

2006 CODE AMENDMENT STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting notes from March 6, 2007:

1: *Approve January 23rd meeting notes.*

The meeting notes from the January 23rd meeting were approved without any modifications.

2: *Progress report on sub committees.*

Sheena Beaver reported that the IRC sub committee has completed chapters 2 and 3 and had some amendments already. The IBC structural committee is working with the IRC committee to coordinate wind and seismic parameters.

Kevin Gattis said that the NEC committee had completed most of their review. They were to have representatives from the fire departments present at their next meeting to address the requirement for outside disconnects that is prevalent in many of the area's ordinances.

Don Jeppson indicated that the Mechanical Code committee had reviewed the UMC and the mechanical provisions of the IRC and had not found any major conflicts. They are now going chapter by chapter through the UMC and expect to have their work finished before May. They are reviewing existing ordinances from the area's jurisdictions.

John Schroeder reported that the Energy committee was up to chapter 4 in its review. The committee is reviewing southern Nevada's amendments, especially their amendments regarding casinos. There was a discussion explaining the front of the house and the back of the house in casinos for compliance to the energy code. The sentiment was to have relaxed requirements for the gaming areas (front of the house) and require the rest of the building to comply. It was hoped that a casino representative could be found to give input to the committee. Unlike southern Nevada's amendments, the goal was to allow the energy software COMCheck to work with our amendments with the exception of the front of the house regulations that would have to be calculated by hand. John thought the committee would wrap up by the end of April.

Dale Gillaspay said that the IBC Life Safety committee has reviewed the first 9 chapters. There are a couple of amendments that address the high rise requirements in NRS for buildings above 55' in height. The committee is also adding casinos to the occupancy groups in chapter 3.

Clara Andriola was not present for a Plumbing committee report. Mike McCullogh reported that he had seen some early amendment drafts and that the plumbing committee was voting on some amendments March 26th.

Don Rosenthal was not present for an IBC structural committee report.

3: *Early amendments.*

It was noted that some sub committees may have early amendments and that the steering committee should meet again soon to review whatever had been submitted to date. Sheena Beaver brought up that she would have to have BAWN's membership review the amendments before being asked to vote on them. The agreed upon procedure will be for the steering committee to review the amendments for completeness and then vote on them or defer the vote until the next meeting if any member thought their membership needed to review the amendment first. This way any amendment that needs clarification or has incomplete documentation can be returned to the sub committee for additional work in a timely fashion. If possible, the amendments will be forwarded to the steering committee members prior to the meeting.

4: *Update on web based amendment products.*

Southern Nevada is exploring using E-Editor to convert their amendments to an electronic file. Deborah Galey-Tucker from ICC and one of the creators of E-Editor will be in Nevada in June and will be able to meet with the steering committee at that time to explore converting our amendments. Also, once there is an electronic file created, a web site can be provided that would allow viewing the codes with the Northern Nevada amendments incorporated into them. This web site could be set up for approximately 250.00 dollars and maintained for 500.00 dollars a year on top of the negotiated price for E-Editor. This price would not include the uniform codes however. Mike McCullogh has been in contact with Dwight Perkins from IAPMO for 2006 training and will pursue the royalty question with him.

5: *Set next steering committee meeting.*

The next steering committee will be March 27th. A meeting notice with time and location will be sent.

6: *Licensing plumbers and electricians.*

Mike McCullogh asked the steering committee if they wanted to hear about licensing electricians and plumbers. Reno and Sparks currently have a requirement to have a city license for plumbers and electricians. Clara Andriola of ABC would like to make

a presentation for regional licensing. It was agreed that it would be added to the next meeting agenda.

7: *General discussion items.*

The plumbing fixture requirements were discussed at some length. There are conflicting requirements between the IBC and the UPC, both of which have requirements for minimum plumbing facilities in buildings. Mike McCulloch was directed to contact the chairs of the IBC Life Safety and the Plumbing committees to see if a joint effort could produce a single set of fixture requirements.

Kevin Gattis brought up the issue of adopting the 2005 NEC. Carson City is the only jurisdiction involved in the adoption process that has not adopted the 2005 NEC. Kevin wanted to know if the other jurisdictions would adopt the amendments generated by the Electrical committee. The consensus was that to maintain uniformity, the NEC amendments should be included in the Northern Nevada Amendment Adoption.