

2006 CODE AMENDMENT STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting notes from January 5, 2007:

1: *Approve January meeting notes.*

The minutes from the January 5th meeting were approved without any modifications.

2: *Report on subcommittee orientation meeting.*

The orientation meeting was held January 18th. The written instructions to the chairs and the amendment justification form were presented with one change. The change was to require a cost analysis regardless of a cost increase or savings.

The chapter has a multi jurisdictional page added to it's website and will post the steering committee notes, the subcommittee meeting times and places, the code amendment justification form and links to the participating jurisdiction's code amendments. It was decided that sub committee meeting notes would not be posted on the site.

The chairs were advised that a sign in sheet should be used at all meetings. The chair for all meetings should set an agenda. A record of all amendment votes should also be kept. No quorum would be necessary, but a majority vote would be required. It was decided that the sub committees would decide the voting procedures. The committee will decide if they will accept absentee voting and what medium will be acceptable i.e. fax, email.

The sub committees should be inclusive without a set maximum number. If the sub committee becomes unwieldy, the chair should report to their steering committee liaison and the steering committee will address the issue. That said, the sub committee is not obligated to revisit an issue for latecomers. The chair has the authority to direct the sub committee's pace.

The steering committee can direct the sub committee to address a particular amendment. The steering committee may also send an amendment back to the sub committee for more work.

3: *Code resources for amendment process. Web based code products available from ICC.*

The ICC web based amendment products were demonstrated to the jurisdictional members of the steering committee prior to this meeting. The two products, E-

Solutions and E-Editor allow amendments to be added to a secure web page that can be shared and viewed by the participants. At the end of the process the amendments can be inserted into the body of the code with new sections automatically numbered. A web site is available that would make not only the Northern Nevada Amendments available, but also the entire code. This web site could be maintained for 500.00 dollars a year. A 250.00 dollar set up fee would also apply.

The steering committee decided that although the products were worthwhile, the delivery time and the fact that not all the codes would be included mandated that we proceed without these products at the present time. The IAPMO family of codes could be included but the royalty rights would have to be secured separately. The products would have a guaranteed delivery until 30 days after signing the contract. The chapter was directed to investigate the possibility of incorporating the E-Editor product after the amendments were completed by pen and paper.

Books will be bought and supplied to the subcommittees. Dwight Perkins of IAPMO has supplied 2006 UMC and UPC code books already.

4: 2006 update training in February.

There will be training in almost all the new codes in February. The classes are posted on the chapter web site. The exception will be the UPC and UMC. IAPMO is offering training in March for the 2003 editions. Arvil Singleton, the local IAPMO chapter president, will be contacted to see if training on the 2006 codes can be brought to Reno.

5: Set next steering committee meeting.

The next steering committee will be March 6th. A meeting notice with time and location will be sent.

6: General discussion items.

It was suggested that the steering committee should be kept active even after the code adoption process is completed. The code adoption cycle was discussed. National codes have a three year cycle. To keep in step with new products and methods it was decided to start reviewing the new codes the year following their publication with an effective date of January 1st of the next year. So the next code would be the 2009 version, which would be reviewed in 2010 and become effective January 1st of 2011. It was mentioned that the National Electrical Code has a publication cycle of three years also, but is one year earlier than the other building

codes. No recommendation was made to separate the NEC for a different adoption cycle.

A question was asked if there was an expectation that all the jurisdictions involved in the code amendment process would adopt the amendment package in its entirety without further modifications. Although there is no formal agreement, the intent and goal of the committee is to create a single set of amendments. If a jurisdiction has an amendment currently in place that they feel is necessary, the amendment should be proposed at the sub committee level and hopefully the amendment will advance if it has merit. It was pointed out, that copies of all the amendment packages from the participating jurisdictions would be provided to the sub committees for review.

There was a concern that the Uniform Plumbing Code would not be used in condominiums and high rise buildings. The UPC will be adopted along with the IRC. The scope of the International Residential Code that contains plumbing provisions was explained. The IRC applies only to detached 1 and 2 family dwellings and multiple single family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories in height with a separate means of egress. Townhouses are defined as single family dwellings constructed in groups of three or more attached units in which each unit extends from the foundation to roof and with open space on at least two sides. The IRC plumbing provisions for dwellings is currently allowed by Carson City, City of Sparks, Washoe County and various smaller jurisdictions. This allows homebuilders to use one codebook. There was a question if the adoption of the IRC plumbing provisions was allowed under the current NRS.

This was Darin Whatcott's last meeting. Darin's tenure as interim building and safety manager for the City of Reno is ending. Don Rosenthal, the new City of Reno Building and Safety manager will take Darin's place on the steering committee. Don has been briefed by Darin and agrees that a unified amendment package for the area is desirable.

7: Wayne Waite of HUD and Ernie Nielsen from the Senior Law Project presented a talk on the Regional Affordable Housing project as it regards energy issues. Some of the suggestions were an above code requirement and a quality assurance program to ensure installations are code compliant. There is documentation that shows considerable energy savings if current energy code provisions are followed to the letter. The project is currently on a fact finding mission and would like to participate with the code amendment process. They would like to see the energy issues addressed from the bottom up so to speak. Wayne will participate in the energy sub committee.