



The FASNY Chapter Of The International Code Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of The FASNY Chapter of the ICC

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Holiday Inn, Liverpool, NY

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Joseph Finnegan at 7:20 pm.

A total of 15 persons were in attendance, including:

All officers of the Chapter,

FASNY President Carpenter,

James Tidwell, ICC National Director of Fire Service Activities.

Austin Sennett reported on FASNY's residential sprinkler initiative and FASNY's ICC proposal relative to same. TYCO has awarded FASNY a grant to pursue this matter and activities related thereto.

Austin further reported on the tentative timeline for proceeding with this activity in the larger concept of providing automatic suppression to better utilize the always-shrinking resources of the Fire Service and looking to insure the safety of the fire service and other responders.

Austin also discussed the NYS Code Coalition and allied groups and the need to maintain and improve the close cooperation.

It was emphatically stated that the residential sprinkler initiative will be a *Code* action, not a *legislative* action: "end runs" by way of legislation weaken and confound the true intent of a NYS Uniform Code that is properly developed by the Code Council.

Discussion followed on the increasing participation of the Fire Service in the code development process and the need to join with Building Officials in encouraging this.

Discussion followed on various issues (and some misunderstandings) related to Fire Service participation in the Code process, nationwide.

Discussion followed on FASNY's series of code training sessions in 2005 & 2006.

Discussion followed on possible ways the ICC may be able to assist with this mission.

Communications:

President Finnegan read a reply from ICC President Henry Green regarding the invitations to Adolf Zubia and Barbara Koffron to attend the FASNY Convention. Suffice it to say that the response from President Green was less than well received by many in the FASNY ICC Chapter.

Letter received from Ron Piester requesting endorsement for his candidacy as a member of the ICC Board of Directors. Motion by Gunnar Nielson, second by Wayne Hance was carried to endorse Mr. Piester. Mr. Piester made a brief statement expressing his appreciation for FASNY's support now and previously.

Letter received from Barbara Koffron requesting endorsement for her candidacy as a member of the ICC Board of Directors. Motion by Joe Sauerwein, second by Wayne Hance was carried to endorse Ms. Koffron.

Letter received from Adolf Zubia requesting endorsement for his candidacy as ICC Secretary/Treasurer. Motion by Gunnar Nielson, second by Bill Grant was carried to endorse Mr. Zubia.

Letter received from Tim Ryan requesting endorsement for his candidacy as ICC Secretary/Treasurer. Joe Sauerwein provided a brief summary of phone conversations relative to Mr. Ryan's relationship with the fire service in Kansas. No action was taken.

Letter received from Tim Nelson (President of the North East Regional Coalition) requesting endorsement for his candidacy as a member of the ICC Board of Directors. After a brief discussion on various aspects of the candidacy, no action was taken, but it was understood that support for Tim Nelson and perhaps others may be forthcoming from FASNY and other NYS organizations from the floor at the ICC Annual Business Meeting & Election in September.

President Finnegan offered a rendering of the shirt design, with a new logo that included the FASNY-NYS Code Coalition-ICC relationship.

Discussion followed on the ICC-IAPMO issue.

Ron Piester synopsized the key matters that prove contentious in this regard.

Jim Tidwell offered comments on some of the basic and not-so-basic issues regarding same.

Discussion followed on selecting an alternate to Joe Sauerwein at NERC's meeting in Holyoke, MA at the meeting of 08/22/06. Gunnar was suggested and offered to attend to insure NYS had full representation at the meeting. Joe Sauerwein will relay this recommendation to the other NYS-NERC directors, Wayne Cichon and Larry DeSimone and seek their concurrence or alternatives.

Ron Piester reported on activities relative to his race for ICC Board of Directors in Orlando, Florida in September.

There being no further business to be brought before the assembled members, the meeting was adjourned (finally) at 10:02 pm, much to the relief of said assembled members!

Joseph F. Sauerwein
Secretary