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President's Message Patrick Buckley

It is with a deep sense of honor and gratitude that I accept the reigns of the office of presidency for the Colorado Chapter, ICC in 2007. I am honored the membership has placed their trust in me and I extend a sincere thank you to everyone. I am very excited at the opportunity to serve the diverse and hard working people of such a wonderful organization and I fully commit myself to this endeavor. I am fortunate to be working with a dedicated and motivated Board and membership on a number of important issues in 2007 and am anticipating a productive and fulfilling year at the helm of this great organization.

First and foremost, I wish to acknowledge the leadership and accomplishments of 2006 outgoing Chapter president, Barbara Kuettel. Barbara's hard work and dedication to the Chapter as well as her accomplishments, quiet leadership and steady, guiding hand aptly carried the Chapter through a busy and tumultuous 2006. Barb's character and work ethic inspires me to strive to work as hard and I expect I'll be leaning on her for lots of advice! It is my hope, with Barbara's and the rest of the Board's help, I can continue in the strong legacy Barb has left the Chapter.

2007 appears to be no different than 2006 in that the year is already shaping up to be a busy one for the Chapter. Fortunately, as in past years, we are blessed with a large group of talented and dedicated individuals who have proven themselves more than capable through their continued commitment to the Chapter's mission. There is no doubt in my mind, it is the commitment of these people that makes so much of what the Chapter wants to accomplish possible. Without volunteers who are willing to give of themselves and consistently donate their time and services, the Colorado Chapter would be one of many. Colorado Chapter volunteerism is what sets us apart!

In response to the many issues facing the Chapter this year, at the its annual retreat held in Jefferson County on January 12th, the Board stepped up in a big way and among other things, created two new Ad-Hoc committees. The first, the *Chapter's Governance Review Committee*, was formed to develop a Chapter policy in response to ICC's Governance Review Ad-Hoc Committee which is currently reviewing the organizational structure of the ICC Board and the national election process. The second committee, *Project HERO*, was specifically formed to look into the possibility of bringing the International Code Council Foundation (ICCF) Project HERO to Colorado.

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The ICCF, a subsidiary of the International Code Council founded Project HERO (Homes Eliminated of Restrictions and Obstacles) by “...*establishing a coalition of caring and patriotic organizations and volunteers to help disabled war veterans by combining the expertise of building safety officials, design professionals, contractors and veterans' service organizations and others within a community for a worthy cause – independence for disabled veterans...*” A local Project HERO program will require organization of a local team and selection of a recipient. The veterans' specific needs are then analyzed and the group works to create an accessible design and implement the necessary home improvements through the work of local volunteers. The Colorado Chapter will be working with the ICCF and exploring the possibility of developing a local project. If interested in learning more about Project HERO, please visit www.icc-foundation.org for more information. If interested in becoming a part of the local effort, please feel free to contact me or any other Chapter officer or director.

In addition to the newly created Ad-Hoc committees, the Chapter also has several Standing Committees to advance the Chapter's mission including Education, Program, Corporate Affairs and Code Change/Code Development. The Chapter also maintains several Ad-Hoc committees including Contractor Regulation, Standardization, Membership, Disaster Mitigation and Legislative as well as liaison committees with other local and national public safety agencies. If interested in committee service, contact the committee chair or any Chapter officer or director. Volunteerism is what makes the Chapter strong and all abilities and interest's, along with the willingness to serve is all you need to apply!

On the schedule this summer, the Chapter membership intends once again to venture to the high country for two of the Chapter's annual outreach programs. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 9th when we head to the San Isabel National Forrest southwest of Pueblo to work at the Columbine Council of the Girl Scouts – Lazy Acres Girl Scout Camp. Also remember to mark Saturday, July 14th when the membership treks westward to Kenosha Pass for a busy day at the Wilderness on Wheels accessible campground. The Chapter has been working for several years at each of these sites and is looking forward to tackling more projects in 2007.

If you want to know more about the Colorado Chapter or would like to get involved, check out our website at www.coloradochaptericc.org and attend one of our upcoming Chapter meetings coming to a building department near you (look for the meeting schedule in this newsletter)! Send me an email at pbuckley@ci.berthoud.co.us or give me a call (970.532.2643).

I'm looking forward to serving the Chapter in 2007 and working with all the dedicated people who give so freely their time, efforts and talents. I consider myself lucky to work with so many of you where the job means more than just a paycheck and where we all are able to work with our heart as well as our hands. The Colorado Chapter has become what it is today because of people like you. Let's all have a terrific and productive 2007!



A message from the Past President

I would like to thank everyone who attended our 2-day chapter meeting at the lovely Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs on December 7th and 8th. The meeting was very well attended and everyone enjoyed our speakers. Bruce Cousins with AIA Architectnic Ltd, presented the "Virtual Building Modeling" which demonstrated some of the latest computer tools to assist in plan reviews & permit issuance; Rich Walke, Staff engineer with Underwriter Laboratories provided an overview of the fire-resistive construction requirements in Chapter 7 of the IBC; and Billi Lee, motivational speaker, presented her "Success Savvy" seminar.

I was delighted that Rick Weiland, ICC CEO, and Wally Bailey, ICC President, were able to take the time out of their busy schedules to attend our meeting and speak to our membership on Thursday afternoon. Rick and Wally provided an extensive update on the current projects that ICC is working on and they also elaborated on their goals for 2007.

Approximately 100 guests attended our 53rd annual banquet. We were especially pleased to have Rick Weiland, Wally Bally, Gerry George (ICC Board of Directors), Anne vonWeller (former past president of ICC), Jason vonWeller (ICC staff), Doug Hall (President of FMAC), Leslie Carpenter (B.O.D. of CAPT) and Marlene Manzanares (past president of CAPT) in attendance.

Our newly elected Officers and Board members were sworn in by Rick Weiland, Wally Bailey and Gerry George. The 2007 Officers are Patrick Buckley – President, Town of Berthoud; Steve Byer – 1st V.P., Arapahoe County; Stephen Kanipe – 2nd V.P., City of Aspen and Shaunna Mozingo – Secretary, City of Westminster. The 2007 Board of Directors are Will Birchfield, Town of Estes Park; Tim Pate, City & County of Broomfield; Keith Peetz, City & County of Denver; Mike Salazar, Jefferson County and Dave Vaughn, Pueblo Regional Building Department. Rick Mendez, with the Town of Castle Rock, was appointed by the Board to serve as our new Treasurer. I would like to congratulate all the new officers and board members and I am confident that they will do an exceptional job in 2007!

I presented the chapter gavels (gold hammer and the gold pneumatic gun) to Patrick Buckley and am certain that he will do an extraordinary job presiding over our membership in the year to come. I received the past President's plaque and jacket from Patrick and the membership surprised me with a beautiful bouquet of 24 long-stemmed red roses!

Gerry George presented the Beryl Wallace Award to Greg Wheeler, City of Thornton, for all his hard work and dedication on the Colorado Chapter's Legislative Committee and his participation on the ICC International Building Code Council & Board for International Professional Standards. Tom Meyers, with Colorado Code Consulting, LLC, received the President's Award for his exemplary and meritorious achievement in supporting the mission and principals of the Colorado Chapter. I cannot think of two more deserving individuals to receive these prestigious awards. Thank you for your admirable contributions to the Colorado Chapter.

During the process of writing my "Year in Review" speech I realized that we truly have an incredible organization and it's impressive what our membership accomplishes in one year. If you look at what everyone contributes individually, you realize that we have some very industrious members. However, it's overwhelming when you look at our membership collectively and discover the enormous range of our achievements! The Chapter's undertakings are infinite at the local and national levels and we should be very proud of our membership.

In closing, this year's annual banquet is an evening that I will always treasure because of the camaraderie of our membership. I would like to thank the membership for all your guidance and unwavering support this past year. You are like a second family to me and I am extremely grateful to be associated with so many wonderful people. It has been a tremendous privilege to preside over our talented, hardworking and extremely motivated membership. With heartfelt gratitude and enormous appreciation, I would like to thank all of you for this memorable and rewarding experience. This has been an awesome year! Thank you.

Respectfully,
Barbara Kuettel



"What would you attempt if you knew you could not fail?"

Colorado Chapter of the ICC hosts Annual Business Meeting at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs

The year end Annual Business Meeting for 2006 was a great success for the Chapter and its members. From the great venue to the outstanding program hosted by Dave Tyree of Colorado Springs a good time was had by all.

ICC President Wally Bailey and ICC C.E.O. Rick Weiland gave updates on the national organization and what the new year holds in store for its members. Their report can be read on page 10 of this newsletter.

As noted in the Past President's message, there were presentations on Virtual Building Modeling, Fire Resistive Construction Requirements of the IBC/UL Fire Resistance Directory, and an outstanding presentation on how to succeed in rapidly changing systems.

Gerry George, CCICC Awards Committee, presented Greg Wheeler, Building Official for the Town of Thornton, with the Beryl Wallace Award. You can read more about this on page 5.

The chapter's business meeting brought on the election of officers and board of directors for the 2007 year. The Board of directors and its officers are shown below. From left to right: President, Patrick Buckley; 1st Vice President, Steve Byer; 2nd Vice President, Stephen Kanipe; Secretary, Shaunna Mazingo; and Directors: Will Birchfield, Tim Pate, Keith Peetz, Mike Salazar and David Vaughn. Not pictured is newly appointed Treasurer, Rick Mendez.



Below Left: ICC C.E.O. Rick Weiland presents the Colorado Chapter's Past President, Barb Kuettel, with her past president's pin and presents incoming president, Patrick Buckley with his president's pin.

Below Right: ICC President Wally Bailey joins Jason VonWeller and his mother Ann VonWeller at a Colorado Chapter Board meeting in Colorado Springs.



Greg Wheeler receives the Colorado Chapter of ICC's Beryl Wallace Award

By Gerry George

Beryl Wallace was an early member of the Colorado Chapter. After his retirement he remained active, both on the national level and in the Chapter.

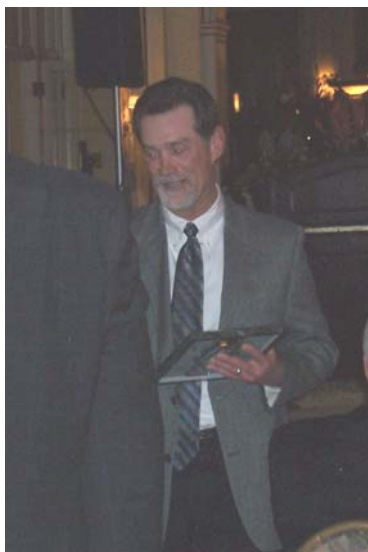
Beryl always held the Colorado Chapter in high esteem and set goals for the Chapter that were also very high. He worked hard to see the Chapter achieve those goals. As a result of Beryl's influence on those of us that knew him, we wish to keep him in our memory with the presentation of this award appropriately named the "Beryl Wallace Award" to an individual who has strived to meet the same standards, which Beryl had set forth for himself and the Chapter. There are many members of the Chapter who have met challenges and who are worthy of such an award. However, there are a few members that have gone that "extra mile" and have accomplished those extra things that it takes to make the Colorado Chapter what it is today.

This year's recipient of the "Beryl Wallace Award" has been involved in the building code profession for two decades. During that time, he has distinguished himself as a leader and contributor to the betterment of the Colorado Chapter.

He has been active on the national level serving on ICBO's Education Committee. He served ICBO membership in the drafting of the International Building Code's means of egress provisions, later serving on ICC's Means of Egress and General Occupancies Code Development committees. His performance on these committees led to his most recent appointment on the ICC Building Code Council. His presence on the Council has helped further the aspirations of fellow Colorado Chapter members through his assistance in championing member qualifications for national committee appointments.

Most recently, he has elevated the Chapter's presence at the state level by serving as the Chairman of the Chapter's Legislative Committee. His lobbying abilities and dedication to the legislative process has helped the Chapter build and maintain strong relations with state representatives, ensuring that our agenda will always be heard. Through his legislative e-mail updates and bulletins, he has kept the membership informed and ready to be mobilized at a moments notice.

The Colorado Chapter proudly announced the recipient of the 2006 Beryl Wallace Award to be Greg Wheeler.



Left: Greg receives the Beryl Wallace Award

Center: Greg visits with friends at the Annual Banquet

Right: Greg talks one on one with Ron Drey over legislative issues.



CODE TALK

By Tim Pate

The Colorado Chapter Code Change Committee has had 2 meetings in December and January and has submitted numerous challenges to code changes that were heard last September in Orlando, Florida. We had a great turn out at these meetings with numerous “veteran” members and also with quite a few new members.

The next step in this code change cycle is for the Final Action Agenda to be published and will be available around March 2, 2007. It is extremely important for all of us to review these challenges and determine if there are ones that appear to be critical for our Chapter to take a position on. The Code Change Committee will be meeting again after this document is available in order to analyze these challenges and formalize our positions. If you are not a member of the Committee please take the time to look this document over and forward comments or concerns to any of the members (you can send direct to Tom Meyers or Tim Pate) and the Committee can discuss your issues.

The Final Action Hearings will be held from May 21 through May 26, 2007 in Rochester, New York. The Committee will formulate the plan on who will attend and who will speak to the membership on particular challenges. All information for the Final Action Hearings is available on the ICC website. There is information on hotels, education opportunities, and the hearing schedule.

If you or any of your staff are interested in attending and helping the Code Change Committee please contact Tom Meyers and he will discuss this with you. We highly encourage you to support your staff if they are interested in attending the hearings. It is an extremely valuable experience attending and participating in these hearings. This is truly where our voice is so important to be heard on the National level.

You are encouraged to submit an application to sit on one of the National Code Change Committees for the next code change cycle. There will be information available on the ICC website when the Final Action Agenda is published. These applications will be due by July 1, 2007. The Chapter has had great participation on the various committees in the past but we can always do better. Talk with your supervisor or Building Official and get the okay to apply. It is an experience you will never forget. Remember you can't get appointed unless you try.

There are numerous jurisdictions that have adopted the 2006 I-Code package or are in process of doing so. If you are in either category please contact Becky Baker with Jefferson County and let her know. She is keeping a running list of this information and it is very helpful for us to know so that we can use this when working with other jurisdictions or other industry groups.

The Chapter is developing a closer working relationship with the local chapters of the American Institute of Architects and the Associated General Contractors. The Chapter was invited to do a presentation at a roundtable luncheon last week at the AGC offices in Denver. Becky Baker, Keith Peetz, Steve Thomas, Pete Bemelen, and I attended on behalf of the Chapter. There were numerous representatives from the AIA, AGC, and other interested parties that attended. We were able to explain what role the Chapter plays, significant changes in the 2006 I Codes, Chapter educational opportunities, and update on status of jurisdictions and their 2006 Code adoptions. There were many questions from the attendees. It is hopeful that these groups will begin working with us in the code change process and of course taking advantage of our educational opportunities. Many thanks to Becky Baker for working with these groups.

The Chapter is also developing a better relationship with the local HBA. We are co-hosting the upcoming February Chapter meeting with HBA and look forward to working with them in the future in other endeavors.

Just a final note – this newsletter is here for all of you. If you have any ideas for topics to be discussed feel free to submit an article or submit your ideas and we will help with putting together an article. This is the best and easiest way to get information out to the rest of the membership.

January 30, 2007

Open Letter to the Colorado Chapter ICC

I have promised Shaunna for some time now that I would put together an article for use in our chapters' news letter. So, after several unfulfilled promises, I have finally decided that I could put her off no longer. So here it is.....

I would like first of all to thank the Chapter for your continued support and commitment to not only our goals and objectives as a chapter, but the goals and objectives of the International Code Council. Although our purpose is very clear to us, it is most often misunderstood by those who we are serving. All it takes to gain some credibility is for something to go wrong. As the California folks have phrased, "When I do my job right, nothing happens". It is a fact, that our codes are based on and reaction to unplanned catastrophic events, such as the Chicago Fire, the San Francisco Earthquake, Hurricane Andrew and so on. It is fortunate, that in our development of codes, we have been able to use the experiences and expertise of so many participates such that our codes are now the best in the world. It is not to say that they are perfect, but they are dynamic, and as such are made to recognize the latest innovations or technology available to better serve our purpose. It is through this process that our Chapter has been recognized as one of the leaders in code development.

The Colorado Chapter has such a grand history in not only code development and recognition on a national level, but in giving back to the community. As it relates to the participation on the national level, we must start with recognizing some of our members who have played such a significant role in our success. I am sure I will leave some of you out of this history, but understand it is not intentional as there are so many of you, it is inevitable.

Perry C. "Pete" Tyree. President of the International Conference of Building Officials. Thomas Thompson, Chairman, International Conference of Building Officials, Board of Directors, International Code Council. Dan Nickle, Chairman, International Conference of Building Officials, Chairman, International Code Council. Becky Baker, Board of Director, International Conference of Building Officials. Charles "Red" Gillette, Board of Directors, International Conference of Building Officials. Then there are other Chapter Members doing other stuff, Ken Christensen, City of Aurora; Tom Briggs, City of Aurora; Gordon Clyde, City of Fort Collins; all went on to serve the members of the International Conference of Building Officials as members of staff.

Committee Members, where the heck do I start? Becky Baker, Tom Meyers, Tim Pate, Greg Wheeler, Dan Weed, Gary Pringey, Stephen Kanipe, Craig Springe, Jerry Wooldridge, Steve Thomas, Tom Thompson, Dan Nickle, David P Tyree, Greg Keith, members of our partner organizations, CAPT, Marlene Manzanares, ICC, Rob Geislinger, IFC, Sam Dardano, IMC, where does it end? The answer to me is nowhere. Our name and recognition is will continue as long as we have the resources of folks who care about what it is we do and are willing to share their commitment with the rest of us.

We have such a rich and diverse organization we should all be proud of. I, for one am extremely proud of my association with so many wonderful, dedicated people that I will always hold in high esteem our relationships. I again want to thank the Colorado Chapter of the ICC for your continued support to our organization and particularly to me, personally.

Thanks you All.
Gerry George



WHO IS FMAC?

The Fire Marshal's Association of Colorado got its official start in the early 80's. It started out as a small group but over the years has grown to over 160 members, the majority of which are in Colorado but there are about a dozen members from neighboring states. In 2000 FMAC became an ICC Chapter, growing strongest through the Front Range area but keeping the needs in mind of the rest of the state. The biggest stumbling block is demographics; having meetings in a place that people from all over the state could attend. As Fire Code Officials, FMAC officers feel as though they should represent statewide interests.

The primary function of FMAC is to serve as an organization to support, educate and train fire personnel. They serve as liaison to the State Fire Chiefs Association in fire code enforcement activities and work closely with the Colorado Chapter of ICC, particularly with the Educational Institute hosted by the CCICC every March. Recently FMAC took over the fire prevention tract of the Ed Institute, playing a major role in educating other jurisdictions.

FMAC hosts IFC certification preparation programs with instructors that volunteer to teach in their areas of expertise. The courses are usually offered beginning in the second or third week of January and run about 8 weeks, usually two days a week to accommodate various shifts of emergency personnel. At the end of the course the participants can register to take ICC's certification exam. Because these prep classes are offered mainly in the metro area, FMAC is considering hosting a condensed version for 4 days in the mountains to accommodate other folks and help them study for the exam. Over the past 3 years over 200 participants have taken the exam and very few have failed. FMAC contributes some of that success to the good quality instruction offered and believes they are meeting the needs of the participants.

Doug Hall, Fire Marshal for the City of Westminster, serves as President of the Fire Marshal's Association of Colorado. Doug gives credit to Pete Tyree, Building Official for the City of Lone Tree, for getting FMAC in the code development arena in the mid 80's when the national organization was ICBO. They started to get involved in the code adoption process and are now able to advise other jurisdictions on that process. The chairman for FMAC's Code Development Committee is Mike Dell'Orfano, Fire Marshal for South Metro.

FMAC's Legislative Committee, headed by co-chairs Jerry Stricker of Golden and Rob Geislinger of Parker Fire Protection District, work closely with the Colorado Chapter of ICC's Legislative Committee Chair Greg Wheeler of Thornton, on various legislative issues. It is a great collaboration by both groups. FMAC also has members that serve at the national level on various ICC committees as well.

The Fire Marshal's Association of Colorado agreed to provide a speaker for the Colorado State Fire Chief's Leadership Conference in Breckenridge. Among the topics discussed were the value of fire prevention and strategic planning. FMAC also is very active during National Fire Prevention Week in October every year.



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Fire Marshals continued...

Some of the other things that FMAC gets involved in reach outside their organization and the training of fire personnel to the communities across the state. They support area charities by providing donations to burn centers and the Children's Hospital. Every October they co-host the Fire Prevention Insert in the Denver Post as well.

Doug Hall commented on some of FMAC's goals, stating that he would like to see them grow, with more involvement in the private sector and the building community, which takes time and planning. They would like to become a recognized resource for resolving fire protection issues and to perhaps become the "go-to" group for fire protection much like the Colorado Chapter of ICC is in building safety. FMAC wants to raise the bar on providing education and training in Colorado to all folks.

Doug also would like to see growth in FMAC membership but reiterates that the biggest challenge for the association is how to reach people or serve outside of the metro area to areas like the northeast or southern Colorado and the western slope. They could form regions but Doug felt that it might fragment the organization. He is concerned about reaching beyond the mass of the membership, which is on the Front Range.

At the State level, FMAC is concerned about fireworks and firework safety. Mr. Hall noted that the State has a law authorizing the use of fireworks but it is hard to get the elected officials and the public to understand that the fireworks that they are worried about are the ones being sold out of state and are illegal in our state. FMAC will continue to its efforts to educate people in this regard.

Fire officials see some level of trust at the local level due to the administering of the State fire regulations but most regulations are spread out and vary among the various organizations like the Health Departments, Forest Service Departments, local municipalities, unincorporated areas, and special districts. The lack of a building and fire code that is centralized under the umbrella of one administrating agency a lot of times pins counties verses municipalities. It is hard to not have a common agency with a common purpose. Fire Marshals face the task of knowing various building and fire codes as adopted by the different areas that they serve where as the Building Official may work with the code that they have adopted and their individual Fire Marshal. Sometimes there are conflicting attitudes and philosophies and this is just another hurdle to overcome. It is great when fire and building folks work together for the good of the community and that will always be a goal of FMAC.

For more information on FMAC check out their website at www.co-fmac.org

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

CCICC: April 26, 27 at Jefferson County

FMAC: March 16 at Golden

CAPT: May 16 at Parker

CAPMO: March 15 at Jefferson County

ICC Report as presented By ICC CEO Rick Weiland and ICC President Wally Bailey at the December Chapter Business Meeting in Colorado Springs:



Rick Weiland began by stating that he credits the ICC staff for its success. “It’s been a little luck, hard work, leadership, and a lot of vision”, commented Mr. Weiland. “ICC is not about making money but rather about investing in what we truly are about and that is good codes and having resources to help you do your job.” Rick went on to say that ICC needs to stay on the cutting edge of code development. He noted that he was excited that the 2007 budget will aid in moving forward with the long term blue print of the future. They can turn the revenue back around to increased and enhanced member value in the way of incentives and rewards, better training and instructors, and better partnerships with the chapters.

Rick Weiland commented that the members make a difference and ICC needs to make sure that the members have the tools and resources to make that difference. He gave an example of an earthquake that measured 6.5 on the Rictor Scale that hit southern California and killed 2 people. The same magnitude earthquake hit Iran two weeks later and killed 30,000 people. This is the kind of difference that we all make. But Mr. Weiland noted that we have an obligation that goes beyond our borders to share our expertise. He further commented that we are blessed to have an economy that supports safe buildings.

Rick Weiland introduced ICC President Wally Bailey. Mr. Bailey stated that ICC needed to think bigger and keep moving forward. He mentioned that there are born leaders and there are those that are cultivated and he urged folks to step outside of their shell because the State, Region and National levels need their leadership.

Mr. Bailey noted his initiatives for the upcoming years. First was a Code Officials Awareness Program. Wally Bailey reported that the importance of what we do is mind boggling but there isn’t the respect for it. A code book doesn’t make a building safe, you have to open it, learn it, and enforce it; it is merely a vehicle. This program would help to educate homeowners, city managers, elected officials and code officials. Together we can make a bigger difference but we have to work together because others outside can see the division amongst us, i.e.: fire officials, building officials, electric, plumbing, etc.

Second is the development of the Membership Services Committee. “Find what the people want, give them more of it. Find what the people don’t want and give them less of it. Find why people become members and what they want for their membership.

The third initiative is communications. There will be some additions to the website to give more information on the Board of Directors, minutes and profiles, committee reports, etc. Let the folks know what is going on behind the scenes.

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ICC Report continued...

Fourth is to work with the AIA to get the I-Codes into the curriculum of the schools of architecture. ICC will donate code books to every library at every school of architecture in the nation. AIA is willing to participate in the task force with ICC to improve the relationship between code officials and designers.

Fifth is Green or Sustainable Construction. Get a bond approved to move forward to aid in the development of standards for sustainable construction. Maintaining public safety is our responsibility, reports Mr. Bailey.

Wally Bailey noted that the ICC Board of Directors is hard working. Each member is on committees, is a liaison and each is in a leadership role somewhere. They do thorough debates and work hard and the members should be proud of the board that they have selected.

Mr. Bailey reported that the Governance committee was scheduled to put out a final report in December but it has been too hectic. The plan is to put a summary of comments received by email, verbal, forums, teleconferences and those from the ABM together and make a determination of where to go in that final report.



ICC Board President Wally Bailey will hold the first in a series of “Fireside Chats” on Tuesday, March 6. This 90-minute teleconference, which will originate from Bailey’s office in Fort Smith, Arkansas, at 3 p.m. EST, is part of an on-going effort to improve communications with ICC members and stakeholders. It will allow listeners to ask questions and participate in the discussion.

For more info go to: <http://www.iccsafe.org/news/chat.html>

The Board of Directors for the Colorado Chapter of ICC, Inc says goodbye to retiring board member



The Colorado Chapter says goodbye to Board Member, Pete Bemelen, after serving on the Board of Directors for the past 3 years. Pete is retiring as Building Official for the City and County of Denver and has also stepped down as a member of the board for CCICC.

The Chapter thanks Pete for his service on the board and for always doing his best to fulfill the Chapter’s mission of improving building safety and wishes him well in where ever his journey takes him. BEST OF LUCK PETE!!!

LET'S STUDY!

Check out some of these ideas for your study needs:

www.iccsafe.org : The ICC Online Campus has code classes to meet all of your needs at a discounted price to members. There is also a full page of training options through ICC just by clicking on the "Training" link on their website. The ICC store has more than just code books. Purchase flash cards, video series on various code subjects, workbooks and manuals, and much more.

www.coloradochaptericc.org : Go to the chapter's website for helpful Building Guides. The Guides are published for the 2000, 2003 and soon to come the 2006 I-Codes as well as being available in Spanish. .

www.coloradoenergy.org : for information on Colorado Building and Energy Codes this is a great source of information.

www.codecollegenetwork.com/co/index.html : for free training online check out this website. It is especially helpful for contractors and inspectors alike, as it gives short demonstrational videos on how to properly install various building components.

www.cocapt.com : The CAPT website has a great library of resources that its members can check out as well.



Guessing at Multiple-Choice Questions

Tip

1. If two answers are similar, choose one of them.
2. If two answers have similar words (perpetrate, perpetuate), choose one of them.
3. If two answers have opposite meanings, choose one of them.
4. Choose the longest answer.
5. If none of the above works, choose (b). Studies show that (b) is the correct answer 40% of the time, (c) is right 30% of the time, (a) 20% and (d) only 10% of the time.

Go to buycodecards.com for more test taking tips.

This information was taken from ICC's 2006 International Mechanical Code flash cards. For information on ordering flash cards go to www.iccsafe.org and visit the ICC Store, select 2006 Codes, then the type of code you wish to study, (i.e.: Mechanical Code) then select code references. Members pay only \$14.50 for a pack of over 150 flash cards to aid in the study of a particular International Code. It's a great study reference!

Colorado Association of Permit Technicians



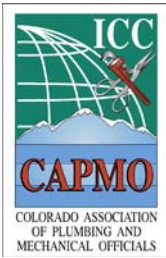
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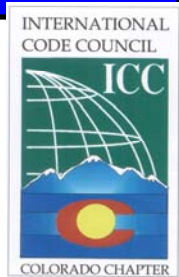
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EDUCATING MATTERS...

AN INTERVIEW WITH DAN NICKLE, Part 1

BY SHAUNNA MOZINGO

There are few times in one's life when an opportunity presents itself to sit down and have a one-on-one, heart-to-heart conversation with someone that you look up to and inspires you to be and do more than you are. Recently I had the chance to do just that. I went to Lakewood to interview Dan Nickle where he is getting ready to retire as Building Official. I thought that it would be great for the membership to get some insight into Dan's background and his plans for the future. I didn't know quite what to expect as I entered the room pen in hand, notebook, tape recorder and about 25 questions that I just had to get answered. My motives were also self serving because I wanted to go behind the scenes and find out what Dan knows and how he learned it so that I might possibly gain some knowledge as to how one becomes so dedicated, involved and respected in this industry.

I was going to summarize my interview for a newsletter article but instead decided that since I recorded the conversation, each of you should be privy to the same experience that I had so I am presenting to you, in two parts because there is no way to fit it all into one newsletter, my interview with Dan Nickle.

S: Tell me about Dan Nickle before his Building Department days.

D: Wow, I can't remember back that long...I've been doing this since 1973. My work history prior to that was primarily with the Military and then with the Missouri Public Service Commission as an Engineering Technician. There is not a lot to my professional life before my building department days. This July is 34 years that I've been doing this. I started in Kansas City, Missouri as a Plans Examiner. I did that for 3 years and was promoted to Chief Plans Examiner, which I did for about another 3 years and was then promoted to Supervisor of Building Inspections, doing that for about 2 years and then came to Lakewood as the Building Official in 1982.

S: Why Colorado? What brought you from Missouri?

D: The opportunity to become a building official. ICBO was contacted about a replacement for a building official here and the Kansas City office was the closest office at that time so they were called and I was recommended from ICBO. It has turned out pretty well. I've been here a little over 25 years and I'm ready to retire.

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S: What got you started in the building industry as a plans examiner? Why that field?

D: I had a little bit of experience in construction primarily just working with my father, who built a number of homes. I needed a job and applied for the position in Kansas City and got hired. I couldn't even spell ICBO when I worked for them.

S: When you were in Kansas City is that when you got involved with ICBO or were you even involved with them back then?

D: I went to work for the City of Kansas City Missouri and through that employment I got involved in ICBO. In 1974 I took the only certification exam that ICBO had at that time, which was for a Building Inspector. There were three of us that took it in 1974 and I think that we were the first 3 in the state of Missouri to pass that exam so that helped. In 1978 I passed the plans examiner certification, which was new at that time. In 1981 there was the CABO building official certification exam so I took that.

S: Do you still keep in contact with folks from your Kansas City days?

D: Yes, I'm an honorary member of the Kansas City Chapter. I was president of that chapter in 1978 and that was my first annual meeting in Denver that year. It was also my first time to attend the code hearings and speak to code changes. In 1979 I also attended the annual meeting in Anchorage and then didn't attend another meeting until 1982 when I came to work for Lakewood. I served on and chaired the Kansas City Code Change Committee so I was pretty involved in code change back then. When I moved to Lakewood I got involved in the chapter and that is probably the one thing that has helped me out more than anything is my involvement and association with the Colorado Chapter. Obviously they were really strong in code change back then as they continue to be today. Probably the highlight of everything is the Education Institute, which probably means more to me than my job in Lakewood or my service on the ICBO Board or the ICC Board. I wouldn't trade the institute for any of that. I think it has had a pretty good impact on the level of code knowledge and code enforcement not only in the state of Colorado but adjoining states as well. We get pretty good participation.

S: The Colorado Chapter of ICBO was already in place before you moved here?

D: Oh yes, it was born back in 1953 and I'm not sure exactly what their name was; it seems like it was the Rocky Mountain Chapter of ICBO or something like that. It was the Colorado Chapter of ICBO when I moved here and it was a really good chapter with very active people involved. It was really a blessing to me to have that resource.

S: You were able to just move from Kansas City to here and get right involved in the chapter?

D: Yes, it really helped me a lot early on in my life as a building official to have all of those resources. There were a bunch of really good folks there.

S: Who do you remember being involved in the Chapter back then?

D: Pete Tyree was kind of "the guy", but there were a lot of people involved: Gerry George, Tom Thompson, Dave Tyree, Steve Thomas... A number of people that are still around today being active were active back then. I'd have to go back to look at membership rosters to come up with names, Marv Fisher comes to mind. He was a really good friend of Beryl Wallace.



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S: What about ICBO? When you got involved with ICBO what were they like? Were they the big organization like they are now as ICC?

D: Yep it was still a big organization that handled pretty much everything west of the Mississippi River. It was a big group then because it was the biggest model code group around and the best, no question about that. I started in 1985 by being appointed to the Resolutions committee and then in 1986 to the Education committee. I served on that for about 4 years or more. I eventually chaired that committee. I ran for the ICBO board in 1993 and was unsuccessful. I repeated that in 1994 and was successful and then in 1997 I was elected to the Executive Board as Second Vice President; at which time I was also appointed to the ICC board, before the consolidation. I served on both boards and then in 2000 I was chairman of both boards.

S: Wow, How did you do that?

D: It was a busy year. The year 2000 was the year we published the first International Building Code. I ended my service on the ICC Board in 2002 and it was just months before the formal consolidation. It was a busy time from 1994 to 2002. 1994 was the year that ICC was formed and then I served on the board in 1998.

S: So you were involved in the consolidation?

D: You Bet.

S: Who else do you remember being involved in that?

D: Well, the entire ICBO board of directors as well as the other two model code groups. Everything had to have the blessing of the respective memberships. There were a lot of meetings, arguments, and disagreements. Things kind of came to a head in San Francisco at our annual meeting in 2000 when the membership overwhelmingly voted that the only way that they would agree to become a member of the consolidated ICC was if we maintained the governmental code development process. It took that vote by the ICBO membership to get BOCA and Southern's attention to the fact that we were serious about the code development process. That did it. Before that meeting was over, southern had come around and at that point it was final action and that was all that we could get committed to but that is really the heart of it. It's the final vote by governmental members that makes the difference. Bob Fowler, who is kind of considered to be the father of ICC because he was the one that really pushed the other two model code groups and got everybody talking and got everyone to come to an agreement in 1994 to go to ICC instead of CABO (Council of American Building Officials), which is where they would go and do a lot of stuff together but they were still 3 separate code organizations; so they got away from CABO and went to ICC at Fowler's prompting. He was very instrumental in getting Southern to come around to the governmental consensus process. Bill Tingey, Bob Fowler and I met in the hallway outside of the assembly room in San Francisco and that is kind of where things really came together. Both of those guys are gone. Bob died in a motorcycle accident and Bill died of Cancer. Bill was appointed the first CEO of ICC, which was something he really did want but he didn't really get to enjoy it because he died about a year later. Bob Fowler didn't live to see the consolidation, which was so disheartening because he was really the main guy.

S: In San Francisco you said that the membership voted overwhelmingly to keep that governmental process. Was that everyone, including Southern or just ICBO membership?

D: No, just ICBO members. Our members were saying, "If we are going to merge then this is what has to take place." Southern agreed to support it, not in detail but in principal. Nothing else was talked about then other than that the final vote be by governmental members.

S: So now that everyone is consolidated into ICC, what is your involvement?

D: I served on the board until 2002 and then went back and served one year on an ICC Education committee but got too busy with my job and the Colorado Chapter so I resigned. I've been there and done that and I thought that it was time for others to step up and have a chance to get involved because there is a lot of satisfaction in that type of work, no doubt about it.

CODE TALK

By Tim Pate, Co-Chair Code Change Committee, Director – Chapter Board of Directors

Colorado Chapter Members Testify at Rochester Final Action Code Hearings

The Final Action Hearings for the first round of the Code Changes for the upcoming 2009 International Codes were held in Rochester, New York May 21- 26, 2007. The Colorado Chapter funded seven members travel to the hearings in order to observe and testify on several code changes. Tom Meyers led the group, which included Shaunna Mozingo, Keith Peetz, Bill Clayton, Chuck DeVorss, Mike Metheny, and Kirk Nagle. This group was heavily involved and contributed testimony on numerous items. The Chapter Code Change Committee had approximately 50 items on our watch list and Meyers estimates that our group spoke on about two thirds of these items. Approximately 80% of the items that the group testified on were voted on favorably (this included the challenges the Code Change Committee had authored on certain items). Sam Dardano from City of Boulder and Pat Clark from Jefferson County represented the CAPMO group in Rochester and their group had 24 items on its watch list. The CAPMO group spoke to all of those items and was successful on 20 favorable votes. CAPMO has already put together 23 additional code changes to be presented in the second round.

The most interesting item debated was RB114 which was a code change that would have moved the requirements for fire sprinkler systems in all residential dwelling units from the appendix of the IRC to the main body of the IRC. The IRC Committee in Orlando, Florida denied this code change last September and the proponents challenged this action so it was subsequently heard in Rochester. It was interesting to see the additional number of people who showed up just for this particular code change. It appears that the additional people were all associated with the group that was challenging the denial of the original code change. The vote tallies for items heard previously were over 300, and the total votes on this code change exceeded 800! The rules stated that it required a simple majority vote to overturn the IRC Committee September decision but it would take a two thirds majority vote to approve the new motion for “Approved as Submitted.” There was at a minimum two hours of debate on this contentious issue. The initial vote to overturn the original Committee was about 62%. The second vote to approve the original code change “As Submitted” was approximately 58% - well short of the two thirds vote needed. Therefore the original denial by the IRC Committee stood. We anticipate this issue will be back in the second round of changes next February.

One of the best things that came out of these meetings was that our Committee group continues to gain respect in the national arena by showing our dedication and interest in the Code Change process. The CAPMO group is now one of the two most active and respected groups (along with Virginia) working in the mechanical and plumbing code change arena. Our Chapter has had great representation on the national Code Change committees over the last few change cycles and our Chapter has sponsored a high number of members to attend both the code change hearings and in particular the Final Action hearings. Our group continues to establish new coalition partners from not only other jurisdictions/Chapters but also with industry and designer groups to further our agenda in an attempt to improve the I-Codes.

2007 Monograph Now Available on ICC Website

This Monograph contains all of the successful code changes for all of the I-Codes. These changes will be included in the 2009 I-Code package unless any are modified in the second round of reviews coming up this summer, fall, and winter. Code change submissions are due to ICC by August 20, 2007. Our Code Change Committee will have two more meetings before August 20 to review our proposed changes that we will be turning in. We will then have three meetings to review all of the submitted changes that will be heard in Palm Springs the last two weeks of February.

CHAPTER MEETING IN BUENA VISTA – JUNE 22, 2007

Recap By Tim Pate

The Chapter hosted a meeting in beautiful Buena Vista on June 22, 2007. Special thanks go out to Harold Murray with Chaffee County for putting together wonderful accommodations and food. Also thanks go out to Gil Rossmiller and Harold for putting together a great program. We heard from Bob Malouff with Malouff Engineering discussing the pros and cons of conventional wood construction and how structural engineers come into play. We also heard from Rob Pickett with Rob Pickett & Associates who provided an overview of the log home industry, log home designs/engineering, and the Log Homes Council, including the newly completed ICC 400 provisions.

Bob Malouff led a spirited discussion reviewing the conventional wood framing provisions out of the IRC and the role that a structural engineer plays in these designs. Significant discussion centered on engineered roof truss designs. It appears that there is not a consensus among jurisdictions on when these truss design drawings are required to be submitted to building departments. Many require these drawings to be turned in at time of plan review and the rest allow them to be on site at time of rough frame inspection. One of the big concerns brought up was that the roof truss layout is not reviewed and approved by the engineer of record to verify that the point loads of girder trusses matched up with the engineer of record original roof frame layout. Another big concern is who is supposed to design the roof truss uplift connections to the top plates of the walls. Typically the roof truss engineer does not do this portion of the design (although there are some truss designs that do show the specific uplift connections to be used). If the truss engineer does not show these requirements, the engineer of record should call them out on the roof frame plan.

There also appear to be questions concerning potential liabilities when the framing inspector determines the metal uplift connection based on the uplift numbers shown on truss sheets. One item that was pointed out was that the uplift numbers shown on the individual truss sheets are typically high since the computer software only looks at the individual truss as a stand alone truss when determining the wind uplift and does not take into account that this truss is a part of an overall package of trusses that make up an entire roof frame system. If the structure is being built straight out of the conventional frame provisions in the IRC, the uplift connection numbers would be as per Table R802.11. You would then go to the Simpson or USP catalogues to determine an adequate metal connection.

Bob spent some time reviewing the basics in designing a “stick built” roof frame system. He reviewed the differences between ridge boards and ridge beams. He explained the details for blocking rafters at bearing walls and how valley beams and rafters work. He then spent time going through the IRC braced wall requirements for both exterior and interior walls. He did point out that if the exterior walls are sheathed entirely with OSB or plywood, the required interior braced walls (if any) do not have to also be sheathed with OSB or plywood but could be sheathed with gypsum as long as using one of the approved methods in Section R602.10.

Rob Pickett spent a couple of hours reviewing the log home industry, log home engineering and design, the Log Home Council, and the recently approved ICC 400 Log Home Standards. The web site for the Log Home Council is www.loghomes.org. He explained that there is a new log home standard “Standard on the Design and Construction of Log Structures: ICC 400-2007.” The 2006 IBC Section 2303.10 and 2006 IRC Section R502.1.6 are new and have specific requirements for structural log members. Rob spent quite a bit of time explaining how the grading process works and what types of grade stamps to be looking for at time of field inspection. He explained that most logs will shrink a certain amount and that the design of the overall structure should reflect this potential shrinkage. There should be adequate space around window and door openings to accommodate this shrinkage. Interior posts which hold up the roof beams should also be designed on adjustable bases so that these posts can be lowered as the exterior walls shrink which also drops the height of these roof beams.

Rob pointed out that logs stamped with Wall grade can be used for Post and Timber grade. He also explained that the log home industry has an approved fire test that shows a log with a minimum 6” width has a one hour fire rating. This is important for log homes being built in areas where the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code has been adopted (or other locally adopted requirements in areas within potential forest fires).

If you and your jurisdiction are interested in hosting an upcoming Chapter meeting next year please get in touch with Gil Rossmiller or Tim Pate and they will be happy to help you out with the details. If you have any interesting ideas for presentations that you might like the Chapter to include in any of the upcoming Chapter meetings please get in touch with Gil or Tim and they will do their best to include them into one of the future meetings.

Over the years, all of these things have happened to Dan Nickle

As told by Gerry George:

LOST IN THE DARNDDEST PLACES:

Dan called 911 on his cell phone to report that his car has been broken into. He is hysterical as he explains his situation to the dispatcher: "They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!" he cried.

The dispatcher said, "Stay calm. An officer is on the way."
A few minutes later, the officer radios in. "Disregard." He says. "He got in the back-seat by mistake."

"I CAN HEAR JUST FINE!"

Dan, Tom and Wally, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. Dan remarked to the others, "Windy, isn't it?"

"No, Wally replied, "it's Thursday."
And Tom man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."

SENIOR DRIVING

As Dan was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Dan, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 25. Please be careful!"

"Heck," said Dan, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

DRIVING

Dan and Tom were out driving in a large car - both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through Tom, in the passenger seat thought to himself "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light." After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. Tom was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that he was losing it. He was getting nervous.

At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, Tom turned to Dan and said, "Dan, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!"

Dan turned to Tom and said, "Oh, crap, am I driving?"

SETTING THE STANDARDS

A STANDARDIZATION COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT
BY STEVE BYER

The committee has recently completed updating all existing Building Guides to the 2006 International Codes, including conversion of the guides to Spanish. These guides are available free of charge and can be downloaded from the Chapter's website at <http://www.coloradochaptericc.org/buildguides.htm>. While they are not modifiable for local jurisdictional requirements, it is possible to request that these building guides include your jurisdictional contact information printed on each guide, for a nominal fee.

The committee meets on the third Thursday of even numbered months, at various locations around the Front Range. The group is always seeking new suggestions, additional membership participation, topics for standardization in between code cycles, and are currently considering several different possibilities. We were recently invited by Keith Peetz of the City and County of Denver, to attend a steering committee meeting, hosted by Martin and Martin, and staffed by regional engineers and architects along with building department representation. The intent is to possibly formulate standardized guidelines for building departments to use in qualifying Special Inspectors and for Approved Quality Assurance Agencies, to ensure compliance with the requirements of Chapter 17.

Any suggestions, questions for the committee or requests for jurisdictional labeled building guides can be forwarded to any Board member, to any Standardization committee member, or by using the "Contact Us" link from the Colorado Chapter of ICC website, at <http://www.coloradochaptericc.org/contactus.htm>

Girl Scouts Give-A-Day

By Steve Byer

Saturday, June 16, 2007

Once again, the volunteers at this year's Colorado Chapter ICC Give-a-Day enjoyed beautiful weather, plenty of rewarding tasks and an abundance of laughter. This year the group returned to the Columbine Girl Scout Camp, southwest of Pueblo in the picturesque San Isabel National Forest, to continue providing improvements to a couple of existing cabins. Similar to last year's excursion, these updates included installing new siding, doors, steps and railings, and new screen on a portion of the side walls, adding some convenience, safety, ventilation and of course a better way to keep the bugs away!

While it was a little too early in the year for the girl scouts to be there, the troop leaders were again gracious hosts, finding time to barbeque plenty of food for us all. A special thank you should also go out to the Pueblo Regional Building Department staff, for once again making the necessary arrangements of labor and materials, along with all the site preparation.



ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE UPCOMING 2007 SUPPLEMENT TO I-CODES PACKAGE

By Tim Pate

The following are some of the interesting items that have been changed and will appear in the 2007 Supplement for the I-Code package:

1. There is a new IBC section 1708 which will require Special Inspection for installation of wind resisting components in wind exposure Category B where the 3 second gust basic wind speed is 120 mph or higher or in wind exposure Category C where the 3 second gust basic wind speed is 110 mph or higher.
2. IBC Sections 1007.3 and 1007.4 both have an exception added back in that will allow an approved fire sprinkler system to substitute for the required area of refuge. This will make the Code match what is in the 2003 IBC. Please note that the 2006 IBC will require these areas of refuge even with a fire sprinkler system.
3. There is a new IBC section 403.15 that will require "exit path markings" in high rise buildings.
4. IBC Section 1012.3 has a new exception allowing handrails within U, R-2, and R-3 units to meet Type II graspability which will match what is in the IRC.
5. There is a new IBC section 403.15 that will require an additional exit stairway in addition to the minimum required by Chapter 10 for all buildings other than R-2 that are more than 420 feet tall.
6. There is a new IBC section 419 that recognizes and gives requirements for Live-Work Dwelling Units. There is also a new section within the IRC that recognizes Live Work Units.
7. IBC Table 508.2 (Incidental Use Table) has been modified by deleting parking garages and storage rooms over 100 square feet from table.
8. IBC section 508.3.1.3 and 508.3.2.3 will both now require a separation between R occupancies and other occupancies which will match the required separation between dwelling units.
9. There is a new IBC section 703.5 which will require marking and identification of fire walls, fire partitions, fire barriers, smoke barriers, and smoke partitions in an approved manner.
10. There is a new IBC section 714.8 which gives specific requirements for sprayed fire resistant materials (SFRM).
11. There is a new IBC section 915.1 which will require shafts to be identified as per this section.
12. IMC Section 403 has been dramatically changed for how to determine ventilation air calculations and requirements.
13. IMC Section 504.6.1 will now require a permanent label or tag showing the developed length of a concealed dryer duct when it is longer than that allowed by this section and based on the exception when using the manufacturer's installation instructions.
14. IMC Section 505.2 will now require adequate make up air for any exhaust hood systems capable of exhausting in excess of 400 cfm. This will apply to domestic kitchen exhaust equipment for dwelling units built under the IBC and IMC.

The above are items that I have found to be substantial and interesting changes. Please take the time to go through the entire supplement to determine what else might impact your jurisdiction. If you might like to write a code change for any of the above items or any other items please contact me or Tom Meyers and we would be happy to help you out.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUDGET MEETING

BUENA VISTA CHAPTER MEETING – JUNE 22, 2007

A recap by Tim Pate, Board of Directors

The Chapter Board of Directors had their yearly budget meeting on Thursday evening, June 21, 2007. The Board had a spirited debate concerning the budget for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1. One of the big items of debate was how much of the Chapter's funds should be kept in reserve (in our short term savings and long term investments). The Chapter's savings funds have seen steady growth through the close of the 2006/2007 fiscal year (June 30) and the Board, through their budget review, desired to clarify the intended purposes of the reserves.

The Colorado Chapter is a self insured non-profit entity. The primary reason for keeping adequate funds in reserve is to cover any potential financial losses due to uncontrollable events at the Educational Institute, where training classes could not occur (blizzard, terrorist attack, etc.), but where contractual obligations would continue to exist. Another important reason is to ensure the Chapter is financially able to continue fulfilling its mission to its membership, the public and industry and building professionals through the delivery of education, training and other outreach ventures. Other examples of potential large expenditure losses the Board considered important to plan for is the replacement of the Education Institute equipment due to damage or loss. The final reason was to keep adequate funds available so that the Chapter could consider hosting a future ICC Code Change Meeting or ICC Annual Business Meeting. The Board decided that we would not need to keep a very large amount of funds to potentially host these national meetings since it does not appear that the amount of exposure the Chapter would get would really be worth it based on the amount of time and money that would be expended.

The Board also decided that it would set a "loose" cap on the amount of savings of an amount as yet to be determined the intent of which would be to cover any potential losses at the Chapter Education Institute. The Board will be examining closer just how much this amount would need to be over the next few months.

Once these decisions were made, the Board closely looked at the budget line items for the various committees. The Board approved a significant increase to the Code Change Committee (see related article – Code Talk) which will allow the Chapter to fund more Chapter members to be involved with the ICC Code Change process. The Board decided to do a test run on not charging to attend upcoming Chapter meetings. We will be doing the first test run at the upcoming meeting in Glenwood Springs in August. If this is successful we hope to continue doing this in the upcoming future. The Board is also considering using some of these savings to help subsidize the Education Institute attendee's costs.

The Chapter has been actively working on setting up a link with the ICCF Project Hero which helps perform remodeling projects for disabled veterans. This will necessitate a fairly large expenditure once we get all of the details worked out. At that time the Board will put together a special budget expenditure request and take it to the Membership for a vote. These funds will also come out of these savings.

Finally the Board decided to work on helping fund outreach training to jurisdictions. The Board will begin to encourage these jurisdictions to ask for our help in putting this training together.

The primary missions of the Colorado Chapter are to be involved with the ICC Code Change process, perform charitable projects throughout Colorado, and promote education and training in the I-Codes. Your Board of Directors has been and will continue to do the best it can in performing these missions.

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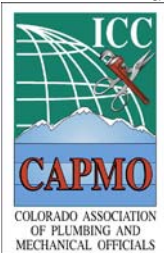
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Colorado Chapter of the ICC for its generous contribution to CAPMO, both financially and philosophically. Your continued support and endorsement of our organization is very much appreciated.

I am sure a lot of you are aware of the behind the scenes work going on to make the mechanical and plumbing codes the best they can be without becoming too onerous or suffocating. Without trying to embarrass him I'd like to acknowledge Guy McMann for all of his hard work and dedication to the many code changes he has made to both the mechanical and plumbing codes. His changes are made with regard to health and safety concerns, make complete sense and aren't written just to make changes. His goal is to make the already user friendly codes even more so, better serving building officials, contractors and homeowners. Guy has had helpful input from many sources but the changes are primarily his.

I'd also like to acknowledge the increasing support of our southern jurisdictions. The main focus of holding CAPMO meetings is networking to accumulate input for the collective good. The southern jurisdictions have been very forthcoming and helpful in that regard.

Jefferson County as a jurisdiction has been on the IPC and the IRC for approximately 10 years. The transition hasn't always been easy. Once the plumbers found out how user friendly the new codes were and the extra number of options the codes provide, attitudes have changed. Acceptance and enthusiasm of our codes are increasing every day. Apparently, the many "tailgate classes" are bearing fruit, which leads me to my closing thought.

I'd like to ask each CAPMO/CCICC member, either individual or jurisdiction, to contribute in any way they can in the educational process. It is the most important contribution they can make. It enhances our industry in huge ways. The payback is immeasurable.

Thank you for this opportunity to address you.

Respectfully yours,

Robert P. Clark, Board of Director, Member of CAPMO

WHAT CAN YOU FIND ON THE CHAPTER'S WEBSITE?

TAKE A LOOK:

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes
Code Adoption information by Jurisdiction
Upcoming Events
Job Postings
Building Guides
Popular Links
Education Institute Information
Previous Copies of Newsletters
Board of Director Information
Chapter Bylaws
Meeting Announcements
Special Messages
And so much more...

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The chapter's Program Committee seeks member input on ideas for educational topics that you'd like to hear at chapter meetings. If you have an educational topic that you want to learn about or know of a topic that will be of interest to others or if you would be willing to host a meeting in 2008 please contact a Program Committee member and bring those ideas to the light.

These are your chapter meetings and you have a say in what happens.

Contact: Gil Rossmiller at grossmiller@parkeronline.org Tim Pate at tpate@ci.broomfield.co.us

PUBLIC MEETING FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS

The City & County of Broomfield and The City of Westminster are hosting a public meeting to review insulation installation and inspection requirements for all residential construction. This will include single family and multifamily builders.

Meeting open to all building department personnel as well.

This will be a **MANDATORY** meeting for all of Broomfield's residential builders and their insulation subcontractors.

Date: September 25, 2007

Time: 9 a.m. to noon.

Location: City & County of Broomfield
Auditorium

3 Community Park Road
Broomfield, Colorado 80020

For information and specific details please contact Tim Pate at 303-438-6373 or at tpate@broomfield.org or Shaunna Mozingo at 303-430-2400 ext 2084 or at smozingo@ci.westminster.co.us

Please RSVP as soon as possible.

CODE TALK

By Tim Pate, Co-Chair Code Development Committee

The Chapter Code Change Committee had their last meeting on August 13 and finalized the Code changes to be turned in to ICC. We submitted 18 changes to the IBC and 9 changes to the IRC. Some of the members submitted changes to both Codes by themselves due to not having full support of the Committee and also due to not having time to fully discuss the items in front of the Committee. The Code Change monograph is scheduled to be available sometime in early December. The Committee plans on having two to three meetings to review all of the proposed changes to both the IBC and the IRC and prepare for the Code Change Hearings to be held in Palm Springs the last two weeks of February. The Chapter Committee has an adequate budget to help fund members to travel and attend these Hearings. You would be able to see how these national hearings work and get your chance to stand up to speak on various changes.

The entire membership is encouraged to review these Code changes (they will be available on the ICC website) and contact any of the Chapter Code Change Committee members to bring up in our upcoming meetings.

The Report of the Public Hearings (results from the Reno hearings) should be available about mid to late April. The Chapter Committee will then meet again to review these results and prepare for the Final Action Hearings to be held September 17 through 23, 2008 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

You are encouraged to become a member of the Chapter Code Committee or just attend one of our meetings to see how our process works. We are always open to new people and ideas. The Colorado Chapter has been and will continue to be an important player in the national Code Change arena and we rely on our membership continuing to be a part of this important process.

We also anticipate finding out which of our members are selected to serve on the national Code Change Committees in mid to late October. The ICC Board of Directors will vote on the ICC Council's recommendations at the ICC ABM in Reno September 30 to October 2. There were many Chapter members who turned in their applications and it will be exciting to see how many of us get selected. It is a fantastic experience serving on these committees and well worth the time and effort it takes. We will be reporting these results on the Chapter web page as soon as we get them.

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED FOR ICC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bios and resumes are available for candidates running for the Code Council's Board of Directors. Elections will be held at the Council's Annual Business Meeting in Reno, Nevada. To view the contenders go to:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/news/about/BOD/candidates/index.html>

When in Reno don't forget to support the Colorado Chapter's very own Gerry George, who is running for Secretary/Treasurer of the ICC Board.

GOOD LUCK GERRY!!

CHAPTER MEETING IN GLENWOOD SPRINGS – AUGUST 9 AND 10

By Tim Pate

The Chapter meeting in Glenwood Springs was a resounding success. Special thanks go out to Bob Kohrmann (town of Eagle), Matt Royer (SAFEbuilt), and Pat Seydel (Glenwood Springs) for getting together to host this meeting. This was the first time that the Chapter Board of Directors tried offering free attendance to a Chapter meeting. We required people to RSVP in order to receive this special offer. We received close to 50 RSVP's by the deadline and close to 50 showed up for each day! The Chapter Board of Directors has decided to do the same "free" offer for the upcoming meeting in Golden on October 19. Details for this upcoming meeting are available on the Chapter website.

The meeting program hosted an extremely interesting group of presenters. Laura Shumpert with the Colorado Department of Health started out Thursday morning and discussed asbestos concerns during renovations and demolition. She explained the history and health concerns of asbestos in buildings. She also spent considerable time going over the requirements for building owners in getting State permits for asbestos remediation. If you have any questions you can contact her at laura.shumpert@state.co.us.

Steve Bernia with the Colorado Division of Housing spent the second half of the morning discussing how we should deal with factory manufactured structures. He went over the differences between trailers built before the 1950's, mobile homes built pre 1976 and between 1971 and 1976, and finally manufactured homes. He discussed how building departments need to accept and inspect all of these types of homes. If you have any questions you can contact him at steve.bernia@state.co.us.

Robby Schwarz with Energy Logic started the afternoon session by discussing energy ratings, insulation installation, air barriers and the systems approach to the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code. Energy Logic is a third party energy rating company for new home construction. This was an extremely helpful discussion since more and more jurisdictions are beginning to enforce the various energy code requirements located within the 2003 and 2006 International Residential Code and the International Energy Conservation Code. He explained how insulation and air barriers would need to be installed in order to achieve a top installation rating and also meet the manufacturer's installation requirements.

The Colorado Chapter Board of Directors then held their August Business Meeting. These meeting notes should be available on the Chapter website late October after the Board is able to review and vote to approve at the October meeting.

Bob, Matt, and Pat then hosted a wonderful BBQ at Two Rivers Park. They were kind enough to have a great meal of burgers, hot dogs, chips, salads, soda, and beer. There were a number of extremely competitive games of horseshoes (not sure why some of the games took an hour and half though!). A good time was had by all and the weather was great. Thanks again Bob, Matt, and Pat.

The Friday presentations were given by Dane Hagerty and Tim McGinnis with Cultered Stone (manufacturer stone veneer), Gordon Lundell with Rio Grande Company (hard coat stucco systems), Blake Tomlinson (representing Tyvek house wraps), and Chris Delay with Milgard windows. We put this group together to discuss how all of these systems need to be applied to the exteriors of buildings in order to make them weather tight. All of these gentlemen were extremely informative in their presentations which generated a large amount of questions. These are certainly important items that need to be addressed by building departments and these presentations certainly helped all of us understand the proper way to install all of these items.

All in all this was one of the better attended meetings that the Chapter has had for quite awhile especially considering that it was well out of the metro area. The Chapter is always excited in scheduling these meetings in the more remote areas in order to allow more of the membership to attend and not have to drive so far. The Board is interested in hearing from you if you want to host or even co-host a meeting with a neighbor jurisdiction in the upcoming 2008 year. Contact either Tim Pate tpate@broomfield.org or Gil Rossmiller grossmiller@ci.parker.co.us for details. If you have any ideas about items that might be of interest for us to get on one of the meetings next year also feel free to contact us.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Chapter ABM in Colorado Springs on December 6 and 7. Details will be forthcoming on the Chapter website very soon. The annual banquet will be on the evening of December 6. This is a wonderful time to mingle with others, listen to great music, and have a wonderful dinner. Stay tuned.

WHAT'S NEW AT ICC

Information courtesy of ICC at: www.iccsafe.org

Bailey Brings International Flavor to Final Fireside Chat



Code Council Board President Wally Bailey will be joined by Alliance of Canadian Building Officials President Mannie Withrow, Ontario Building Officials Association President Terry Hewitson, and others from across the globe during his next Fireside Chat. The chat, to start at 2 p.m. Eastern on September 26, will be live from the heart of Canada's capital, Ottawa, at the landmark Fairmont Château Laurier. Join in to ask questions and participate in the discussion.

[Register on-line](#)

ICC Board of Directors Candidates Webpage

In accordance with [CP20-03](#), the International Code Council is providing a candidate webpage where candidates may pre-file information to be made available to the membership and the Nominating Committee in formatted content and where the Nominating Committee report will be posted after nominees are determined. A candidate forum at the Annual Business Meeting will be held prior to the elections. Forum procedures are to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Candidates Forum

Monday, October 1
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Rooms N9 and N10

Annual Business Meeting [Elections]

Tuesday, October 2
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Reno, Nevada

For more info go to: <http://www.iccsafe.org/news/about/BOD/candidates/index.html>

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EDUCATING MATTERS

The interview with Dan Nickle

Continued from the 2nd Quarter Newsletter

By Shaunna Mozingo

S: What about the Colorado Chapter? Education aside, what have you done since you got involved in 1982.

D: I got involved in code change in 1982 and I did that up until the time I was elected to the board of directors in 1994. At that time I just didn't have the time to devote to code changes and then the institute took priority over everything for me.

S: So let's talk about education. I see that you were involved with education with ICBO, ICC and CCICC; why education?

D: That is what we needed most. There was such a demand for it. There was no affordable code training in Colorado. People could go to California or we could hire instructors from ICBO to come from California and most of that was cost prohibitive to the majority of the jurisdictions in Colorado, which are smaller jurisdictions. A lot of places couldn't send their folks to California or Nevada or Phoenix for training.

S: So how did you do it? How did you get the Institute started?

D: Well, the original group to put it together was Pete Tyree, Greg Keith and I. Our first education committee meeting was in a temporary building in Parker and that was probably in 1984. Greg Keith was kind of the brains behind the thing. He is an extremely intelligent individual and at that point he just developed a curriculum that is amazing how much we have stuck to that today. We've added course paths. The first half of the day we did a general assembly where we had everyone together and had someone speak on something and then we broke out into separate classes for the balance of the week and we only had six course paths or something like that. But the basic format for the institute was pretty much ironed out that first year and all of that credit goes to Greg Keith. Greg has been teaching every year since the first institute in 1986 and he hasn't missed a lick. I think Tom Thompson is another person who hasn't missed an institute as far as teaching is concerned. I was looking at the first brochure of courses and instructors for the first institute yesterday and when I looked through there I found Pete Tyree, who has been here every year, Greg Keith has been here every year, Dave Tyree was there that first year and has been most of the years although he did miss a couple. Tom Thompson and Wally Prebis have been there every year. Richard Boon was there that first year and has been here a number of years since then. There are a number of people that have been here for a number of years.

S: So the three of you just got together and said, "Ok we are going to start offering some education to Colorado folks"?

D: It was the function of the chapter; we didn't just do it on our own. The chapter agreed that something needed to be done so we went forward and I think there were folks that thought we might be getting in over our heads but ever since that first year it has gotten a little bigger and a little better.

S: What did ICBO then and ICC now think of it in the beginning?

D: When we first started we had a number of ICBO folks help teach. I remember John Beranger, who was past president of ICBO taught a class, John Trowel, was an engineer for ICBO and he came in and taught. John Noccee who was president of ICBO ES and is now ICC ES, taught. We had a number of ICBO participants. I think that they were a little surprised as time went along as to what we were able to accomplish. By the time ICC was formed this Education Institute was one of the, if not the, biggest educational opportunities of its types in the country and ICC was aware of it and we didn't have a lot of attendance from the other two model code groups but it had a national reputation at that time. We have used ICBO and ICC instructors from time to time but in an effort to keep things affordable we look to volunteers. The bottom line commitment is the quality of education. There have been a few glitches here and there but I think the training has been outstanding and we have been able to maintain the low registration fee rate primarily because of the growth. We started that first year with a cost of \$225.00 for the week and I think we are up to only \$265.00 now, over 20 years later.

S: That's really amazing

D: It really is. When you stop to think about it what else can you do for basically the same price you could do 23 years ago? One thing that has helped is the addition of exhibitors to the institute. That generates a lot of revenue. We knew that we were going to get to the point where we would max out the facility and growth would be forced to stop and the addition of exhibitors was something that we could do to generate revenues instead of raising the rates for registration.

S: What has changed the most in the 23 years of the institute?

D: We've always had good turnout with volunteers and the chapter has always been behind it, especially after the first couple of years when they were convinced we really had something. I would say that it is so much easier now than it was in earlier years with things being computerized. The first couple of years we were at the Embassy Hotel and we were pleased with the way things went off and when we went to sign a contract for the following year they tried to be nice but they didn't want us to come back. We had used a lot of their meeting space and taken up all of the decent classrooms that they had at the hotel but everyone that attended that first year was local. Nobody rented a hotel room so they didn't like that. They make their money off of hotel rooms. What we had to do for 1987 was to go where we are now, which at that time was the Sheraton. We just laid our cards out on the table and said, "this year was our first year and this is what we did, this is what we think we are going to do..." at that time the economy was going south and there were a lot of vacant hotel rooms and the Sheraton said let's try it for one year and see what happens. We tried it for one year and we came through exactly as we told them we would so they said, "ok, let's try it another year." And we continued on a year to year contract until we started to experience a little conflict with meeting dates and we said that we want the first full year in March, that's what we really want and they said ok, you'll just have to sign contracts out far enough to guarantee that. We originally started like 5 years out and now we are 7 years out. We did have some conflicts along the way where they had booked some things way out into the future and they couldn't change those dates so we had to change ours and that is why we are now signed out so far, to avoid those possible conflicts. One year we had a misunderstanding and we printed brochures for one week and they had us scheduled for a different week so we had to scramble to reprint and re-mail brochures but it all worked out. When Sheraton switched to Marriot we had to re-train some folks and it was kind of difficult but now they list us as a low maintenance conference where they just stay out of our way. I think that a lot of the employees take vacation that week because we don't have a lot of demands. We go in and handle our own registration and audio/visual equipment, etc... It is really a well oiled machine now. Many of the people that have been involved have been involved for so long and nobody in the world could do a better job than JD Potter does in handling that equipment. He is just absolutely fantastic. We always have a group of people that show up to handle the registration desk and also to help JD. Gerry was involved with that for a number of years and still gets involved. We've added equipment. When we first started generating money we started buying overheads and slide projectors and now that stuff is getting replaced with LCDs and computers. The one thing that has helped make it a more professional production is the advent of the LCD projectors and everything is computerized and that has certainly made the registration a lot easier, especially with the number of attendees that we have now. It's been a transition from a real low cost, low key production to what we have now.

S: What advice do you have to Dave Horras, who has taken over the reins as chairman of the education committee?

D: I can't give any advice to Dave. He probably knows as well or better than I do how to run that Institute. I was thrilled to death at his willingness to step up and start chairing that committee and taking over that responsibility. I think that the committee needs to keep the proper perspective. The bottom line is we want the best quality training that we can provide and it has to be affordable. We started it primarily for education and training of our members. It has evolved to more than that but it didn't have to. The focus still needs to be on our membership; the jurisdictions in Colorado, the training that we provide to the contractors, architects and engineers of Colorado. Every architect or engineer that takes a class at the institute makes it easier for the building departments to deal with. It is a win-win situation for everyone. Even though they may not be members of the chapter it is a benefit to chapter members for them to get that training. As long as they maintain that focus, we really have great people in this chapter and they can take it and run with it forever. Dave is going to do an incredibly good job. He is on top of it and thank God he is.

S: Will you stay active with in the chapter?

D: Today I want to. A year from now I may have a totally different attitude about the whole thing. As long as I feel good and feel like I have something to contribute I would like to stay active in education and public relations and I would even like to get back into code change and development. My first building code was the 1970 Uniform Building Code and I have a lot of perspective on a lot of how the codes were developed and why certain things were in the code. We have lost a lot of that with the conversion but the basics of fire and life safety of the building codes haven't changed. The way that we provide it may have changed. I started before smoke detectors were in the code. Performance codes have probably been one of the major changes. Set aside from the fact that we consolidated the three model code groups into one, that is really major but the advent of the performance codes took a lot of the beurocracy if you will, out of the code enforcement and have been a blessing to the architects, engineers, contractors and the code officials.

S: Tell me about Wilderness on Wheels

D: I don't know how long I've been going up there. My first involvement was when the City of Lakewood did a give a day program up there and we worked on the boardwalk. They only did it one year and I'm not sure how we got involved in it but there were a few folks that had been involved and thought that the chapter would be a natural to go up and continue that work. The Wilderness on Wheels thing is not something that I started, I just happened to be there that one year as a volunteer and we've been up there ever since. We've had a number of volunteers over the years including Gerry George. We have gotten down to a core of talented and skilled craftsman in the chapter like Wayne Hoban, Steve Byers and JD Potter who it would be hard to do without. I don't really deserve a lot of credit for Wilderness because there are a lot of hard working people in the chapter who make it happen. As a result of my involvement just coordinating it I was elected to their Board of Trustees a couple of years ago but the people that do the work are the ones that really make it a go and nobody works harder than JD and Steve.

S: What about the chapter golf tournament?

D: I think this is like our 27th year of the golf year. I had never played golf or even picked up a golf club until I moved to Colorado and Wally Prebis was the guy behind the golf tournament. He started it and we held it down at his club at Prairie Park Country Club in Larkspur. About 10 years ago it got to be prohibitive expense wise at that country club so we started having it at Fox Hollow in Lakewood. Since I was from the City of Lakewood and I knew the pro at the course it was kind of natural that I got involved in helping Wally but he is still the guy on that golf tournament. We keep it affordable by having it as a budget item. The chapter builds relationships with contractors and suppliers that attend. We have folks that attend from the south east US like Oklahoma and Iowa. It's a fun thing and a lot of people have been coming for a lot of years. I wish we had more chapter member participation because it really is a fun time. You don't have to be a good golfer to have fun or to win. We put everything in flights and give away a lot of door prizes.

S: Who have you looked up to over the years in this industry? Who did you learn from?

D: That's a tough one, there have been so many. My first boss in Kansas City, Jack White, he was the building official and chairman of ICBO in 1973 I believe, he was a couple years behind Pete Tyree. Pete would have to go on that list along with Tom Thompson, Gerry George... It's hard when you start naming names because there are a lot of people out there.

S: What were your best learning tools?

D: Participation in the code development process. That is where you learn the codes and that's something that I think has helped me over the years, especially with my staff. Although over the last few years I haven't gotten to stay up technically with codes but when I started as a building official it was beneficial for me to know those codes. I had come up as a plans examiner and did some field inspection and was really focused on the code. Had I not had as strong of knowledge of the code coming into this job it would have been much more difficult. I think that there is a certain amount of respect that was paid to that technical knowledge when getting this position

S: How do you stay motivated for so long?

D: Participation; serving on the boards, being involved in the institute. Quite frankly, there comes the time when you don't have the drive anymore and when that happens you announce that you are going to retire. That is what I'm doing. I want to stay involved but I don't want a lot of the responsibility like chairing the education committee, serving on somebody's board. I want to be involved and be a worker or gopher to do whatever needs to be done like mop the floor but I don't have the capacity to take on the responsibility anymore. It's someone else's turn to learn.

S: With your experience and knowledge locally and nationally, what should those carrying the torch forward remember? You went through transitions; you know the history behind the decisions, what are the important things to remember?

D: first of all, if they want to get involved they need to be committed. If they can't commit and pull their wait then I would encourage them to step aside and let somebody else step in because there are a lot of good people out there and there is always someone who will get the work done. I would encourage involvement by everyone. People think that they can't do this or that but they can. If they have that desire then they need to do it. Three years before I ran for the board of directors of ICBO I was asked about that possibility and I said that there was just no way but then 3 years later I was on the board. It was somewhat of a challenge and you have to have that desire to get involved and participate.

S: What are your feelings on the Governance and Regionalism issues?

D: Bluntly, I'm really disappointed at the way we are heading. Regional governance doesn't have any part in things other than maybe for educational purposes. I understand that it is easier to provide education when you can consolidate areas into regions and get it out to those regions. The governance; the board of directors used to have districts and the members had to be from each district but several years ago we discovered that the people that really wanted to serve and participated weren't necessarily from a certain district so you had people on the board that were there just because of geography and not because of desire or qualifications. I think that is what would happen with ICC. I think that there is a fear among folks of the Northeast and Southeast that they are being left behind and I think that is what's behind the movement of electing board members by district. Those people could solve that problem by putting forth good candidates and certainly they have good candidates, there is no question about that, but those people need to step forward and accept that challenge and let the membership decide who the best people are to lead the organization.

S: Where do you see it headed?

D: It's going to be a bylaw change that won't be voted on this year, but in Minneapolis. My concern is that there will be a lot of people voting on it that haven't been around that long and don't know all of the issues and history. There are people who probably have more interest in having their city, state or chapter represented on the board than they do having the most qualified individual there. If the election were held on the west coast it would not pass at all and part of that is that there are still a lot of people around that understand what ICBO went through before.

S: What do we need to know about the upcoming ABM in Reno so that we can make some informed decisions?

D: I would hope that those folks in Reno would get behind the chapter's bylaw change or in the alternative would get behind an acceptable offer from the ICC Board to amend their board policies to ensure that the only way we would ever change from the governmental consensus process is by a super majority of the membership. Also, for our chapter members it will be important to get solidly behind Gerry George in his quest for the office of Secretary/Treasurer of the ICC Board.

S: Let's talk now about being a Code Official. You've been a building official for Lakewood for over 25 years. You don't find that kind of longevity every day. How do you stay at it so long?

D: It comes back to knowing the value of the work that you do. I think you almost have to be in the position to understand it and get your arms around it; the life-safety aspect of it. Not everyone knows how important our job is but the people doing it understand it and it is an important contribution. It keeps you motivated when you are doing things for people and they don't even know it or understands it but you know it and you understand it and it is important

S: How do you feel about supervising others?

D: That is probably the hardest part about being a building official is the supervision. We tend to be technical people and I think fortunately, or unfortunately, that is the way most Building Officials get their position, by being technical as opposed to being a manager and you do see that changing to some degree. There is a push in a lot of cases to fill the building official positions with architects and engineers. I don't necessarily agree that that's the way to go. I think it is important to have a manager and certainly my technical skills outweigh my managerial skills, I can't argue that. I think supervising folks and managing people is harder than managing politicians. Dealing with your staff can be more difficult than dealing with your City Council. If I didn't have to supervise staff I might stick around another few years. Actually, I have a great staff. But there are always issues that come up or things that have to get taken care of and everyone doesn't have a good day everyday and sometimes when they have a bad day they may create a situation that may take a couple of days to resolve and smooth over so it's a really a demanding part of the job.

S: You must be doing a good job. While I've been sitting here interviewing you, you have had someone stop in and say hi that you said you haven't seen in a long time but she worked for you for a few years.

D: yes, that is rewarding too; those relationships that you have over the years.

S: So the political aspect is easier?

D: That varies quite a bit. We are fortunate here to have a lot of support from the folks above me and there is a good amount of insulation between us and the politicians but you still have to be able to address and deal with their concerns, which are legitimate because that is why they are elected. I have been fortunate to have elected officials that, while they may not necessarily understand all of the codes they understand the need for codes and that has been beneficial. I realize there are jurisdictions that don't have that support and without that it would have been very difficult to stick around for 25 years.

S: What is your least favorite part of being a building official?

D: Supervising

S: And your most favorite?

D: Oh, the golf tournament. No, I really like to deal with code issues. When you are presented with a code problem and you have the opportunity to sit down with your staff and come up with a solution, I really enjoy that.

S: How do you keep your staff educated?

D: In Lakewood I am a first line supervisor. I work with them and have contact with them on a daily basis. We also send them to the Institute. Half of my staff has been here over 15 years.

S: That says something for you.

D: I really work with them to find not only the training that I think that they need but the training that they want. If they are really interested in getting certified in something, they are going to do a better job enforcing that than if I tell them to get certified in something that they aren't interested in. It is important for them to have their own goals as well as me having goals for them. They respond a lot better.

S: What advise do you have for the person who is going to come in here and fill your shoes?

D: Have a good time. There is no question in my mind that there are a lot of people out there who are extremely well qualified and whoever gets this position will do an outstanding job. We are pretty low key around here and we have a good time. We don't get too serious about the unimportant things. I would say they need to come in and get to know staff well and have a good time and they will be successful.

S: What is your actual retirement date?

D: My actual retirement date is September 14, which is my 66th birthday but my last day of work is August 31st

S: What is next for Dan Nickle?

D: I don't know. Glea and I have decided not to do anything for a year as far as thinking of relocating anywhere. We are going to take a year and see how things play out and where our interests run. I suspect that I'll have to do something. I may volunteer more at Wilderness on Wheels. I want to stay active in the chapter and volunteer with the Institute. I enjoy my involvement on the Public Relations committee and I'd like to get more involved in the code changes, maybe just sit in the corner and listen but be there. I may go to Home Depot or Wal-Mart and get a job or something like that. There are a lot of opportunities out there. I'm not sure that I want to do part time work in this business but you never know. I may get away from it for a year and then want to do something like that. I'm excited about retiring. We are going to travel and play golf and see what happens.

S: Tell me about Glea.

D: Glea has been extremely supportive over the years. She was thrilled to death a couple of years ago when she got the Sis Wallace award. She was so surprised. She's certainly supported my involvement on the ICBO and ICC boards and especially the Chapter Institute. It goes back for years, the nights and weekends that we sat around the dining room table putting on labels or making out packets, making name tags, etc. She spent untold hours, days, evenings and weekends working on that and I know that she is proud of the Institute and that she has been a part of it.

S: Are you going to drive her crazy being home all of the time now?

D: She says I am. She's probably looking for employment right now.

S: Besides Glea, who knows you best?

D: Probably Wally Prebis. Wally and I have been really close for the past 15 years. He and I have had a routine for the past number of years to have lunch together on Mondays and Fridays. We haven't been able to do that all of the time but more often than not we will have lunch at least once a week and lie to each other about what good jobs we are doing and that sort of thing, solve the worlds problems together. But I've probably spent more time with Wally than anyone else outside of the family; he's one of the good guys.

S: Tell me something that I don't know about you, which is printable.

D: I don't know. Everything over the past 30 years has revolved around code and plan review and that sort of thing that it's hard to think of something outside of that to tell you. I got locked up for a night at a hotel in Kuwait once. We were traveling for the World Organization of Building Officials meeting and we missed a connection in Kuwait City and they wouldn't let us leave the airport because we didn't have visas for Kuwait so they have this hotel on the airport grounds just for that purpose. Glea and I and a couple others we were traveling with were escorted to the hotel, which had armed guards at the doors and we couldn't leave. We spent the night and the next day. They sent people to escort us to our plane. They were nice and they were cordial but there was no question that they were not letting us out of their sight until we moved on to our destination and they had told us, "If there's a plane that flies out tomorrow you will be on it but you need to understand that sometimes we have sand storms and so you could be here for a few days." That was kind of an interesting twist to our trip. It was only a few years after Desert Storm so that is why they were the way that they were.

S: You tell me what else you want us to know.

D: This is a great profession. If you like it, work hard at it and enjoy it. If you don't, get out. I'm not saying that people that don't like it can't do a good job but if your heart's not in it and you don't have that commitment you are not going to be the best that you can be. If it's not your cup of tea then go find your cup of tea. Don't be in the profession just because it's a job that you get a paycheck for. I think it's too important of a job to not have a commitment.

The End...to this chapter anyway.

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL – EVALUATION SERVICES (ES)

Building departments routinely require that materials that are not technically approved within the various Codes carry a current Evaluation report from ICC ES or one of the legacy Evaluation Services. The building department is not required to accept this ES Report for materials but most use them when approving through the “alternate materials, design and methods of construction and equipment” sections. The ICC ES is a valuable tool for jurisdictions that do not have adequate staff to be able to do their own technical reviews of materials to verify that they meet the intent of the various Code sections.

The ICC ES is currently being very aggressive in working with past legacy report holders in getting them to get their reports upgraded and current to the International Codes. This is a valuable tool for everyone in the building industry which allows new and innovative products to be accepted for use throughout the country.

The following is excerpted from the ICC web site and explains what ICC ES does and some of its history:

“ICC-ES is a nonprofit, public-benefit corporation that does technical evaluations of building products, components, methods, and materials. The evaluation process culminates with the issuance of technical reports that, because they directly address the issue of code compliance, are extremely useful to both regulatory agencies and building-product manufacturers. Agencies use evaluation reports to help determine code compliance and enforce building regulations; manufacturers use reports as evidence that their products (and this is especially important if the products are new and innovative) meet code requirements and warrant regulatory approval. ICC-ES evaluation reports are public documents, available free of charge on the worldwide Web, not only to building regulators and manufacturers, but also to contractors, specifiers, architects, engineers, and anyone else with an interest in the building industry . All of these people look to ICC-ES evaluation reports for evidence that products and systems are code-compliant. “

A New Organization, a Long History

ICC-ES came into being on February 1, 2003, when America's four building-product evaluation services officially combined their operations. The four "legacy" evaluation services that came together to form ICC-ES were the National Evaluation Service, Inc.; BOCAI Evaluation Services; ICBO Evaluation Service, Inc.; and SBCCI Public Service Testing and Evaluation Services, Inc. Through the legacy evaluation services, ICC-ES has a history that goes back more than seventy years.

Our Technical Staff

ICC-ES employs highly experienced evaluation specialists, licensed architects, and professional engineers with expertise in such specialized fields as civil, structural, fire protection, and mechanical engineering. Collectively, the ICC-ES technical staff has literally centuries of experience in evaluating construction products and technology.

The Report Process

The report process begins when a company submits an application for an evaluation report. The application is normally submitted with supporting data such as product information and test reports, along with appropriate fees to cover the cost of the evaluation. Once the application is received, ICC-ES assigns a member of its technical staff to evaluate the data and work with the applicant to make sure compliance is proven, before a report is issued, with either the building

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code or an ICC-ES acceptance criteria. (The latter documents are approved by an ICC-ES Evaluation Committee that is made up of building officials from across the United States.)

Once the applicant has satisfactorily answered all questions raised by ICC-ES staff, and has fulfilled other applicable requirements, an evaluation report is issued and posted on the worldwide Web—where it may be referenced by thousands of building departments and other interested parties . The applicant is also provided with a printed copy of the report. New reports are issued for one year, after which they are re-examined and may be reissued at one- or two-year intervals, depending on the applicant's preference. “

This information was provided by ICC. You can find more information on the Evaluation Services by going to their website at: www.icc-es.org .

Colorado Chapter, ICC withdraw of support of its proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the International Code Council, Inc.

As you may be aware, earlier this year the Colorado Chapter proposed an amendment to Article 10 “Code Development Process” of the [Bylaws of the International Code Council, Inc.](#) Due to recent and positive developments taken by the ICC Board of Directors, the Colorado Chapter has elected to formally withdraw its support of our proposed amendment. In doing so, we have asked ICC to communicate this letter to its members indicating our complete support of their actions regarding the proposition of [Member Resolution 2007-6](#).

The purpose of Colorado Chapter’s proposed amendment was to refine Article 10 by establishing that the future development of the ICC family of codes would occur only through the “Governmental Consensus Process.” The proposed amendment is available at the ICC website and has been scheduled for member action at the Annual Business Meeting on October 2.

Concurrent with development of the Colorado Chapter’s proposed amendment, the ICC Board of Directors, earlier this summer, passed Board Resolution 2007-2 the intent of which was to endorse the Governmental Consensus Process as a core value of ICC and to further establish that the ICC Board of Directors would not deviate from the principals of the process without consent of the members of ICC.

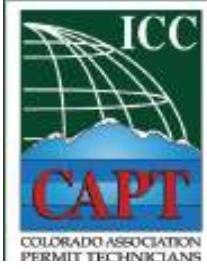
The ICC Board also recently proposed ICC Member Resolution 2007-6 to further define this and future boards commitment to the Governmental Consensus Process by validating a policy that would ensure no changes to the process would occur without a two-thirds affirmation of ICC voting members. Member Resolution 2007-6 has been placed on the ABM agenda for membership action.

Additionally, the ICC Board also recently amended [ICC Council Policy No. 28-05](#) “Code Development”. The Colorado Chapter believes the amendment to Council Policy and the passage of Board Resolution 2007-2 in conjunction with the proposed Member Resolution sends a very strong message to the membership of this organization – that the Board recognizes the very high regard in which members hold the Governmental Consensus Process and that they are equally committed in maintaining this core value of the organization.

The Colorado Chapter is also of the opinion the cumulative effect of the changes made by the leadership of ICC and the passage of Member Resolution 2007-6 would be a more appropriate, reasonable and comprehensive avenue to properly define and recognize the Governmental Consensus Process.

Therefore, the Colorado Chapter encourages the membership of ICC to join us in support of the ICC Board of Directors for passing Board Resolution 2007-2, its amendment of Council Policy 28-05 and for proposing Member Resolution 2007-6. **We respectfully ask that you consider abandoning any support of proposed Bylaw Amendment No. 2, and instead support and vote to affirm Member Resolution 2007-6 at the Annual Business Meeting.**

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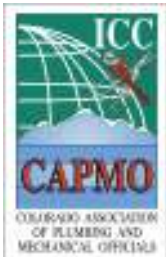
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