Minutes of the November 9th, 2018 SVABO General Meeting at the City of Rancho Cordova, CA.

- Meeting called to order by President Greg Anderson at 10:07 AM
- Flag Salute – Led by Andrea Coley
- Welcome from Joe Cuffe, Chief Building Official, Ranch Cordova
- Self-introductions
- Review of October meeting minutes
  - Motion to approve minutes from Gene Paolini, second by Winfred DeLeon; minutes approved by unanimous vote.

**Executive Board Reports:**

**Secretary / Treasurer’s Report** – Jim Mangino
- Total Liabilities and Equities as of October 31st are $120,587.91. This total will be filed for audit.

**Vice-President’s Report** – Joe Cuffe
- Next meeting will be the installation dinner on December 1st held at the Robert H. Miller III Rotary Clubhouse in Folsom.
- 50/50 Raffle – please buy some tickets and help support the Chapter.
- SVABO 70th year Anniversary coming up in 2019. Joe was looking for some input on a new SVABO lapel pin design to commemorate the anniversary. Joe will also try to plan some events to publicize the work the chapter has done over the last 70 years including some press releases to celebrate the history of SVABO. More information will be upcoming. Some discussion took place.

**President’s Report** – Greg Anderson
- Greg reminded the membership of the upcoming CALBO ABM on March 17 -21, 2019 held at the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay, San Diego.
- Greg also spoke about the upcoming County Building Officials ABM coming up in April 28 - May 2nd 2019 at the Cliffs Hotel and Spa, Pismo Beach.
- Please RSVP for the installation dinner and encourage staff members to attend. Ken and Judy Welch are to attend the meeting where the chapter can present Judy with an award as an Honorary Chapter Member.

**Past-President’s Report** – Scott Zangrando – not present
- No report

**Code Quiz:** Brett Hale
Thanks Brett! Code quiz attached.
Committee Reports:

Code Development Committee: Jay Hyde
- Full committee report is attached.

Education Committee: Joe Cuffe on behalf of Terry Knox (not present)
- Joe gave an update on the Minstitute coming up the week of May 6th, 2019. Flyer should be posted shortly to the website. SVABO upcoming events attached.

Outreach Committee: Gene Paolini
- The committee lost a little bit of momentum since the rehab project concluded in Citrus Heights. Discussion took place on the status of the project.

Scholarship Committee: Don Wilden
- The committee reviewed two submitted applications for the Bob Stoddard Scholarship and Steve Collins was the recipient of the $1000 award. Steve was unable to attend the meeting to be recognized but hopes to attend future SVABO meetings. The award money will be mailed to Steve. Thanks to Don for keeping the committee in line.

Permit Technician Committee: Tammy Dominguez
- The last meeting was held on September 11th in Elk Grove. The next meeting will be held in Folsom on December 12th.

PASS Ad-Hoc committee: Gene Paolini
- There is some interest from South Lake Tahoe in the Pass program and a presentation was given by Randy Goodwin. Discussion took place.

Installation Dinner Ad-Hoc committee: Andrea Coley
- Installation dinner is all set for December 1st in Folsom. A save the date flyer is attached.

Agency Reports:

CALBO – Shane Diller
- Shane gave a comprehensive report on a variety of subjects. His full report is attached.

League of Cities – No report

California Energy Commission – Daniel Wong
- Daniel gave a report on Efficiency Division Updates and Resources. Full report is attached.

HCD – No Report

DSA – No Report

ICC - Chris Ochoa
- Chris gave a report on ICC Announcements and Updates. Full reports are attached.

CSLB – No report

CBSC – No Report

CBOAC – Andrea Coley
- Save the date flyer is attached for the upcoming ABM.

IAPMO – No Report
**Old Business:** Winfred DeLeon

- Winfred looking for final input on the Regional Board of Appeals draft he has put together. The Sacramento City Attorney has approved the draft. The City Attorney from Citrus Heights has a few concerns. Winfred would like to get this finalized to implement for the next calendar year. Discussion took place.

**New Business:** Gene Paolini performed the duties of the election of the new officers for the upcoming year.

- Greg Anderson was nominated and approved to become the Past President.
- Joe Cuffe was nominated and approved to become the President.
- Jim Mangino was nominated and approved to become the Vice President.
- Michelle Toledo was nominated and approved to become the Secretary/Treasurer.

**Announcements:**

Winfred Deleon
- AIA Central Valley group looking for Building Officials to participate in code discussions. The discussions will be held on November 29th at 1400 S St. in Sacramento from 4 to 6 pm.

Tom Burnette
- Announced a Building Inspector position has opened up in South Lake Tahoe.

**50/50 Raffle:** Michelle Toledo has won $23 and Tammy Dominguez has won the extra ticket for the installation dinner. Congratulations!

**Presentation:**

- Today’s program presented by SMUD on Electrification strategy, including new rebates for electric appliances and to discuss permitting and code compliance questions that local building departments may have. Presenter is Scott Blunk from SMUD.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.

Respectively Submitted,
Jim Mangino
SVABO Secretary/Treasurer
1. According to Section 1507.2.8.2 of the 2016 California Building Code, an ice barrier is required where there has been a history of ice forming along the eaves causing a backup of water. The required ice barrier shall extend from the lowest edge of all roof surfaces to a point at least:
   a. To the inside of the exterior wall line.
   b. 12" inside the exterior wall line of the building.
   c. 24" inside the exterior wall line of the building.
   d. Not required to run past the inside of the exterior wall line of the building as long as two-layers of underlayment are cemented together.

2. According to Table R702.3.5 of the 2016 California Residential Code, ½ inch drywall may be installed in either direction (perpendicular or parallel) on ceiling joists 24 inches on center as long as the drywall is sag resistant.
   a. True
   b. False

3. According to the 2016 California Electrical Code Table 300.5, for underground installations of 1000 volts or less the minimum cover requirement for all wiring methods in parking lots is ___ inches.
   a. 6
   b. 12
   c. 18
   d. 24

4. According to the 2016 California Mechanical Code Section 316.6, plastic piping or tubing, copper or copper alloy piping or tubing, and ducts penetrating framing members to within ___ inch of the exposed framing shall be protected by steel nail plates not less than No. 18 gauge thickness.
   a. ½
   b. 5/8
   c. 1
   d. 1 1/8

5. According to the 2016 California Administrative Code Section 4-310, school garages, warehouses and storage buildings that pupils or teachers are not occupying are subject local building department permitting processes.
   a. True
   b. False
SVABO Upcoming Events
November 9, 2018

December 1, 2018
SVABO Installation Dinner
Folsom, CA

May 6 – 9, 2019
Minstitute
Citrus Heights, CA
Christmas in the Country

SVABO Installation Dinner & Awards

December 1, 2018 • Robert H. Miller III Rotary Clubhouse

Begins at 5:30pm
7150 Baldwin Dam Road, Folsom, CA 95630
$45 per person
Please register at www.svabo.org
Contact Lake Natoma Inn for room details
916.351.1500
Chapter Report
California Building Officials
Fall 2018

Upcoming CALBO Events:
CALBO Education Week South (Ontario) – October 15-18, 2018
CALBO Education Week Orange County (Anaheim) – December 17-20, 2018
CALBO's 57th Annual Business Meeting (San Diego) – March 17-21, 2019

Upcoming Industry Events:
IAPMO Annual Conference (Philadelphia, PA) – September 30-October 4, 2018
ICC Annual Business Meeting (Richmond, VA) – October 21-24, 2018
CA State Assn of Counties Annual Conference (San Diego) – November 27-30, 2018
California Fire Prevention Institute (Buellton) – March 11-15, 2019

CALBO GOVERNANCE

- CALBO hosted a speaker series at our enlarged booth at the California League of Cities Expo, held in Long Beach in mid-September. The booth and speakers centered on the topic of “public-private partnerships” and the innovative practices of the local building department. Mr. Jeffrey Fullerton of the Plenary Group and Mr. John Keisler the Long Beach Director of Economic and Property Development were both speakers. The programs were well received and CALBO looks to build on these successes in the future.
- Each ICC California Chapter has been assigned a CALBO Board Member liaison. Board Member liaisons serve as the conduit between local chapters and the CALBO Board. Board Members will supply updates and attend meetings throughout the upcoming year.
  1)  CalBIG – Sharon Goei
  2)  Central Coast – Bryan Spain
  3)  Citrus Belt – David Khorram
  4)  County Building Officials – Jeff Janes
  5)  East Bay – Sharon Goei/Brad Wungluck
  6)  Foothill – Victor Cuevas
  7)  High Desert – Andrew Stuffler
  8)  Los Angeles Basin – David Khorram/Victor Cuevas
  9)  Monterey Bay – Sharon Goei/Bryan Spain
  10) Napa/Solano – Shane Diller
  11) NorCal FPOs – David Gonzalves/Shane Diller
  12) Orange Empire – David Khorram
  13) Peninsula – Sharon Goei
  14) Redwood Empire – Brad Wungluck
• CALBO launched our completely revamped www.calbo.org in May. Initial feedback on the design has been favorable. This project has been underway for over a year and the CALBO Board is excited to share it with you.

• What’s changed about www.calbo.org? There’s a member only component! Along with a more user-friendly interface, the new member portal will allow CALBO members to pay invoices online, access receipts, register for trainings at member pricing, and much more. For access to the CALBO member only portal, contact CALBO to set-up your username and password. It’s a one-time set up process for our new system.

• The CALBO Board met in late April to kick off the new membership year. As part of the overall Board efforts for the 2018-19 year, the Board is working to set membership driven goals (received at the ABM) and connect them to the work of the CALBO policy committees. All goals are viewable on www.calbo.org.

• The Board is working on a few membership toolkits. The idea behind these toolkits is that template policies, ordinances and procedures would be availed to the CALBO community as optional resources. Current toolkits under development include: disaster response/emergency preparedness, internship programs, ride along forms and procedures, and seismic resiliency practices, inventories and procedures.

• The CALBO Board has continued its commitment to fiscal responsibility. Six percent of the 2017-18 year has been committed to reserve accounts, a practice that the Board plans to emulate each year.

• CALBO is working with the CALBO Past Presidents Association on a new guide to CALBO’s 57-year history. The Board has included funds in the 2018-19 budget to assist with its development.

• The CALBO Board has approved the following future ABM locations: Hyatt Regency San Diego/Mission Bay (March 17-21, 2019), Hyatt Regency Indian Wells/Palm Springs (April 5-9, 2020) and the Hyatt Regency Sacramento (March 7-11, 2021). The Hyatt Regency hotel chain has made a continued partnership viable ensuring that CALBO members receive reasonable overnight rates with the meeting space conducive to our needs.
EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Education Week North was held September 10-13 in San Ramon and was an outstanding success. CALBO hosted 26 classes with 2,386 students over the four-day offering. CALBO looks forward to introducing another Education Week in the bay area – Burlingame – in 2019.
- Registrations are still being accepted for both the Ontario and Anaheim Education Weeks with all classes still open (as of September 17).
- The 2018-19 CALBO Training Catalogue was sent to all members in June. Please see other Education opportunities within the catalogue aside from the Education Weeks.
- CALBO will supplement Education Week training with independent offerings spread into geographically remote areas of the state.
- CALBO is committed to keeping the three main Education Weeks in place; San Ramon, Ontario and Anaheim moving forward. For the code change year (2019-2020), CALBO is adding a fourth Education Week on the San Francisco Peninsula/Burlingame.
- The BOLA program was held at the ICC office in Brea May 14-18, 2018. Twenty-one students are currently working in the program, with a wait list in place for 2019.
- The BOLA program will return to Sacramento in 2019. Interested students should reach out to Lauren Herman at lherman@calbo.org.
- CALBO has again collaborated with ICC to offer publications for the code change year; 2016 Significant Changes to the California Building Code and the 2016 California Residential Code. Both publications will be jointly produced and the profits will be shared between the organizations. The publications are currently available through the ICC Bookstore. Preparations for the 2019 versions of these publications are already underway with CALBO looking forward to the ICC collaboration once again.
- The CALBO Training Institute (CTI) is seeking new instructors and course developers. CTI will help you develop your speaking and listening skills, provide you an opportunity to co-teach with a seasoned instructor to gain hands-on experience in the classroom, learn how to create and implement a course plan, and utilize your knowledge to become a subject matter expert. Look for more information and an application in the upcoming 2018-19 CALBO Training Catalogue. Contact Lauren Herman, CALBO Director of Training, with any questions.

CALBO PARTNERS

- For the first time, CALBO has launched the CALBO Partner Program that offers annual packages granting special access to CALBO’s Education Weeks and Annual Business Meeting Sponsor and Exhibitor Program. Sponsors can make one payment and streamline their participation in these events for the remainder of the year. Sponsorships run with the membership year: April 1 – March 31.
• CALBO would like to recognize the following companies for their participation in the new CALBO Partner Program. Thank you for your continual support and collaboration!
  - Gold Sponsors: CSG Consultants, Interwest Consulting Group and 4LEAF
  - If you would like more information about this program or other advertising, exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities, contact Brandon J. Craig at bcraig@calbo.org.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

• The State Legislature recessed for the year on August 31, with many items sent to the Governor’s office for signature or veto. The Governor has until September 30, per state statute, to decide on the fate of all bills for the 2017-18 year.
• CALBO launched a real-time legislative tracker on CALBO’s website in 2016, which includes all bills currently being monitored and tracked by CALBO. This is a tool available to the entire CALBO community at www.calbo.org.
• In order to meet the August 31 deadline, all bills needed to be passed out of both houses. Bills that did not meet this deadline “died” and are no longer moving forward.
• CALBO is still tracking seismic resiliency measures as they have made it out of the legislature, and await the governor’s action. Given the number of proposed measures that moved through the legislature on the topic, CALBO released a policy statement in order to clarify our policy as an organization. CALBO is currently opposed to AB 1857 and AB 2681 as they do not adhere to CALBO’s policy.
• CALBO lead a local government coalition to oppose AB 2681 (Nazarian). Members of the coalition included League of California Cities, Rural Counties Representatives of California, and California State Association of Counties. CALBO, along with members of coalition, submitted letters of opposition to the governor’s office.
• CALBO sent out a call to action for members to send their own letters of opposition to the governor’s office regarding AB 2681 (Nazarian). This bill would establish a statewide mandate implementing an inventory of seismically vulnerable buildings without a funding mechanism. Visit CALBO’s Legislative page for more information.
• CALBO participated in the Ghost Ship fire tragedy working group that was implemented by the Senate Governance and Finance Committee. This work group reviewed what caused the tragedy and developed strategies to bring non-compliant residential buildings up to code. Senator McGuire has subsequently introduced two bills to address the issues that came from this working group. CALBO has taken a support position on both SB 1415 and SB 1416. These bills will help Building Officials collect fees for additional inspections that would be required, and provide them with additional enforcement at these sites.
• SB 721, which was introduced in response to the Berkeley balcony collapse of 2015, and was signed into law on September 17. CALBO worked closely with the author and stakeholders during the fall to further amend the bill so that it increases balcony safety for existing buildings, but does not create onerous burdens on building departments. CALBO has removed opposition to this bill.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT/BILLS OF INTEREST

Legislation Addressing California’s Housing Challenges:

SB 1226 (Bates) Building standards: building permits

**CALBO Position:** Oppose  
**Status:** Presented to the governor on September 12; pending his action  
**Summary:** This bill would require the department to propose the adoption of a building standard to the California Building Standards Commission pursuant to existing law that would authorize, when a record of the issuance of a building permit for the construction of an existing residential unit does not exist, the above-described enforcement officials to determine when the residential unit was constructed and then apply the State Housing Law, the building standards published in the California Building Standards Code, and other specified rules and regulations in effect on that date and issue a retroactive building permit for that construction.  
**Observations:** This bill would allow building officials to permit a structure retroactively. CALBO members believe this authority already exists as stated in the California Building Code. Therefore, CALBO opposes this measure as it is duplicative in nature, and places code in statute.

SB 1415 (McGuire) Housing

**CALBO Position:** Support  
**Status:** Presented to the governor on September 10; pending his action  
**Summary:** Would require each entity responsible for enforcing building standards and other regulations of the State Fire Marshal, as specified, to inspect, every 5 years, all structures within the entity’s responsibility. The bill would authorize an entity that inspects a structure pursuant to these provisions to charge and collect a fee from the owner of the structure to recover the costs of the inspection or related fire and life safety activities.  
**Observations:** This bill would allow local agencies to fund and enforce additional permitting to prevent events such as the Oakland Ghost Ship fire.

SB 1416 (McGuire) Local government: nuisance abatement

**CALBO Position:** Support  
**Status:** Presented to the governor on September 10; pending his action
Summary: Current law authorizes the legislative body of a city or county to establish a procedure to use a nuisance abatement lien or a special assessment to collect abatement costs and related administrative costs. This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2024, the legislative body of a city or county to also collect fines related to the nuisance abatement using a nuisance abatement lien or a special assessment.

Observations: This bill would allow local agencies to collect fees from entities causing a nuisance, or safety issue, in the community.

Legislation Addressing Access:

AB 3002 (Grayson) Disability access requirements: information
CALBO Position: Watch
Status: Presented to the governor on September 11; pending his action
Summary: Existing law establishes the California Commission on Disability Access within the Department of General Services. The commission is charged with preventing or minimizing problems of compliance by California businesses by providing educational services and recommending programs to enable persons with disabilities to obtain full and equal access to public facilities. This bill would additionally require the above local jurisdictions issuing building permits for commercial construction or business licenses to make available a notice containing specified information regarding disability access. The bill would also require a local agency to provide the informational notice to an applicant for a commercial building permit or a business license. The bill would require the State Architect to develop a model notice for local agencies to use to comply with these provisions, as specified.
Observations: CALBO’s concerns with this bill were addressed in the August 24 amendments. The Department of General Services, along with the State Architect, will be responsible for providing local jurisdictions with CASp information. CALBO shared our concerns with providing notice at the permit stage, and it is now amended to read that it will be provided at the business license phase.

SB 2913 (Wood) Building standards: building permits: expiration
CALBO Position: Watch
Status: Presented to the governor on September 7; pending his action
Summary: A provision of the California Building Standards Law specifies that a local ordinance adding or modifying building standards for residential occupancies, published in the California Building Standards Code, applies only to an application for a building permit submitted after the effective date of the ordinance and to plans and specifications for, and the construction performed under, that permit, unless, among other reasons, the permit is subsequently deemed expired because the building or work authorized by the permit is not commenced within 180 days from the date of the permit, or the permittee has suspended or
abandoned the work authorized by the permit at any time after the work is commenced. This bill would provide that a permit would remain valid for purposes of the California Building Standards Law if the work on the site authorized by that permit is commenced within 12 months after its issuance, unless the permittee has abandoned the work authorized by the permit.

**Observations:** CALBO worked with a local government coalition to oppose this measure. Members of the coalition included: California State Association of Counties, The League of Cities, American Planning Association, Rural Counties Representatives of California, and The Urban Counties of California. The bill was amended on August 21 and removed language that would extend building permits to three years. These substantive amendments allowed to coalition to remove our opposition and move to neutral.

**SB 721 (Hill) Building Assembly Inspections**

**CALBO Position:** Neutral

**Status:** Signed into law on September 17

**Summary:** SB 721 requires the inspection of decks, balconies, and elevated walkways more than six feet above ground level in a building containing three or more multi-family units by a person licensed to perform these inspections by the Department of Consumer Affairs. SB 721 provides for completion and subsequent inspections. The inspections are for existing buildings and are to be performed every five years.

**Observations:** CALBO supports the intent of the bill. Furthermore, CALBO worked closely with the author’s office during the fall of 2016 to draft the first version of the bill, a version CALBO fully supported. However, early amendments to the bill placed a significant burden on building departments, requiring that they track compliance with the bill and assess fines when property owners do not comply. CALBO worked closely with the author throughout the fall and the bill was amended to lessen the burden on building departments and keep control at the local level. CALBO remains supportive of the intent and has removed opposition to the bill.

**Legislation Addressing Seismic Resilience:**

**AB 1857 (Nazarian) Building Codes: Earthquake Safety: Occupancy Standard**

**CALBO Position:** Oppose

**Status:** Presented to the governor on September 4; pending his action

**Summary:** Would require the CBSC to assemble a functional recovery working group comprised of certain state entities and members of the construction and insurance industries. The bill would require the group to investigate and determine criteria for a “functional recovery” standard following a seismic event, for all or some building occupancy classifications and to direct the commission to propose the appropriate building standards. The bill would require the commission to produce a document providing guidance to, among others, building
owners and local jurisdictions regarding function recovery after a seismic event, in the event that new building standards are not in place by January 1, 2023.

**Observations:** CALBO supports the idea of a seismic resiliency working group. However, this bill still contradicts CALBO’s current seismic policy as it sets a statewide mandate.

**Legislation: AB 2681 (Nazarian) Seismic safety: potentially vulnerable buildings**

**CALBO Position:** Oppose

**Status:** Presented to the governor on September 5; pending his action

**Summary:** This bill would, upon the identification of funding by the Office of Emergency Services, require each building department of a city or county to create an inventory of potentially vulnerable buildings, as defined, within its jurisdiction, based on age and other publicly available information, and submit that inventory to the office, as specified. By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.

**Observations:** CALBO is opposed to resolving this issue through a statewide mandate. Currently, it is unclear how local departments will fund this program. CALBO estimates this program could cost local governments millions of dollars, which could fall on local governments. CALBO supports local efforts that address local and regional needs.
Efficiency Division Updates

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November 9, 2018

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Efficiency Division Updates and Resources

- The California Building Standards Commission still on track to approve the next triennial updates to Title 24, Part 6 and Part 11 in January 2019. Approved updates will have an effective date of January 1, 2020.

- Preliminary plan for "Compliance with Installation of Central Air Conditioners" is delayed. Now looking at early next year for preliminary plan release for public comment. CEC is still currently taking online comments related to this topic under Docket # 2017-EBP-01.

  - The commissioners approved the adoption of the Clean Energy in Low-Income Multi-Family Buildings (CLIMB) Action Plan. The plan is a product of the SB 350 requirement to target "Barriers to Energy Efficiency and Renewables for Low-Income Customers and Small Business Contracting Opportunities in Disadvantaged Communities". The CLIMB Action Plan outlines early actions the state can take to improve clean energy access within the low-income multifamily building sector, as well as to create a foundation for long-term transformational change in accelerating adoption of distributed energy resources in the multifamily sector.

Energy Standards Training and Events

- 1st Annual Energy Code Ace Conference on November 15, 2018 in Downey, CA.

- Energy Commission upcoming training dates and locations: www.energy.ca.gov/title24/orc/schedule_oe

- Energy Code Ace has new and updated trainings: www.energycodeace.com/training

- PG&E has new and updated trainings: www.pge.com/pec

Energy Standards Resources

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

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

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

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

- Blueprint Newsletter: www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/blueprint/
ICC Calendar of Upcoming Dates:

- Nov 5-8  Residential Building Inspector Certification Test Academy in Brea, CA
- Nov 15–30  Approximate dates for Online Governmental Consensus Vote (OGCV)
- Nov 28  Building Department Accreditation #101 Using AC251 in Brea
- Dec 11-14  Commercial Building Inspector Certification Test Academy in Brea, CA
- Jan 7, 2019  Deadline for Group B Code Changes
- Jan 28-31  Code Official Insitute in Brea, CA
- Mar 17-21  CALBO Annual Conference
- Apr 28 – May 2  County Building Officials Association of CA Annual Conference
- Apr 28 – May 8  2019 Committee Action Hearings (Group B Codes)
- Jun 3 - 5  Chapter Leadership Academy in Denver, CO
- Oct 20 -30  2019 ICC Annual Conference and Group B Hearings in Las Vegas

Notes:

- ICC Govt Relations November Monthly Report
- Student memberships only require student to be enrolled in 3 units and includes free code!
- It’s installation season! Click here to submit request for Board member to attend.
- Listen to ICC’s Latest Podcast Episode Episode 9: Tiny Homes with Davis, CA Building Official Greg Mahoney
- Read about 2018-19 ICC Board of Directors
- Read about LADBS Frank Bush Receiving Excellence in Public Safety Award
Disaster Response Alliance: Your professional help matters to communities struck by disasters

The new Disaster Response Alliance needs volunteers. Like you! Your name, contact information and experience can be added to the DRA database which will allow local, state and federal entities seek help from code officials for major disaster events, like Hurricane Michael. The Disaster Response Alliance is a joint project of the International Code Council and the National Council of Structural Engineers Associations (NCSEA). The United States has many skilled code officials, engineers and others across the country who are willing to step in to help with post-disaster safety assessments, building damage assessments, inspections and other code-related functions. The Disaster Response Alliance brings these skilled volunteers together for easy access and quick mobilization. For more information, to request help, or to sign up, visit www.disasterresponse.org. [NOTE: Those who registered to volunteer for ICC’s former Disaster Response Network, must re-register with the DRA to serve as a volunteer.]

The Group A Public Comment Hearing in Richmond is done; soon it’s your turn to vote on cdpACCESS

The Public Comment Hearing phase in Richmond, Va., is done and online voting on Group A proposals is expected to open soon for two weeks for those who were registered with their governmental units. If you need a refresher on using cdpACCESS, the ICC website has helpful information. There is a cdpACCESS instruction webinar, and you will need this password to get in: cdpACCESS2017. Other ways to find help:

- Log into cdpACCESS.com and click the question mark icon at the top right for a user's manual.
- Contact ICC staff for help with cdpACCESS by emailing cdpACCESS@iccsafe.org.

The Group A Codes include the IBC (egress, fire safety, general), IFC, IFGC, IMC, IPC, IPMC, IPSDC, IRC (mechanical, plumbing), ISPSC, IWUIC and IZC. Group B changes are due Jan. 7, 2019.

Maryland’s Bill Bryant takes the helm as ICC Board President after the 2018 ICC Annual Conference

Bill Bryant was elected to serve as President of the ICC Board of Directors, assuming the lead position from California’s Jay Elbettar. Bryant is the assistant director of Inspections and Permits for Anne Arundel County, Md., a former president of the Maryland Building Officials Association and one of the first ICC-certified master code professionals. Other top officers elected in Richmond are Greg Wheeler, City of Thornton, Colo., Board Vice President, and Cindy Davis, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Board Secretary-Treasurer. Elbettar will serve as Immediate Past President. Those elected to the Board were directors at large Angie Wiese, Steve McDaniel, Jim Sayers, Shirley Ellis and Mike Boso, and section directors Jim Brown and Ron Hampton. Read more here.

Building safety professionals honored at the 2018 International Code Council Annual Conference

The International Code Council honored outstanding individuals and organizations for their accomplishments and service to their communities, the building safety industry and the Code Council during the 2018 Annual Conference in Richmond, Va., Oct. 21-24. Read more on these recipients:

- The late Ron Burton, Bobby J. Fowler Award
- Christine Rose, City of Fargo, N.D., Gerald H. Jones Code Official of the Year Award
- Mel Oncu, ICC General Counsel, William J. Tangye Staff Recognition Award
- Chief Tonya Hoover, superintendent of the National Fire Academy, 2018 Fire Service Award
- Colorado Code Consulting, Denver, Colo., ICC Educator of the Year Award
- North Central Texas Permit Tech Chapter, ICC Community Service Award
- City of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning & Development Services, Innovation in Code Administration Award
- Virginia Building and Code Officials Association, 2018 ICC Chapter of the Year Award
- Washington Association of Building Officials and Building Officials Association of Texas, Chapter Merit Awards
- Frank Bush, Los Angeles Department of Building Safety, Excellence in Public Safety Award
- Ron Flax, Boulder County, Colo., National Leadership in Sustainability and Energy Efficiency Award
Abdulhameed Ali Al-Marzouqi, director of Policy, Contracts and Asset Management at the Department of Urban Planning and Municipalities, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and Chuck Ramani, founder and past president of the International Accreditation Service, \textit{2018 ICC Global Awards}

\textbf{International Code Council begins status as the newest corporate partner to PHCC on Nov. 1}

The \textit{Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors National Association (PHCC)} recently announced its new corporate partnership with the International Code Council, effective November 1. The developer of a comprehensive and coordinated set of International Codes (I-Codes) and standards used in the design, build and compliance process, the Code Council joins \textit{Bradford White, Federated Insurance, InSinkErator, Kohler Co., Milwaukee Tool and Viega} in this elite category of industry partners that support PHCC and its affiliates. Through this alliance, PHCC members will have increased access to I-Codes books and training, potentially through the PHCC associations. \textit{Click here to read more.}

\textbf{Cash prizes offered for first and second place in contest “How Do Standards Help Mitigate Disaster?”}

To help foster greater awareness about the importance of standardization, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) 2019 Student Paper Competition asks you to consider the question, “How do standards help mitigate disaster?” Your paper should consider how standards have contributed to the mitigation, prevention, relief, or recovery of various types of disaster. You may choose to pick a real-life disaster and describe the standards that helped get things back on track, as well as potential standards that could have provided even greater assistance. Or, you may choose to get creative and make up a disaster scenario. You should refer to specific standards wherever possible. All entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. ET on April 30, 2019, to lrajchel@ansi.org. \textit{Click here for more information.}

\textbf{REScheck software is now updated for use with the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code}

Software support for the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is now available in REScheck. The 2018 IECC is published by the International Code Council and represents the latest edition of the national model residential energy code for residential buildings. In addition to adding support for the new code, the updated version incorporates a variety of new features, including improved input validation, more informative error messaging, and additional user interface enhancements. REScheck is developed by the U.S. Department of Energy Building Energy Codes Program and assists designers, builders, code officials and others in the design and construction industry in demonstrating compliance with their residential energy code. \textit{Learn more.}

\textbf{The 2018 IgCC, now in publication, represents another step toward life safety and health benefit goals}

Publication of the 2018 International Green Construction Code (IgCC), now under way, represents a watershed moment for green building regulation and an opportunity to focus on building safety topics not fully addressed by traditional building and fire codes. Like traditional building codes, the indoor environmental quality provisions of the IgCC are building-specific, intended to provide occupants with healthier environments within the regulated building. The remaining provisions of the IgCC also regulate a specific building or campus, but they are intended to have life safety and health benefits beyond that location; benefits that can literally impact the world. \textit{Click to read more.}

\textbf{Significant Changes guides provide valuable insights for 2018 IBC, IRC, IFC, IPC, IMC and IFGC}

The \textit{2018 Significant Changes guides} are available for the International Building, Residential, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Codes. This valuable series can help any code user save time by zeroing in on the most critical changes in the 2018 International Codes (I-Codes). The Code Council’s technical experts provide summaries, analysis and graphics for these changes making them clear and easy to understand. \textit{Learn more.}

\textbf{ICC is top sponsor four years in a row of Building Innovation 2019 Jan. 7-10 in Washington, D.C.}

\textit{Building Innovation 2019} — the \textit{National Institute of Building Sciences’} (NIBS) seventh annual conference and expo — will be held Jan. 7–10, 2019, at the Mandarin Oriental in Washington, D.C. This year’s event will bring together building and fire safety from across the industry to explore strategies
aimed at Optimizing for Tomorrow. For the fourth year in a row, the International Code Council will hold a lead sponsorship role in the Building Innovation Conference series. Click to learn more.

Emerging Leaders Membership Council brings 2018 Annual Conference to members via Facebook
ELMC Governing Committee member John Hudgison uses Mevo equipment to carry his code instruction classes to bigger audiences online. So why not use the ELMC Facebook page to “live stream” ELMC events in Richmond last week for those who could not attend the 2018 ICC Annual Conference? The response from ICC Members has been impressive! The ELMC Governing Committee Annual Meeting was live streamed on Sunday morning, Oct. 20, and attracted 839 views. The second Mevo live stream was held at the ICC Networking Luncheon during the noon hour Monday, Oct. 21, and attracted more than 1,300 views. During the luncheon, Hudgison interviewed many young code professionals and asked the question “what makes you proud of your job?” The third live stream was held Tuesday morning, Oct. 22, during the course instruction sponsored by ELMC, titled “The New Code Official: A Safety 2.0 Emerging Leader’s Perspective.” The instruction, which received more than 400 views, was conducted by Hudgison and ELMC Governing Council Member Jesse DeAnda.

GOT PULSE? Tiny homes and the challenges on code officials and housing affordability are subjects
Chief Building Official for Davis, California, Greg Mahoney joins us this month to share industry insight on the new phenomenon of tiny homes, including the challenges experienced by code officials and the overall impact on housing affordability. Click here to listen, and be sure to subscribe on Apple Podcasts, Google Play and Spotify.

Public officials and general public becoming more aware of the value and protections of current codes
Code officials and leaders in the built environment know this: Modern, regularly updated building codes are the key to preparing for and recovering quickly from a disaster. Now the public is catching on with this year’s numerous natural disasters. Studies consistently show that the adoption and implementation of current building codes is one of the nation’s strongest defenses against natural disasters and is a cost effective way of protecting what for many is their most important investment – their home or business. Read more to see quotes from national leaders supporting codes.

ANCR’s Buildings Benchmark Committee expects to deliver findings for community benchmarks soon
The Alliance for National and Community Resilience (ANCR) convened the Buildings Benchmark Committee this month in Washington, D.C., for final discussion and approval of the requirements resilient communities should demonstrate in the functional area of buildings. The 30-member committee — which includes a diverse and active group of subject matter experts representing industry leaders, regulators, designers and builders — expects to deliver its work to the ANCR Board of Directors for approval in late 2018. Read more here.

ICC serves as a key participant at the 2018 National Disaster Resilience Conference Nov. 7-9 in Florida
As a founding member of the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH), ICC shares a vision of making America a more disaster-resilient nation and has signed on to serve as the Titanium Sponsor for the 2018 National Disaster Resilience Conference (NDRC18) to be held Nov. 7–9, 2018, in Clearwater Beach, Fla. Each year, the NDRC18 — an innovation incubator for the disaster resilience movement — brings together the nation’s foremost voices in the disaster safety and resilience movement, drawing a diverse crowd of the nation’s foremost experts and organizations. Presentations, discussion panels and spotlight topics will focus on the latest in science, policy and practice to create more resilient buildings and disaster-resilient communities in the face of natural and human-caused disasters. Read more.

New and improved access portal installed to help you with ICC’s “Online Building Codes”
The ICC website was recently updated to provide a streamlined, two-click process to access the code catalogue for all of the I-Codes, Publications and Standards in their various formats. I-Codes are typically available in printed formats, pdf downloads and may also include a free online public view (publicACCESS) and premiumACCESS. ICC’s powerful cloud based codes, premiumACCESS, are available through a subscription service. How does this new access portal work?
From the ICC home page, click on “Online Building Codes” in the top dark green menu bar to learn more about accessing ICC’s Online Code Library and how the new changes benefit you. 
• Click on “Find Codes” or “Map Search” to begin the search through the Code Library. 
• Narrow your search by setting the search filters on the left side of the screen to the desired Category, Year and Format. [Important note: publicACCESS for a given I-Code is made by simply clicking on the cover of the desired code book displayed after the filtered search. Searching the ICC Code Library from the ICC Store web page works in a similar fashion by clicking on either premiumACCESS or public ACCESS as a starting point.]

Code adopting jurisdictions and others who have included links on their websites to ICC’s online code library and products, including publicACCESS, are encouraged to review and update these links to ensure they function as intended.

ICC supports authorization of EPA’s WaterSense Program, helping consumers save billions of dollars 
The International Code Council applauds the authorization of the U.S. Environmental Protection 
Agency's (EPA's) WaterSense Program. Since 2006, WaterSense has conserved more than 2.7 trillion 
gallons of water and saved American families $63.8 billion in water and energy bills, according to the 
EPA. WaterSense has also helped reduce the amount of energy needed to heat, pump and treat 
water by 367 billion kilowatt hours, which is equivalent to a year’s worth of power for more than 34.1 
million U.S. homes. The Code Council develops the International Codes, a family of fifteen coordinated, 
modern building safety codes used throughout the world, that cover structural, fire, plumbing, 
mechanical, resiliency and more. The International Green Construction Code (IgCC) references the 
WaterSense performance standards as they relate to the IgCC’s water efficiency provisions. Read more.

Upcoming from the ICC Learning Center: Institutes, training, seminars, webinars, etc. 
Online learning is available from the ICC Learning Center. Find course listings you’d like to attend in the 
Learning Center using the Search function. Single-day training events are an opportunity to focus on 
topics to ensure your code knowledge stays up to date, with some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom 
option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:
• November 15 - Inspector Skills.
• December 6 - Report Writing for Code Officials.

The following is the updated list of ICC Institutes and other training opportunities across the nation. Find 
course listings you’d like to attend in the Learning Center using the Search function:
• November 15 at Focal Point Academy, Columbia, Md., Inspector Skills.
• December 3-4 at Atlanta, Ga., Permit Technician Institute.
• December 6 at MicroTek in Chicago, Report Writing for Code Officials.
• December 10-11 in Orlando, Fla., “When Disaster Strikes” Institute.

Certification Test Academies feature interactive and question-based review for the exam. Students will 
receive a voucher to take the exam at a later date. Upcoming Academies:
• November 5-8, 64 Property Maintenance in Country Club Hills, Ill.
• November 5-8, B1 Res. Building Insp. in Brea, Calif.
• December 11-14, B2 Com. Build. Insp. in Brea, Calif.
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