



September 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials

1007-B West College Avenue # 326 Santa Rosa, CA 95401

The September 5th meeting was held at Cattlemen's Restaurant Petaluma

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 12:11 by Glenn Schainblatt. Dave Willoughby led us in the pledge.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS (Officers, Guests, Members)

There were 20 members and guests in attendance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

The minutes of the May meeting were approved by acclamation.

4. PROGRAM

BayRen Residential Energy Updates

Speaker: Brian is a Principal at Selby Energy, Inc., where his primary role is developing and delivering energy code training for the Energy Codes Ace Title 24 Essentials courses. He has over 30 years' experience as an energy consultant and residential building designer and has been a HERS rater for over 17 years. He interacts with the California Energy Commission (CEC), Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs), association professionals and other industry stakeholders to foster education, promotion, and compliance with the California Building Energy Standards.

For the past five years, he's worked closely with CABEC and other stakeholders developing and implementing the CEA Exam program and serves on the CABEC board of directors. Brian is also a Certified Energy Analyst (CEA) and HERS Rater. Born and raised in Sonora, his background includes owning and operating a successful building design, energy consulting and HERS rating business. Brian is very passionate and committed to helping this industry learn and adapt to the ever changing requirements of the energy code.

Professional Certifications and Affiliations:

- Certified HERS Rater through CalCERTS – Newly Constructed Homes, Residential Alterations, Nonresidential, Solar, RCA-I, RCA-II, HVAC Replacement, Building Envelope, and Tax Credits
- CABEC Certified Energy Analyst (CEA)

EPA Certified HVAC Technician, Type II

The presentation was informative and enjoyed by all in attendance. Reference materials were provided.

5. OFFICERS REPORTS

President: Glenn Schainblatt- **No report**

Vice President: Tony Piazza - **No report**

Secretary: Charles Lucas- **No report**

Treasurer: Steve Buffenbarger- **Checking Balance: \$26,040.49**

Past President: Eric Seabrook- **No report.**

6. LIAISON REPORTS

AIARE: Peter Hendrickson- **AIA Redwood Empire is hosting a 1 day course "Zero Net Energy**

Goals - Air Sealing."

When: Thursday, September 28, 2017

Time: 9:30-4:30pm

Cost: FREE

Where: North Coast Builders Exchange, 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Breakfast and lunch included

6 AIA CEU's available

This course covers...

Why tight buildings are a keystone to Zero Net Energy...

Ingredients for a Zero Net Energy house...

How buildings leak air: Where, when and how...

Air sealing at design and planning stage of construction (for architects)...
Target ACH50 (air leakage) goals and how to succeed in getting there...
Material choices for air sealing: Where, how, and why...
No to low VOC air sealing...
Case studies of ZNE jobs- What went wrong and right...
Testing buildings for air leakage: When, how and where...
Make up air in a tight building
How to test your building for Air Leakage: A rehearsal
Costing out Air Sealing: How much will it cost?
With emphasis on the complex challenges of retro fit air sealing

CSI: Charles Young – Announcements included monthly meeting as posted on their website
<http://redwoodempire.csinet.org/Stay-Informed/Monthly-Dinner-Meetings>

SCFPO: Glenn Schainblatt: Joint meeting with NorCal FPO and SCFPO in Petaluma on
September 23, 2017. HAWAIIAN SHIRT or similar attire required!
Monthly meetings are posted on their website: <http://sonomachiefs.org/publiceducation.html>

IAEI: Mike Stone, NEMA- IAEI Northern CA is having our Sept. 27 Chapter meeting this month
in Napa at the JATC - 720 Technology Way, Napa CA 94558. Meeting starts at 9:30 and the educational
program starts about 10:30 and lasts till 12:00 – 12:30. This meeting's presenter is Duncan Cleminshaw
from Tesla talking about their Powerwall energy storage system and their new "Solar Roof" system, plus
energy storage stuff in general.

CBOAC: Glenn Schainblatt: 2017 Annual Conference and Business Meeting date announced: Oct.
30-Nov.1 2017; location at the Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa. See website for more information:
<http://www.cboac.net/>

CALBO: Brad Wungluck- As the ICC Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio draws near
(September 10-13, 2017), you have undoubtedly been contacted by many candidates for the ICC Board of
Directors seeking your chapter's support. Like you, CALBO is familiar with many, but not quite as
familiar with some from other parts of the country. CALBO meets each year alongside the state
associations of Nevada, Oregon, and Washington to conduct a one-day "Candidates' Forum."
Participation in the Candidates' Forum does not constitute an endorsement from the group, rather, it
gives everyone an opportunity to ask questions of significance to this western group of leaders.

In an effort to assist your chapter with any endorsements that you may wish to make, we wanted to
provide you with a full list of CALBO endorsed candidates. Each one of the CALBO endorsed candidates
personally participated in the forum and has been vetted by CALBO leadership.

President - Jay Elbettar, City of Mission Viejo, California
Vice President - William "Bill" Bryant, County of Anne Arundel, Maryland
Secretary/Treasurer - Greg Wheeler, City of Thornton, Colorado
Re-Election (At Large) - James Morganson, Town of North Elba, New York
Re-Election (At Large) - Donny Phipps, County of Richland, South Carolina
Re-Election (Section A) - Stuart Tom, City of Yorba Linda, California
First Term (At Large) - Michael Boso, City of Grove City, Ohio
First Term (At Large) - Dave Spencer, City of North Bend, Washington

Information on the candidates can be found on the link below:
<https://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/leadership/board-of-director-candidates/>

ICC Rep: Susan Dowty: The following items were submitted by Susan and summarized by Glenn:

Upcoming Dates:

- Sept 10-13 ICC's Annual Conference: Columbus OH: <http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/calendar/annual-conferences-hearings/annual-meetings/>
- Sept 10th 3 to 5 pm Region I meeting at ICC's Annual Conference in Columbus, OH,
- Sept 12th 2 to 4 pm Major Jurisdiction Committee Meeting at ICC's Annual Conference in Columbus, OH,

- Mid Sept 2018 I-codes available for shipping
- Sept 20th Inspector Skills Class at ICC Brea: 0.6 CEUs
Be able to better identify principles of code administration for achieving safe buildings and develop effective skills to communicate with clients and governmental staff during this one-day seminar. [Learn more](#)
- Sept 21st: Report Writing for Code Inspectors at ICC Brea: 0.6 CEUs
As an inspector, effective writing is vital to your career. Quality inspection reports and notices of violation will help you ensure code compliance, impress superiors and win respect from colleagues. Effective writing is vital to your career. Learn how to prepare more effective reports and advance your career in this one-day seminar. [Learn more.](#)
- Oct 30–Nov 1: County Building Officials Association of CA (CBOAC) Annual Meeting: Santa Rosa
- Nov 13-17: Plan Review Institute (Based on 2015 I-Code at Doubletree Norwalk: 0.6 CEUs
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- Jan 8, 2018 Deadline for Group A Code Changes

Reminders:

- ICC Region I website: <http://www.iccregion1.com/>
- ICC AdHoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings: <http://www.iccsafe.org/codes-tech-support/cs/icc-ad-hoc-committee-on-tall-wood-buildings/>
- Chapter Welcome Page: <https://www.iccsafe.org/membership/chapters/chapter-welcome-page-3/>
- Chapter Rewards Program: <https://www.iccsafe.org/membership/chapters/chapter-rewards/>
- Public Access and Premium Access for I-codes: <https://codes.iccsafe.org>

Notes:

- In response to Hurricane Harvey, the International Code Council is [pledging to match member, staff and stakeholder donations up to \\$64,000 to the American Red Cross.](#)
- The International Code Council [unveiled a new cloud-based testing system, Proctored Remote Online Testing Option \(PRONTO\)](#), which enables candidates to take ICC certification exams at their convenience on their home or office computer.
- The [August 2017 Building Valuation Data](#) is available. ICC strongly recommends that all jurisdictions actively evaluate and assess the impact of the BVD before utilizing it in code enforcement-related activities. The BVD is updated in six-month intervals with the next data available in February 2018.
- It's not too early to plan for ICC's 2018 Annual Conference:

2018 Annual Conference and Group A Public Comment Hearings:

Annual Conference: October 21–23, 2018

Public Comment Hearings: October 23 – 31, 2018

Greater Richmond Convention Center

403 N 3rd Street, Richmond, VA, 23219

CEC Representative- **Alex Pineda provided the following energy commission updates:**

Energy Commission Updates and Resources

Efficiency Division Updates and Resources

- Business meeting held on August 9. Nothing to report.

Next business meeting is September 13. Possible approval of CHEERS as a HERS provider for nonresidential projects.

Agenda and minutes posted at: www.energy.ca.gov/business_meetings

- 2019 Energy Efficiency Standards Rulemaking workshops are complete. Comments must be submitted by September 15, 2017.

Workshops, Notices, and Documents:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2019standards/prerulemaking/documents/>

Submit comments to:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=17-BSTD-01>

- New on-demand 2016 Energy Standards lighting video courses available - 1 residential, 3 nonresidential:

www.energy.ca.gov/title24/orc/lighting/2016_lighting.html

Energy Standards Training and Events

- Energy Commission upcoming training dates and locations:

www.energy.ca.gov/title24/orc/schedule_oe/index.php

9/18 – 9/21 CALBO Education Week, San Ramon – Exhibit

9/26 – Associated Lighting Representatives, Turlock – 2016 Energy Standards Lighting Overview

9/28 – Local Building Officials, Chico – Residential HVAC

- Free CalCERTS HERS Registry Training with 0.1 ICC CEUs. Email carolyn@calcerts.com for more information.

- Energy Code Ace: www.energycodeace.com/training

- PG&E: www.pge.com/pec

- SMUD: <http://www.cvent.com/events/Calendar/Calendar.aspx>

Energy Standards Resources:

- Online Resource Center: www.energy.ca.gov/title24/orc

- Energy Standards Hotline: 800-772-3300 or Title24@energy.ca.gov

To receive regular updates, sign up and respond to the confirmation email:

- Building Standards: www.energy.ca.gov/title24/orc/

- Blueprint Newsletter: www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/blueprint/

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee Chair: **Education Committee Chair: Glenn Schainblatt**

H&S Associates is interested in putting together a “Roadshow” of various topics of interest to both Building and Fire Officials. The format would be short (1 hr. max) presentations by subject experts. Some topics suggested are a presentation by TESLA on their new rooftop PV system and ICC benefits. Suggestions welcome.

Web-Site Committee: **Web Master selected Colby Facendini who is working with the board to improve the website usability, content and functions. We have the website operational and available for use as of August 21.**

Structural Committee Chair: **Bob Ost: No report.**

ICC Region 1: **Glenn Schainblatt.**

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Request for support letter from Stuart Tom for re-election to ICC Section A from REACO. A motion was made and seconded to send a letter of support for Stuart Tom.

The Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors Association of the Redwood Empire (PHCC) invites you to our Trade Show - please see website: <http://rephcc.org/>

Thursday – September 21, 2017

4:00 – 7:00 pm

Embassy Suites in San Rafael

We are looking for Marin Code Advisors / Officials to participate in the "ASK AN INSPECTOR" booth whereby attendees can ask questions regarding code policy, procedures and technical questions. Our membership is comprised of Contractor Members - Plumbing and HVAC contractors from primarily Marin & Sonoma counties as well Associate Members - manufacturer and supplier industry representatives.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Nomination Committee Eric Seabrook and Doug Hughes and any other Past President interested in participating. Nomination Committee will provide report at our November meeting.

If you would like a picture of your Jurisdiction displayed on the REACO homepage please submit electronically to Charles Lucas, secretary: <mailto:clucas@ci.petaluma.ca.us>

CBOAC sponsorship request. We have sponsored \$1000.00 contribution the past few years. A motion was made and seconded to send \$1,000 of support to the CBOAC.

Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation request for donation. There was some discussion and the request was tabled until next meeting. More information can be found at their website: <http://www.aarbf.org/About-Us/About-Us.htm>

10. OLD BUSINESS

Online credit card payments are activated on the newly updated website, thanks to Colby Facendini's hard work! We will be posting meetings and educational events.

11. LEGISLATIVE NEWS

CBSC legislative updates; <https://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/bsc/Newsletter/Summer-2017/CALCodeLegUpdate-Summer2017.pdf>

CALBO opposes the following legislation:

AB 1250 Summary: Establishes specific standards for the use of personal services contracts by counties. Requires the county to demonstrate that the proposed contract will result in costs savings to the county and to show that the contract does not cause displacement of county or city workers. Establishes liability provisions for employment law violations and torts committed in the course of providing services under contract. Imposes disclosure requirements on contracts.

SB 431 Summary: Authorize a local building inspector for five years following adoption of the ordinance or resolution to waive some or all requirements, with specified exceptions for certain health and safety requirements, of an applicable building code with respect to an accessory dwelling unit constructed prior to the specified date, for the purpose of issuing a building permit for that accessory dwelling unit.

12. Code Issues:

EV Charger Permits legislation: We will be posting the Sonoma County guidelines on the website.

ADU fire sprinkler requirements. SCFPO would like jurisdictions input in putting together a regional policy so we are consistent in our application. Are any members interested in helping? Request for volunteers made by Glenn.

The Division of Flood Management has a series of meetings with one coming to Sonoma County Tuesday September 19th 9 am to 12 noon. SCWA Redwood Room 404 Aviation Blvd, Santa Rosa. See flyer:

http://water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/prepare/docs/Final_2017_Preseason_Meeting_Flyer.pdf

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at approximately 2:28 pm.

Next meeting will be October 3, 2017, at the Cattleman's Restaurant Petaluma.