

**Napa-Solano ICC Chapter  
Meeting Minutes  
February 01, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Gene Ashdown called the February 01, 2012 meeting of the Napa-Solano Chapter to order at 5:42 pm. The meeting was held at the Paradise Valley Golf Club in Fairfield.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

President Gene Ashdown – present, Vice President Dan Kavarian – present  
Secretary Greg Shriver – Present, Treasurer Linda Young - present

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Self-introductions were made by all attendees. (approximately 33 in attendance)

The meeting was adjourned for dinner.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made and seconded for the approval of the January minutes. The membership approved the motion by vote.

**SPEAKER OF THE EVENING:** Tom Garcia

Tom is chair of the CALBO CEC Advisory Committee (CALBO EC) and chair of the Western HVAC Performance Alliance Compliance Committee (WHPA CC). He provided information on two of his activities related to the California Energy Efficiency Standards.

In regard to the CALBO EC, Tom and other representatives from the CALBO EC attended around 12 of the 40 codes and standards enhancement (CASE) meetings that were sponsored by the Investor Owned Utilities (IOU) between Sept. 2010 & April 2011 and another 12 CEC preliminary language meetings from April 2011 to November 2011. The intent of providing preliminary language proposals was to gain consensus on code language prior to publishing the 45-day language. The CALBO EC provided comments to the CEC on October 28, 2011. The letter can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.calbo.org/documents/CALBO%20EC%20Suggested%20Changes%202013%20T24%20Part%206.pdf>

Tom stated that one of the CALBO EC suggestions was the consideration of an energy code certification for building department staff similar to "CASp". This suggestion was not well received by the members of the Peninsula Chapter of the ICC. Tom said the CALBO EC intent was for CALBO to set up a certification program that fits building department needs prior to the CEC mandating a certification of their own.

The 2013 Energy Efficiency 45-day language will be published on February 24, 2012. The new standards are to take effect the same time as the other codes, January 01, 2014. The energy commission is looking for net zero energy by 2020.

As a CALBO representative to the WHPA CC, Tom has worked with other stakeholders (contractors, industry, IOU, manufacturers) to improve and simplify the process for installation of new or replacement HVAC units. The WHPA CC has developed several simplified forms to help contractors and building departments navigate the HVAC installation process. The MECH-1C-ALT-HVAC form is one example and can be found on the non-res forms section under the Resource tab of the CEC Learning Center at the following link:

<http://www.title24learning.com/page.php?pg=resourselibrary.php>

Tom also indicated that the Contractors State License Board was encouraged by the WHPA to step up enforcement of contractors that install HVAC equipment without permits. The CSLB now has a zero tolerance for installation of HVAC units without permits. The board has done around 80 stings with up to \$14,000.00 fines and has placed letters of warning into the file of contractors that violate state contracting license law.

Tom also stated that if anyone has suggestions to pass them on to him.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Gene Ashdown handed out a survey for the members to review, fill out and return. It is to help the board address any concerns, needs, etc. for the members. The survey is attached for you review and comments. Please return to Gene Ashdown as noted on the survey or bring it to the next meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCES:**

Gene Ashdown noted that DeWayne Starnes sent a flyer to inform the Chapter of this year County building Officials Annual Conference & Caucus to be held from September 24 thru 26 at Fess Parker's Double Tree Resort in Santa Barbara. Please mark your calendar.

### **INSPECTOR TIME:**

Larry Acres, City of Davis, volunteered to bring a code item to each chapter meeting for discussion.

Rick Wright asked the members if on a roof overlay, if the reroof would require an underlayment. The item was discussed and determined that this item would be reviewed at the next chapter meeting.

Harvey Higgs asked the members when the City would collect a fee for SMIP. It was discussed and determined that should only be collected when an applicant applies for a building permit. Harvey also asked if jurisdictions if allowing self certification for the installation of carbon monoxide alarms. Some Jurisdictions did allow self certification while some did not.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Education: David Cliché

David discussed some upcoming seminars. Accessibility Seminar to be provided before the next CASp exam. ACT20 recertification seminar along with an NFPA-Residential sprinkler class.

Treasurer:

Linda Young gave the report showing that the chapter is still in good financial standing. She also stated that there was a good turnout at the Chapter Installation Dinner.

Indicated a good turnout for the installation dinner.

CALBO: Bob Latz

Bob indicated that CALBO and CEC and an MOU for providing on-line education that each participant will receive CEU credits. He also discussed the upcoming CALBO ABM and this will be its 50 year anniversary along with election of new officers. Also some by-law changes will be discussed.

Bob also discussed the DSA survey that is going around to decide the changes that may occur in the next adopted Calif. Bldg Code Chapter 11B. Three options are being discussed with the Chapters sending to DSA which option that they prefer. DSA will review all information received and then decide how to proceed.

Building Standards: Steve Jensen

Steve Indicated that there were two new members on the board and 3 members in limbo waiting for the Governor to decide if they would remain on the board or not. Steve Winkel had not been reappointed to the board.

The board had discussed one new item that dealt with public swimming pools. It was indicated that the current standards need to change to deal with the new water parks, water guns, etc. that are now being used.

Standard Details: Dan Kavarian

Dan said that the review is on going with the help of Eric Banvard and designer, James George.

2013 ABM: Harvey Higgs -

Committee has been meeting and will have a booth & hospitality room at the upcoming CALBO to help promote our CALBO event next year @ Silverado.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was made in regards to membership and how we can get more persons to join the Chapter.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Gary West stated that the ABM committee has the material to take to hand out at CALBO to promote next years CALBOABM at Silverado. The shirts are being altered by Dan Kavarian's wife. A motion was made to provide a gift for her doing the alterations. It was decided that the CALBO ABM committee to decide on the gift and would pay for the gift out of the AMB funds.

David Cliché brought up the "Solano County Public Facilities Fees" that should be collected by each of the city jurisdictions within Solano County.

Should be charged for new construction and with a change in Use or Occupancy as in a warehouse to office use. (pay for impact of the higher use. David also indicated that no jurisdiction can change the fees unless done by the Solano County Board of Supervisors. There will be additional information forthcoming from David Cliché'.

**INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES:**

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be March 7th at 5:30 pm, Paradise Valley Golf Course

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm