

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)
January 13, 2009
1:00 PM
7979 Independence Blvd., Suite 308
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Chair requested a roll call of the members which reflected the following:

Members Present: Mr. Barry; Mr. Boudreaux; Mr. Gadberry; Mr. Gil; Mr. Henderson; Mr. Holden; Mr. Kothe; Mr. Lucky; Mr. Landry; Ms. McKinney; Mr. Noel; Mr. Touchet; Ms. Weems

Members Absent: Mr. Bessette; Mr. Bourgeois; Mr. Hackworth; Ms. Mire; Mr. Sandage; Mr. Trosclair.

Excused absence: Mr. Bessette; Mr. Hackworth; Ms. Mire; Mr. Sandage; Mr. Trosclair.

13 members present and 6 members absent constitute a Quorum.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Lucky to adopt the minutes, as revised, from the December 9, 2008 LSUCCC meeting and received a second from Mr. Holden. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 12 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Touchet to conduct the next LSUCCC meeting in Baton Rouge on Monday, February 9, 2009, at 1:00 PM and received a second from Mr. Lucky. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 13 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for a review of items and recommendations from all of the committees who held meeting earlier in the day. Floor was given to Ms. McKinney.

Ms. McKinney, chair of the Technical committee began her review with the election of Mr. Trosclair as the committee vice-chairman. The committee also began its review of the 2008 National Electrical code (NEC). The tech committee scheduled subsequent meetings to continue NEC. The committee will be soliciting comments in writing from interesting organizations to be reviewed at the scheduled meetings. There was a presentation from the manufacturer Leviton on tamper-resistant receptacles. Technical committee meetings dates and topics as follows:

- January 27 -Arch Fault Interrupters
- February 9 – Branch Circuits
- February 26 – COPS emergency back-up system
- March 10 – Review public comments

- March 24 – review any additional issues to be addressed, and decide on recommendation to full Council during April regular meeting

Mr. Kothe made a comment that there is a study being conducted in others states concerning the failure rates of the arch-fault interrupters; he will provide information concerning that research to Ms. McKinney. The committee also considered a request for clarification on the rounding with regards to 49 versus 50 occupants when estimating occupant loads. Mr. Delaune of the Office of the State fire Marshall referenced the commentary of the life safety code, where in the example the code commentary rounded down to the nearest whole occupant. The motion that resulted from the rounding discussion was the conclusion of Ms. McKinney's committee report.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Barry that the Council set the guideline for rounding to be, when dealing with a fraction for occupant, the designer should round down to the nearest whole occupant, the motion received a second from Mr. Gadberry. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 13 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for Ms. Weems to give the Administrative Advisory Committee report. Ms. Weems began with the election of Mr. Lucky as the vice-chairman of the committee. There was a presentation given by Bhola Dume, and Zachary Embry on issues in City of New Orleans, arising from the installation of solar panels. The committee is going to convene a group of code officials in the state and request that the meeting take place at the BOAL conference in March. The last item was concerning the development of a statewide permitting portal, and to begin discussion about partnering with OSFM on a portal they are working to create.

The Chair made a special note of the proposed administrative chapters of the codes, that are available should a jurisdiction need the information.

The Chair opened the floor for Mr. Kothe to give the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee report. Mr. Kothe began with the election of Mr. Gadberry as the vice-chairman of the committee. There was a brief review of all complaints received to date. The committee also will be sending letters to jurisdictions and organizations to remind them of the current codes to be enforced, and rules regarding amendments to the code. The letters to be the following: Letter reviewing the Industrialized Building Act and responsibility of all involved, letter concerning residential modular and the responsibility of the third party providers, and the review of the Uniform Construction Code and its requirements.

There was a discussion about the building code enforcement rating systems, community rating system, and the Professional Insurance Association rating systems. Mr. Noel asks that the administrator extend an invitation to the individuals responsible for those rating systems to attend a Council meeting to explain how the ratings are conducted. Mr. Kothe mentioned that the next committee meeting will be in two months, before the March meeting.

The Chair opened the floor for a review and discussion of the UCCC sponsored training, currently being administered through LAIBTS. Ms. Jobe presented the Council with attendance information, and some of the feedback LAIBTS has received about the training. There was discussion about moving some of

the classes scheduled that have a low registration to areas with a greater response. The intent is not the waste the resources available and uses them all to the fullest extent. The Chair posed a question to John Chumba of LAIBTS about whether the training could include information about residential plan review. Mr. Chumba made the point that the training was developed to include all aspects of the residential code and was not designed to specific train someone for an exam, so as a result someone attending the course would gain knowledge to understand and interpret the code.

The Chair opened the floor for a presentation from Marks Roberts of the ICC to introduce the Council to new standards being published by the ICC. They include the ICC/ANSI A117.1 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities, ICC 300 Bleachers, Folding and Telescopic Seating, and Grandstands, ICC 400 Standard on the Design and Construction of Log Structures, ICC 500 ICC/NSSA Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters, ICC 600 Standard for Residential Construction in High-Wind Regions, ICC 700 National Green Building Standard.

The Chair made a recommendation that the ICC 500 and ICC 600 Standards be reviewed in the Technical Committee. Mr. Roberts made a note that he will forward information to the committee members on how they can receive downloads from e-codes.biz of the standards for review. Mr. Roberts's last note was the ICC Codes Forum in New Orleans, March 23-25, 2009, which will offer 3 days of training. Information may be obtained through www.ICCsafe.org .

The Chair opened the floor for public comments, with no action to be taken. Bholu Dume made an announcement for the BOAL Conference to take place March 1-3, 2009, in the City of New Orleans. All of the Council members are extended an invitation to attend.

A **motion** was made by Ms. McKinney to adjourn and received a second from Mr. Noel with no action required the meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

END OF MINUTES