

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL
GULF COAST REGION IX
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

January 22, 2009

Pensacola, Florida

President Bhola Dhume called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Region IX Board members present were: Bhola Dhume (Louisiana) Ronnie Spooner (Florida) Tom Dozier (Alabama) Steve Pizzillo (Florida) Paul Antoine (Alabama) William Gil (Louisiana) Denise Jobe (Louisiana) Alan Boswell (Alabama) Bill Carrigee (Mississippi) Bill Rodgers (Mississippi) and Alan Plante (Florida).

Board members absent were: Bill Foshee (Mississippi)

Others present at this meeting were: Anduar Aitiodir, Tom Allen, Tim Tolbert, Doug Murdock, ICC Board Member and Maria Rodriguez.

President Dhume called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

ICC Region IX Board meeting minutes in Minneapolis, Minnesota were presented for approval. **A motion was made by Mr. Pizzillo and seconded by Mr. Carrigee that these minutes be approved. There was a unanimous vote in favor of this motion.**

Treasurer Plante presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 13, 2009. (A copy is attached to these minutes.) A balance of \$6,463.10 was shown. **A motion was made by Mr. Pizzillo and seconded by Mr. Antoine for approval of the Treasurer's report. There was a unanimous vote in favor of this motion.**

President Dhume thanked Mr. Spooner, Mr. Antoine and Mr. Plante for their work in putting together the first Educational Conference for Region IX.

President Dhume appointed the following Committees for the up-coming year.

1. By-Laws Committee: Bill Carrigee, Chair & 4 active members
2. Legislative Committee: Bhola Dhume, Chair & 4 active members
3. Membership Committee: Tom Dozier, Chair & 4 active members
4. Education Committee: Alan Plante, Chair & 4 active members

5. Nomination Committee: Ronnie Spooner, Chair & 4 active members
6. Code Development Committee: One Board member as Chair & 4 active members

There was no motion necessary to approve the President's appointment of these standing Committees.

Mr. Spooner reported to the Board the costs related to this first educational conference. He indicated where some other funds would be needed to cover such items as ICC costs for books, and supplies. He stated that the Region would probably clear about \$900.00 on this conference.

President Dhume stated that ICC would be stopping free training days for ICC chapters very soon. Mr. Antoine asked if there were any plans for ICC chapter benefits to be reinstated in the future.

Mr. Murdock answered that he felt that when the US economy begins to make a comeback, there would be a return of ICC chapter benefits. He stated that the ICC organization had to make some drastic cuts in their own budgets this year.

Mr. Carrigee asked how many of ICC's "big dogs" were cut.

As to the actual ICC budget cuts that were made, Mr. Murdock said that he would get back to us on that item.

It was noted that Mr. Mark Roberts was no longer Region IX's ICC representative. This assignment has now been given to Mr. Phil McMahan of the Florida ICC office.

The Board discussed at some length as to how the "down-turn" in the US economy had affected local chapters in the Region.

President Dhume stated that pre-registration for the Louisiana annual conference was presently down.

It was noted that many of the local jurisdictions' budgets in the Region had their travel and education items cut. This would greatly effect attendance at all conferences this coming year.

After discussion, the Board decided that its next meeting would be in conjunction with the Florida annual meeting in Daytona Beach, May 18 – 20, 2009.

Mr. Antoine brought up his concern as to how the voting was done in Minneapolis on Code change for residential sprinklers, on the way it happened and when it was allowed to be done.

President Dhume stated that the States' Homebuilder organizations had also expressed deep concern over this item and were considering filing an appeal.

The ICC formula for determining each jurisdiction's voting members was discussed at length.

Mr. Murdock stated that these voting problems and the ICC formula for determining each jurisdiction's voting members, are being addressed by the ICC Board of Directors.

Mr. Carrigee expressed his concern that the ICC Board's discussion of these items would not be presented to the membership on the web or any other way. He felt that these

problems would just be “swept-under-the-rug” by the ICC Board. If there is nothing to hide, why does there seem to be efforts to cover up these discussions, he stated.

Mr. Rodgers asked all in attendance their feelings of adopting the 2009 Codes? Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Alabama indicated that they would study these Codes in great depth before any adoption would take place. President Dhume stated that all the Chapters of the Region would need to join together to defeat this Code change for “sprinkler systems in residential structures”.

Mr. Gil asked about Region’s IX web-site? The Board was told that the web-site is presently still being hosted by BOAF. Due to changes in personnel at BOAF, this could change, the Board was informed.

Mr. Spooner stated that it was time for us to ask the local chapters for their annual dues to the Region to be sent in.

Treasurer Plante indicated that he was in the process of getting this done.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, President Spooner declared the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted; Tom Dozier, Secretary