

**Minutes of the December 6, 2005 Meeting
Of The
Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials**

1. Call to order

President Daryl Phillips (The Phillips Group) called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, Petaluma.

2. Self Introductions

President Phillips welcomed the 27 attendees, including ICC representative Leslie Haberek, and called for self-introductions.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes for November meeting. Motion Seconded. Approved by voice vote (all ayes).

4. Officers and Committee Reports

a. Treasurer

DeWayne Starnes (County of Sonoma) – Reported the balances for the checking account as \$7028.46 and for the CD as \$11,799.70.

b. Secretary

Michael Enright (City of Santa Rosa) – Reported that ICC sent out notification of a proposal to change their by-law concerning membership types.

c. Vice President

Doug Williams (Rincon Valley Fire Protection District) – Reported that he had attended the State Fire Marshal's Core Committee for Code Adoption meeting. The meeting was the beginning of the State's Code Review and adoption process for the 2007 Model Codes. (Note: The State Fire Marshal set up a website for those interested in participating on code adoption committees and for information about the proposed codes. Go to <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/CodeAdoptionProcess.html> for further information.)

d. President

Daryl Phillips (The Phillips Group) – Discussed the upcoming code adoption and indicated that there could be opportunities for the Chapter to sponsor / co-sponsor training seminars. Daryl indicated that the new NCBE building in Santa Rosa has a training room well suited for seminars.

e. Donations Committee

Daryl Phillips reported that the Salvation Army requested a donation for this year similar to what REACO donated to them last year. Moved by Guy Bachelis, Independent Inspector, seconded by Joe Willer, Coastland, to donate \$500 to the Salvation Army. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. Correspondence and Announcements

- Daryl Phillips received a letter Dave Martinez, City of Big Bear Lake, with information about the 2006 CALBO Annual Business Meeting.
- Simpson Strong-tie is hosting a seminar about their Strong Wall product on 12/13 in Santa Rosa. Contact Simpson if you want to attend.
- The next California Building Standards Commission meeting is on December 13, 2005.

6. Legislative News

None.

7. Code Issues

- The State Architect's Office sent a letter suggesting that local agencies adopt the Universal Design guidelines as standards. As this point, no local agencies are intending to make the guidelines mandatory.
- Wildland – Urban Interface requirements for “Exterior Wildfire Exposure” went into effect on December 1, 2005. See the new CBC Chapter 7A for further requirements. Petaluma had previously created construction details for roof and eave conditions; Novato will be taking their proposal to the City Council in January 2006; County of Marin is set for their 2nd reading of a proposed ordinance. Lee Braun, City of Belvedere, stated that the State Fire Marshal's Office is developing a training program and that CALBO intends to provide training opportunities about the new codes.
- Tom Ahrens, City of San Rafael, took an informal poll asking which agencies had regulations about wood burning fireplaces (most), Green Building Programs (a few) and Inspections of Residences at time of Sale (not many).

8. New Business

(Agenda item order adjusted) Daryl Phillips requested that the audience acknowledge the past REACO / REICBO Chapter Presidents attending today's meeting. Two past presidents, Ed Henry, County of Marin, and Harry Graves, City of Novato, announced that they were retiring this month.

Three votes were proposed for this meeting (listed on the agenda) regarding fees and dues. There was discussion about proposed changes to Annual dues (from \$20 to \$35) and the monthly meeting charge (from \$25 to \$20). There were questions about what generated the need for these changes since the Chapter has fairly large reserves. DeWayne Starnes, Treasurer, reported that the goal is to not spend more each year than is being taken in. Currently, the annual revenue generated is slightly less than the annual expenditures. The goal is to have the reserves available for future large expenses (possible uses include reduced seminar rates for REACO members compared to the rate paid by non-REACO members). After additional discussion, the following votes were taken (all passed by unanimous voice vote)

- Raise the Annual dues from \$20 to \$35 (but continuing the no charge for honorary members)
- Lower the monthly meeting charge from \$25 to \$20.
- Charge a combined \$35 for the 2006 Annual dues and the December 2005 meeting for those who attended the December 2005 meeting.

9. Old Business

Chapter Officer Elections - As stated in the previous month's minutes, the Nominating Committee consisted of the Executive Committee members. The Nominating Committee's recommendation for 2006 Officers are **Doug William, Rincon Valley Fire Protection District, President; Michael Enright, City of Santa Rosa, Vice President; DeWayne Starnes, County of Sonoma, Secretary; Steve Pantazes, Town of Windsor, Treasurer.**

Nominations from the floor were requested for each position individually. There were none. Ed Henry, County of Marin, moved and Joe Willer, Coastland, seconded a motion to cast a unanimous vote for the entire slate. All four officers were elected by unanimous voice vote.

10. Program

Daryl Phillips introduced Leslie Haberek, ICC Governmental Relations representative for California.

What ICC is doing for the State to assist us with the 2007 Model Codes:

- Leslie is attending the State Fire Marshal's Code Adoption workgroups, and groups convened by HCD, DSA-Structural and OSHPD.
- ICC is creating a website that will allow the reviewing agencies to edit the code in "real time" instead of having to do it in writing and annotations to the

code. Up to 45 people can work on the code at the same time with separate editing comments. It can also be used during the public comment period.

- Leslie delivered the CDs containing the 2006 Codes to the State public agencies that will be doing the code review and preparing the recommended State amendments to be adopted as the 2007 codes.
- Leslie pointed out that this is the first time that the State is “adopting a new type of code” since the 1920’s adoption of the Uniform Codes.
- Leslie encouraged the local agencies to participate in the code adoption process.
- Leslie announced that the ICC is gathering chapter membership e-mail information so that information can be sent out in a focused manner to the California ICC members.

Installation of Officers: Leslie Haberek, ICC, presided over the swearing in and installation of Officers. Pins were provided to the Past President and the President.

Passing of the Gavel: Daryl Phillips gave a brief “farewell” speech and handed the ceremonial gavel and an inscribed gavel to Doug Williams.

2006 President: Doug Williams gave a brief speech about what plans he has for the upcoming year and thanked Larry Jones, Webmaster and City of Santa Rosa, for his efforts on keeping our website in such good shape.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Enright.