

**Construction Codes Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2010**

Members Present:

Bob Bastianelli
Mark Brunner
Bob Dahm
William Freitag
Gerhard Guth
Bruce Hutchins
Robert Jewell
Tom Joachim (Commissioner's Designee)
Ross Noak
Kathleen Ostrom
Luke Stemmer
Larry Stevens
Kent Warden
Kevin White

Members Absent:

Thomas Downs
Kenneth Kammerer
Dan McConnell
Tom Seanger

Staff Present:

Sandy Arndt
Scott McLellan
John Rajkowski

Visitors:

Ann Higgins, LMC
Pete Parris, SMW
Gary Thaden, MMCA/NECA

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Joachim at 1:08 p.m. Announcements were made and administrative information was given.

2. Introduction of CCAC Members

Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. New member Ross Noak introduced himself and members of the audience announced themselves as well.

3. Approval of Agenda

Dahm made a motion, seconded by Ostrom, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Stemmer made a motion, seconded by White, to approve the March 18, 2010 Minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

5. New Business and Committee Reports

A. State Building Code Appeals Process

- Scott McLellan, Assistant Director of the Construction Codes and Licensing Division, gave an overview of the State Building Code Appeals Process and reviewed the procedures, application forms as well as a couple examples of appeal decisions. Since 2003, there were 25 requests for appeals and only 8 went to the Appeals Board - of the 8 appeals, 6 were approved and 2 were denied. Local authorities who have an appeals process are required to send a copy of their appeal to the State Building Official within 5 days - the State does review it to make sure it is handled properly, then files it. For more information on this process, you may contact Scott via email at scott.mclellan@state.mn.us

B. Electrical Interpretation

- Joachim reviewed the Final Interpretation issued by the Board of Electricity regarding the Scope of National Electrical Code Article 547

6. Legislative Reports

Joachim reviewed the following bills that have passed this past session:

House File	Senate File	Related To:	Effective Date
HF927		DLI 2009 housekeeping bill	August 1, 2010
	SF2510	ICEC extension	July 1, 2008
	SF2510	Inflatable amusement device regulation	August 1, 2010
	SF2510	Water-free urinal expedited rule authority	May 14, 2010
	SF2510	DLI license fee restructure	January 1, 2012
	SF2510	Manufactured Home Consent Form	July 1, 2010
	SF2759	Property maintenance language	August 1, 2010
	SF2844	Modifying elevator inspection provisions	August 1, 2010
HF2855		Modifying boiler licensing and inspection requirements	August 1, 2010
	SF2944	Residential contractor continuing education modifications	August 1, 2010
HF3048		DLI 2010 housekeeping bill	Sections 2-7 following enactment; the rest on August 1, 2010
	SF3128	Lead paint certification	February 1, 2011
HF3386		Residential contracts, statutory warranty modifications	Multiple effective dates
HF1671		Surcharge fee increase, 326B.148	July 1, 2010

7. Unfinished Business

Ostrom asked for further explanation in regard to opinions that are issued from CCLD. Joachim referred her to the CCLD Website and described the thresholds of opinions issued by the division. “Staff opinions” start as mostly verbal over the phone opinions; “Section opinions” are written policies in the various sections; “Division opinions” are where the division responds in writing to a specific application through a technical opinion committee. A last step would be a “final interpretation” that is issued by the commissioner after an issue has been processed through a local or state appeals board and the board has requested the final interpretation be issued by the commissioner.

8. Open Forum

None

9. Council Member Discussion

None

10. Announcements

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

- i. Thursday, September 16, 2010, 1:00 p.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI
- ii. Thursday, December 16, 2010, 1:00 p.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI

Joachim welcomed new member Bill Freitag to the council as well.

10. Adjournment

Warden made a motion, seconded by Brunner, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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