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## A Letter From Our President

It seems there is not end to the bad economic news. The construction slow down is so very real that all of us are facing severe budget cuts, salary freezes and staff reductions. There are very few bright spots in this picture however the service we perform continues to be extremely important; providing a high level of building safety through plan review and inspection services to the communities we serve. No matter how bad it gets there is satisfaction in a job well done.

There are areas of Chapter activity that continue to thrive. The February 19 meeting in Parker is shaping up to be the best attended ever! One-hundred have pre-registered for a daylong Disaster Evaluation training. My thanks to Gil Rossmiller for finding a room to accommodate the growing crowd and to Larry Trumble, the new Disaster Mitigation Committee chair for the popular topic and arranging the trainer. The Town of Windsor sent the Chapter a letter of thanks for the help after last fall's tornado. The Code Change Committee is busy preparing for the March proposal deadline and Shauna Mazingo, Gil Rossmiller and Becky Baker hit a homerun with the IECC code change community. The Chapter hosted a daylong meeting February 6 and energy advocates from around the country participated. The Department of Energy, Pacific Northwest Labs and twenty industry code specialists spent the day working out the details of their proposals.

Registration for the March Educational Institute is strong. That training opportunity is one of the best values in the country so please take advantage of this exceptional week.

Finally, the Board of Directors continues to find ways to serve the membership during these tough economic times. The meetings will continue to be free; the website is constantly updated to provide timely information; and, knowing travel and training money is tight, we support the regional group meetings.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Kanipe  
Town of Aspen  
CCICC President, 2009

# CODE TALK

By Tim Pate, Co-Chair Code Development Committee

The Colorado Chapter Code Change Committee had its' "kick-off" meeting for the upcoming first round of code changes to the 2012 Codes on January 21, 2009 at Broomfield City Hall (basement meeting rooms). Our focus was to discuss potential code changes that our committee will be putting together to be turned in for the first round of code changes. The new deadline for submitting code changes is now April 24, 2009. This is due to the code change hearings being held during the last week of October, 2009 and first week of November, 2009 as compared to the usual mid September dates. This will allow us more time to come up with some well thought out changes to submit on behalf of the Chapter.

We are having the next meeting on February 10 and will be having one more meeting in March to finalize the code changes that we will submit. Once the code change monograph comes out in late summer we will have some meetings to discuss our strategies in covering the code change hearings to be held the last week of October and first week of November in Baltimore, Maryland.

As everyone knows by now the 2009 IRC has new fire sprinkler requirements. All new town homes will be required to have an approved fire sprinkler system as of the adoption date of the 2009 IRC. All new single family homes will be required to have an approved fire sprinkler system as of January 1, 2011. The Colorado Chapter Board of Directors will be working closely with FMAC (Fire Marshals Association of Colorado) and HBA to come up with answers to the many questions that we all have come up with concerning the implementation of these new requirements. We will be working towards having this information for our membership by this summer which is when numerous jurisdictions will be beginning their code adoption processes. There are also new requirements to install carbon monoxide alarms in all new residential single family and townhomes. These carbon monoxide alarms will also be required when doing any work on a single family dwelling or townhome which requires a building permit. This would apply to any interior or exterior work. There are good summaries of upcoming code changes in the 2009 Codes available on our website [www.coloradochaptericc.org](http://www.coloradochaptericc.org) .

Anyone is welcome to become a part of the Chapter Code Change Committee. If you are not a member of the committee you can show up to see how our group works and get to meet your peers from numerous jurisdictions along the Front Range and the mountains. One of the best things of being a part of this committee is that you get to find out what the intent is behind the codes which will help you immensely when doing plan reviews and inspections. You also become a part of a fantastic networking chain when you need to get code questions answered or want to find out how your neighbors do things (we all hear the statement – "nobody else makes me do that!")

If you have any specific questions please feel free to contact Tim Pate or Tom Meyers and we will be happy to give you more information. Have a great holiday season and here's hoping everyone has a healthy and prosperous New Year's.



## A year in review

by Steve Byer, Past President Colorado Chapter ICC

The Chapter newsletter has been a wonderful resource over the years, that provides not only practical and useful information, like ICC updates to keep us current on national issues, or the Code Talk segment which helps us all to better understand the multitude of complex code changes, or critical information to our profession like legislative reforms, but it also contains interesting and informative articles, like the interview with a Chapter icon, Dan Nickle.

Certainly one of the primary purposes of the Chapter newsletter is to educate – to keep us all informed and aware of the numerous changes which threaten to overwhelm each of us on a daily basis. Hopefully the newsletter will also encourage us to become more involved with the Chapter, to attend a Chapter meeting, sign up for an Institute class, to join a committee, or maybe volunteer at one of the Chapter Give-a-Day events.

As my term as Chapter President has come to an end, and a new, energetic Board of Directors has taken over, perhaps the following “Year in Review” will provide a little insight into all the things that the Chapter does for its members, especially for those with limited staff or resources, or for those in remote locations of the State that prohibits regular attendance at Chapter meetings. The following is only a brief summary of Colorado Chapter ICC events and does not include the other regularly scheduled meetings of other groups, committees and Chapters, including but not limited to:

Code Change	Contractor Licensing
Disaster Mitigation	Education Committee
Legislative	Membership
Newsletter	Public Relations
Standardization	Web site

CAPMO – Colorado Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials

CAPT – Colorado Association of Permit Technicians

FMAC – Fire Marshals Association of Colorado

NCCPA – Northern Colorado Code Professional Association

MCCPA – Mountain Colorado Code Professional Association

### **January**

The Board held its annual retreat at the Boettcher Mansion on Lookout Mountain and hosted by Jefferson County. This is the first real opportunity for the newly elected Board of Directors, Past Presidents and special guests to come together to discuss where we've been, the direction that we need to proceed, and to ensure that Chapter tasks are being covered for the upcoming year, including Chapter meeting locations.

### **February**

The February Chapter meeting was hosted by the City and County of Broomfield and included an informative legislative update by Sam Mamet and Mark Radke from the Colorado Municipal League (CML), along with a detailed and thorough presentation by members of the International Firestop Council (IFC), detailing generic firestopping systems.

### **March**

Starting in mid February and ending early March were the ICC Code Change hearings in Palm Springs CA, where the Chapter provided travel expense support for numerous committee members to enable broad Colorado representation at these hearings.

However, the BIG march event was the 23 Annual Education Institute where 1700 + participants and numerous Exhibitors were in attendance. This Institute was one of the first of its kind and in my humble opinion is still the best and certainly one of the most economical educational events in the county.

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## A year in Review, cont.

### **April**

The April Chapter meeting was hosted by Morgan County in Ft Morgan, where there were an amazing 80 people in attendance, possibly due to the wide variety of subjects. This meeting included several presenters, including JVA Engineering with an overview of the new Colorado snow load map developed SEAC Snow Committee, Greg Johnson and Michael Stewart from the State with a Colorado Elevator Act update, structural engineer Bob Malouff detailing a plan review criteria for a typical pole building, and ending with Gil Rossmiller demonstrating a typical ResCheck for a residence.

### **May**

While there was no Chapter meeting scheduled for May, Mother Nature provided an unexpected and unwanted event, the Windsor area tornado. However, this tragedy also bought out the best in our members, when dozens of them arrived to perform damage assessment on hundreds of homes and structures. May also included a very positive note, with the continued Chapter support and volunteerism at the Girl Scout camp near Rye Colorado. We had good turnout and were able to complete another cabin restoration under gorgeous blue Colorado skies

### **June**

Pikes Peak Regional hosted the June Chapter meeting, where representatives from several firms including BASF, GAF/ Elk, and Owens Corning discussed closed cell spray polyurethane spray foam systems, shingles, wind testing standards, and applications over unvented attics. The membership also presented two \$5000 checks, one each to the Girl Scouts and to the Wilderness on Wheels organization, for the Chapter's continued commitment in making these two Give-a-Day projects safer for their members.

### **July**

July included the Chapter Golf Tournament which was well attended and enjoyed by all, along with our other Give-a-Day event at the Wilderness on Wheels facility, where additional sections of boardwalk where replaced by a great turnout of volunteers.

### **August**

The membership and their families were able to enjoy the beautiful Colorado mountains at the August meeting, hosted by Telluride and Mountain Village. This was a two day event that included several great presentations, pool safety / regulations, green building and sustainability, representatives from the Governor's Energy office and also regarding the Colorado school inspection changes, the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project explaining how they are concentrating on energy code initiatives, and finally Robby Schwartz with Energy Logic explaining the simulated performance path for code compliance. Participants were also invited to attend a terrific picnic on Thursday evening at one of Telluride's beautiful parks.

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## A year in Review, cont

### October

The City and County of Denver were hosts for the October meeting, where several varied topics were presented, including grey water systems, solar / photovoltaic, installations, designs and inspections, State representatives regarding elevators and sump pit requirements, and finally Joseph Montoya with the State provide school inspection process update along with MOU details for school plan reviews and inspections.

### December

The Chapter's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual business meeting and education seminar was once again held at the Broadmoor Hotel. The Thursday meeting included an in-depth 2009 code development update by Code Change committee members, a recap of how well the Chapter performed at the Windsor tornado by Disaster Committee members, and a review of the ICC Accreditation process by Scott Berg of Aurora, the only Colorado certified organization. Membership also then nominated and voted in the 2009 Board of Directors. The evening event of the banquet, installation of officers by Laura Scott, ICC VP of Chapter Relations, and annual slide show by Steve Thomas was enjoyed by over 100. Friday's ICC training, Customer Service for Code Administration, was presented by Laura Scott.

As you can see, it's been another busy, productive and event filled year for the Chapter, the Board of Directors and the membership, though none of this is possible without the continued support and volunteerism by you, our members – so please consider becoming involved. It was a truly remarkable year in my life and in closing, I would like to thank you all for your support and trust in me this past year as President of your Chapter.

Best wishes to you all in 2009

Steve Byer



Upper Left: Education Institute Registration. Upper Right: Girl Scouts Give-A-Day. Lower Left: Construction Career Days. Lower Right: Wilderness On Wheels.

## Chapter Website Survey Results (based on 13 responses)

By Tim Pate

### What do you use the CCICC website for?

Current Events, meeting info, used to check the forum, but there was not much action there. Probably explains why it appears the forums were taken down

Mostly, I use it to access information about meetings, and handouts. I sometimes use the links to other sites. This is helpful.

Meeting announcements  
Phone numbers of other Bldg Depts  
Building Guides

*To review Chapter meeting minutes, check on Legislative Updates, FMAC updates, and use the Link to ICC Evaluation Service.*

Denver Training schedule and occasional updates are what I am looking for.

Determine chapter meeting schedules and the agenda. Contact information for chapter members and officers.

I use the website mainly to keep informed of Chapter activities, since I have been unable to attend the meetings regularly. I also use it stay informed of upcoming meetings.

I rarely go there, probably 5 times in the last 5-10 years. At the time it was to see about advertised employment.

I use the CCICC website to get updates (meeting schedules, minutes, Ed institute info, Resource guide, etc.)

I periodically check the home page to see what's going on.

Advertising, Chapter Meeting info, Committee info

### Do you find the information you need on the site?

Yes, for the most part. For a while it seemed that the info was aged a bit, but I understand the time commitment that a can take.

In general yes

No

*In most cases.*

Sometimes, yesterday I was looking for the 2009 meeting dates and locations to post in CAPT's January 09 newsletter.

Yes, Found the Info I wanted (Resource guide could be updated--Sounds like a good job for an ex-board member)

YES

## Is the site navigation intuitive, and can you find the information you need quickly?

Yes

Yes

I usually do not use the CCICC website for much as it does not contain the information that I need.

Yes

Navigation is very user friendly.

Intuitive, it's easy to find information and navigate through the Site

Easy to use ----

The current format works for me.

(Numerous other yes comments)

## What type of information would you like to access that is not currently available on the site?

Provide the CCICC Membership Directory (phone/ e-mail) on chapter's website in readable and search format. Provide links, if available, to all member jurisdictions' web-sites, including professionals and industry Provide information on codes adopted/ enforced by all governmental member jurisdictions

More commentary on significant upcoming code changes or a Q and A on a particular subject...such as a discussion on HC accessibility in a building going from a single family dwelling to a business use or a group home...or other subjects.

Quick links to member websites (i.e. Denver, Littleton, etc.) without having to go to Google to search for them.

Meeting schedules for all related orgs like CAPMO, etc. along with the agendas.

Contact information for members

Survey results

It would be cool to have a "code forum" where people could post questions and get comments back without having to do it through our current email system

*Recent code opinions issued by ICC*

I can't think of anything. The Site meets my needs.

The 2009 Calendar of meetings and their locations

Agency link on links page is blank. Didn't there use to be a list of jurisdictions? Maybe put the links on the last page of the resource guide there. (Useful links)

Probably the responses through out the year to collective emailing re: code questions.

**Which industry-related websites do you access frequently?**

**Why? What do you like the most about these sites?**

lccsafe.org, bcdg-NAFFA .Why? Keep myself tuned into the codes, forces me to think, research. What do you like the most about these sites? Different viewpoints, have found myself many times doing a 180 degree change of thinking, if I open my mind up to it.

UL, various roofing sites, Why? Technical information. What do you like the most about these sites? Nothing in particular--just good information

ICC (code interps, books, etc.)

USGBC (industry links, info)

Assessors Offices (owner info, purchase info)

NFPA (code interps, books, etc.)

Most are simple to navigate and contain all of the information that I need or provide a link to go and get it.

*Routinely check specific manufacturers for product information. Why? If our company specifies a particular product for a project that I am involved in, I like to know all I can about its testing and installation requirements. What do you like the most about these sites? After exploring the sites a few times, I find that a good % of them have drop downs that take you to information you are seeking.*

ICC website for both specific info and interesting updates.

Other jurisdictions throughout Colorado, State of Colorado, ICC, FMAC Why? Information/research What do you like the most about these sites? Sites that are user friendly and you can easily find what you're looking for are the best. A search engine is great if links are not located on the home page.

Mostly professional associations i.e. ICC and fire protection related websites. I hardly ever access private sector websites via the CCICC website.

ICC Website, State of Colorado Website Why? For information What do you like the most about these sites? Information is easy to access; the site is easy to navigate through to find information.

Stairways manufactures, UL, ICC Certification, Simpson strong tie, USGypsum,

UL Why? To look up assemblies What do you like the most about these sites? Nothing at all, very hard to use. Product manufacturers' installation guides and spec sheets for dozens of products & definitely the Evaluation Service Reports.

USGBC, the GBI, ICC Why? All have programs we have adopted

What do you like the most about these sites? ICC is the easiest to navigate, then USGBC for amount of information available without a bunch of searches.

**Other comments? Your feedback is very important to us - please share your suggestions for ways to improve our CCICC website.**

I wish the chat room could be more usable. I know they have been invaded by a bunch of crap and as such are no longer useful. I have no idea how to control that.

I have not spent much time on CCICC website recently because I was not able, in the past, to obtain the information that I needed (sorry!) so I ended up Googling for the info instead. As a result, I added the pertinent information that I wanted or found to our City site in the hopes that if I wanted the info our customers might want it also.

*The site needs to be updated more regularly. i.e. Chapter meeting minutes are behind and the Calendar for 2009 should already be posted.*

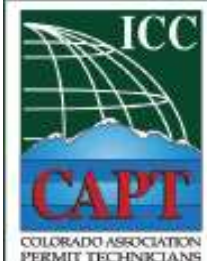
I use the ICC website for most code related items. The CCICC is good for local issues, pending legislation, and items just related to Colorado.

I know that someone is putting a lot of time and effort into maintaining the site and it is very much appreciated.

I know any website takes a lot of time to maintain & update, so I appreciate what has been done to date. I save a lot of my website links on Favorites so I typically check the CCICC home page for updated local news & info.

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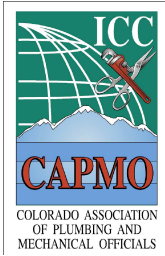
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**WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT ISSUE?**

What's Up in the Energy Code Arena?  
Chapter Meeting Updates  
A New Spin to the Newsletter as FMAC comes on Board!  
Code Talk: Differences between the 2006 & 2009 IRC

**If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies. Moshe Dayan**