretation from DSA was it is not required, but it was a good idea to provide accessibility. Further discussion was made noting that DSA policy was available on their website. Robert La Rose, (San Francisco Port Authority) offered to have someone from their office come speak to the group regarding accessibility.

Peter Burke, City of Rohnert Park asked a question regarding Day Care Facilities infant to five years old. The question was what occupancy would be the most appropriate use, E-3, B, or A-3? Past President Doug Williams suggested it was based on the number of hours the child would be cared for (E-3). President Enright had similar cases; party places that cared for kids for limited hours and therefore were not classified as Day Care providers.

8. Old Business

President Enright will be attending the annual CALBO Business meeting. The City of Santa Rosa is paying for the conference and requested that REACO chapter reimburse and cover the cost of two nights of lodging. Lee Braun made a motion to reimburse President Enright \$500.00 president to attend. Steve Jenson 2nd. Approved by voice vote (all ayes).

At the April meeting there would be a speaker from HCD to discuss the changes in Chapter 11A that go into effect in May. The speaker will discuss the reasons the changes were made and not for providing training.

For the May meeting, we would try to have Dell Tredinick from the City of Santa Rosa – representative to Bay Area Build it Green Council.

There will be a joint meeting with the FPO's along with code updates in June. The cost will be \$20.00 to \$50.00 for the lunch and training. The cost to REACO members will be approximately \$40.00.

Past President Doug Williams suggested REACO Chapter sponsor a member to attend the final code hearings Rochester, New York. Glen Schainblatt volunteered to attend. There would be no cost to attend the hearings; however there is a cost for travel, lodging, and meals. Lee Braun offered that the Chapter considers this important issue for our Chapter and we should be represented. Glen will make an effort to provide the Chapter with a cost estimate and bring it forward at the April meeting to finalize. The Chapter agreed that we should continue and bring this forward at the next meeting.

Past President Doug Williams gave a brief recap regarding ICC remote voting and green building.

Committee volunteers:

Code Committee, Steve Pantazes, Bill Taley, Clif Castle, Dave Lopez, Cliff Kendall, and DeWayne Starnes.

By-law Committee, DeWayne Starnes, possible volunteer from Coastland?

Education Committee, Glen Schainblatt, Paul Nopola.

9. New Business

President Mike Enright wanted to recognize Larry Jones for his work on the Chapter's website. Mike proposed that the Chapter consider honoring Larry for his work on the website that the Chapter covers the cost of the meeting. Motion was made and 2nd by the Chapter. All voted in favor none, opposed.

Glen Schainblatt discussed training posted on website through CALBO and Norcal Code adoption class. Cliff Kendall announced that John Hammer (City of Petaluma) was accepted by FEMA to attend a two week training academy, Plan Checking for Inspectors. DeWayne Starnes mentioned that CALBO is now offering a train now, pay later option for future training. Glenn asked for suggestions to fill the training gap. Mike asked the Chapter how many in the group still needed the Post Disaster Training. Glen is now a trainer so we could have a training locally. Cliff Kendall suggested we send out a request to see who needs to get re-certified.

DeWayne Starnes mentioned that he had spoke with Keith Woods, from the North Coast Builders Exchange regarding the use of their conference room. The room is available to REACO as long as it does not conflict with their schedule.

Mill Valley Building Official asked how much other agencies are budgeting on average for training.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm

Respectfully submitted by Steve Pantazes