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The Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council is dedicated to the improvement of building safety, by promoting and improving the International Codes, educating the building industry, public and our membership, and providing mutual aid to building professionals

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Colorado Chapter of the ICC for its generous contribution to CAPMO, both financially and philosophically. Your continued support and endorsement of our organization is very much appreciated.

I am sure a lot of you are aware of the behind the scenes work going on to make the mechanical and plumbing codes the best they can be without becoming too onerous or suffocating. Without trying to embarrass him I'd like to acknowledge Guy McMann for all of his hard work and dedication to the many code changes he has made to both the mechanical and plumbing codes. His changes are made with regard to health and safety concerns, make complete sense and aren't written just to make changes. His goal is to make the already user friendly codes even more so, better serving building officials, contractors and homeowners. Guy has had helpful input from many sources but the changes are primarily his.

I'd also like to acknowledge the increasing support of our southern jurisdictions. The main focus of holding CAPMO meetings is networking to accumulate input for the collective good. The southern jurisdictions have been very forthcoming and helpful in that regard.

Jefferson County as a jurisdiction has been on the IPC and the IRC for approximately 10 years. The transition hasn't always been easy. Once the plumbers found out how user friendly the new codes were and the extra number of options the codes provide, attitudes have changed. Acceptance and enthusiasm of our codes are increasing every day. Apparently, the many "tailgate classes" are bearing fruit, which leads me to my closing thought.

I'd like to ask each CAPMO/CCICC member, either individual or jurisdiction, to contribute in any way they can in the educational process. It is the most important contribution they can make. It enhances our industry in huge ways. The payback is immeasurable.

Thank you for this opportunity to address you.

Respectfully yours,

Robert P. Clark, Board of Director, Member of CAPMO

WHAT CAN YOU FIND ON THE CHAPTER'S WEBSITE?

TAKE A LOOK:

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes
Code Adoption information by Jurisdiction
Upcoming Events
Job Postings
Building Guides
Popular Links
Education Institute Information
Previous Copies of Newsletters
Board of Director Information
Chapter Bylaws
Meeting Announcements
Special Messages
And so much more...

Check it out: www.coloradochaptericc.org



The chapter's Program Committee seeks member input on ideas for educational topics that you'd like to hear at chapter meetings. If you have an educational topic that you want to learn about or know of a topic that will be of interest to others or if you would be willing to host a meeting in 2008 please contact a Program Committee member and bring those ideas to the light.

These are your chapter meetings and you have a say in what happens.

Contact: Gil Rossmiller at grossmiller@parkeronline.org Tim Pate at tpate@ci.broomfield.co.us

PUBLIC MEETING FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS

The City & County of Broomfield and The City of Westminster are hosting a public meeting to review insulation installation and inspection requirements for all residential construction. This will include single family and multifamily builders.

Meeting open to all building department personnel as well.

This will be a **MANDATORY** meeting for all of Broomfield's residential builders and their insulation subcontractors.

Date: September 25, 2007

Time: 9 a.m. to noon.

Location: City & County of Broomfield
Auditorium

3 Community Park Road
Broomfield, Colorado 80020

For information and specific details please contact Tim Pate at 303-438-6373 or at tpate@broomfield.org or Shaunna Mozingo at 303-430-2400 ext 2084 or at smozingo@ci.westminster.co.us

Please RSVP as soon as possible.

CODE TALK

By Tim Pate, Co-Chair Code Development Committee

The Chapter Code Change Committee had their last meeting on August 13 and finalized the Code changes to be turned in to ICC. We submitted 18 changes to the IBC and 9 changes to the IRC. Some of the members submitted changes to both Codes by themselves due to not having full support of the Committee and also due to not having time to fully discuss the items in front of the Committee. The Code Change monograph is scheduled to be available sometime in early December. The Committee plans on having two to three meetings to review all of the proposed changes to both the IBC and the IRC and prepare for the Code Change Hearings to be held in Palm Springs the last two weeks of February. The Chapter Committee has an adequate budget to help fund members to travel and attend these Hearings. You would be able to see how these national hearings work and get your chance to stand up to speak on various changes.

The entire membership is encouraged to review these Code changes (they will be available on the ICC website) and contact any of the Chapter Code Change Committee members to bring up in our upcoming meetings.

The Report of the Public Hearings (results from the Reno hearings) should be available about mid to late April. The Chapter Committee will then meet again to review these results and prepare for the Final Action Hearings to be held September 17 through 23, 2008 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

You are encouraged to become a member of the Chapter Code Committee or just attend one of our meetings to see how our process works. We are always open to new people and ideas. The Colorado Chapter has been and will continue to be an important player in the national Code Change arena and we rely on our membership continuing to be a part of this important process.

We also anticipate finding out which of our members are selected to serve on the national Code Change Committees in mid to late October. The ICC Board of Directors will vote on the ICC Council's recommendations at the ICC ABM in Reno September 30 to October 2. There were many Chapter members who turned in their applications and it will be exciting to see how many of us get selected. It is a fantastic experience serving on these committees and well worth the time and effort it takes. We will be reporting these results on the Chapter web page as soon as we get them.

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED FOR ICC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bios and resumes are available for candidates running for the Code Council's Board of Directors. Elections will be held at the Council's Annual Business Meeting in Reno, Nevada. To view the contenders go to:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/news/about/BOD/candidates/index.html>

When in Reno don't forget to support the Colorado Chapter's very own Gerry George, who is running for Secretary/Treasurer of the ICC Board.

GOOD LUCK GERRY!!

CHAPTER MEETING IN GLENWOOD SPRINGS – AUGUST 9 AND 10

By Tim Pate

The Chapter meeting in Glenwood Springs was a resounding success. Special thanks go out to Bob Kohrmann (town of Eagle), Matt Royer (SAFEbuilt), and Pat Seydel (Glenwood Springs) for getting together to host this meeting. This was the first time that the Chapter Board of Directors tried offering free attendance to a Chapter meeting. We required people to RSVP in order to receive this special offer. We received close to 50 RSVP's by the deadline and close to 50 showed up for each day! The Chapter Board of Directors has decided to do the same "free" offer for the upcoming meeting in Golden on October 19. Details for this upcoming meeting are available on the Chapter website.

The meeting program hosted an extremely interesting group of presenters. Laura Shumpert with the Colorado Department of Health started out Thursday morning and discussed asbestos concerns during renovations and demolition. She explained the history and health concerns of asbestos in buildings. She also spent considerable time going over the requirements for building owners in getting State permits for asbestos remediation. If you have any questions you can contact her at laura.shumpert@state.co.us.

Steve Bernia with the Colorado Division of Housing spent the second half of the morning discussing how we should deal with factory manufactured structures. He went over the differences between trailers built before the 1950's, mobile homes built pre 1976 and between 1971 and 1976, and finally manufactured homes. He discussed how building departments need to accept and inspect all of these types of homes. If you have any questions you can contact him at steve.bernia@state.co.us.

Robby Schwarz with Energy Logic started the afternoon session by discussing energy ratings, insulation installation, air barriers and the systems approach to the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code. Energy Logic is a third party energy rating company for new home construction. This was an extremely helpful discussion since more and more jurisdictions are beginning to enforce the various energy code requirements located within the 2003 and 2006 International Residential Code and the International Energy Conservation Code. He explained how insulation and air barriers would need to be installed in order to achieve a top installation rating and also meet the manufacturer's installation requirements.

The Colorado Chapter Board of Directors then held their August Business Meeting. These meeting notes should be available on the Chapter website late October after the Board is able to review and vote to approve at the October meeting.

Bob, Matt, and Pat then hosted a wonderful BBQ at Two Rivers Park. They were kind enough to have a great meal of burgers, hot dogs, chips, salads, soda, and beer. There were a number of extremely competitive games of horseshoes (not sure why some of the games took an hour and half though!). A good time was had by all and the weather was great. Thanks again Bob, Matt, and Pat.

The Friday presentations were given by Dane Hagerty and Tim McGinnis with Cultered Stone (manufacturer stone veneer), Gordon Lundell with Rio Grande Company (hard coat stucco systems), Blake Tomlinson (representing Tyvek house wraps), and Chris Delay with Milgard windows. We put this group together to discuss how all of these systems need to be applied to the exteriors of buildings in order to make them weather tight. All of these gentlemen were extremely informative in their presentations which generated a large amount of questions. These are certainly important items that need to be addressed by building departments and these presentations certainly helped all of us understand the proper way to install all of these items.

All in all this was one of the better attended meetings that the Chapter has had for quite awhile especially considering that it was well out of the metro area. The Chapter is always excited in scheduling these meetings in the more remote areas in order to allow more of the membership to attend and not have to drive so far. The Board is interested in hearing from you if you want to host or even co-host a meeting with a neighbor jurisdiction in the upcoming 2008 year. Contact either Tim Pate tpate@broomfield.org or Gil Rossmiller grossmiller@ci.parker.co.us for details. If you have any ideas about items that might be of interest for us to get on one of the meetings next year also feel free to contact us.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Chapter ABM in Colorado Springs on December 6 and 7. Details will be forthcoming on the Chapter website very soon. The annual banquet will be on the evening of December 6. This is a wonderful time to mingle with others, listen to great music, and have a wonderful dinner. Stay tuned.

WHAT'S NEW AT ICC

Information courtesy of ICC at: www.iccsafe.org

Bailey Brings International Flavor to Final Fireside Chat



Code Council Board President Wally Bailey will be joined by Alliance of Canadian Building Officials President Mannie Withrow, Ontario Building Officials Association President Terry Hewitson, and others from across the globe during his next Fireside Chat. The chat, to start at 2 p.m. Eastern on September 26, will be live from the heart of Canada's capital, Ottawa, at the landmark Fairmont Château Laurier. Join in to ask questions and participate in the discussion.

[Register on-line](#)

ICC Board of Directors Candidates Webpage

In accordance with [CP20-03](#), the International Code Council is providing a candidate webpage where candidates may pre-file information to be made available to the membership and the Nominating Committee in formatted content and where the Nominating Committee report will be posted after nominees are determined. A candidate forum at the Annual Business Meeting will be held prior to the elections. Forum procedures are to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Candidates Forum

Monday, October 1
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Rooms N9 and N10

Annual Business Meeting [Elections]

Tuesday, October 2
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Reno, Nevada

For more info go to: <http://www.iccsafe.org/news/about/BOD/candidates/index.html>

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EDUCATING MATTERS

The interview with Dan Nickle

Continued from the 2nd Quarter Newsletter

By Shaunna Mozingo

S: What about the Colorado Chapter? Education aside, what have you done since you got involved in 1982.

D: I got involved in code change in 1982 and I did that up until the time I was elected to the board of directors in 1994. At that time I just didn't have the time to devote to code changes and then the institute took priority over everything for me.

S: So let's talk about education. I see that you were involved with education with ICBO, ICC and CCICC; why education?

D: That is what we needed most. There was such a demand for it. There was no affordable code training in Colorado. People could go to California or we could hire instructors from ICBO to come from California and most of that was cost prohibitive to the majority of the jurisdictions in Colorado, which are smaller jurisdictions. A lot of places couldn't send their folks to California or Nevada or Phoenix for training.

S: So how did you do it? How did you get the Institute started?

D: Well, the original group to put it together was Pete Tyree, Greg Keith and I. Our first education committee meeting was in a temporary building in Parker and that was probably in 1984. Greg Keith was kind of the brains behind the thing. He is an extremely intelligent individual and at that point he just developed a curriculum that is amazing how much we have stuck to that today. We've added course paths. The first half of the day we did a general assembly where we had everyone together and had someone speak on something and then we broke out into separate classes for the balance of the week and we only had six course paths or something like that. But the basic format for the institute was pretty much ironed out that first year and all of that credit goes to Greg Keith. Greg has been teaching every year since the first institute in 1986 and he hasn't missed a lick. I think Tom Thompson is another person who hasn't missed an institute as far as teaching is concerned. I was looking at the first brochure of courses and instructors for the first institute yesterday and when I looked through there I found Pete Tyree, who has been here every year, Greg Keith has been here every year, Dave Tyree was there that first year and has been most of the years although he did miss a couple. Tom Thompson and Wally Prebis have been there every year. Richard Boon was there that first year and has been here a number of years since then. There are a number of people that have been here for a number of years.

S: So the three of you just got together and said, "Ok we are going to start offering some education to Colorado folks"?

D: It was the function of the chapter; we didn't just do it on our own. The chapter agreed that something needed to be done so we went forward and I think there were folks that thought we might be getting in over our heads but ever since that first year it has gotten a little bigger and a little better.

S: What did ICBO then and ICC now think of it in the beginning?

D: When we first started we had a number of ICBO folks help teach. I remember John Beranger, who was past president of ICBO taught a class, John Trowel, was an engineer for ICBO and he came in and taught. John Noccee who was president of ICBO ES and is now ICC ES, taught. We had a number of ICBO participants. I think that they were a little surprised as time went along as to what we were able to accomplish. By the time ICC was formed this Education Institute was one of the, if not the, biggest educational opportunities of its types in the country and ICC was aware of it and we didn't have a lot of attendance from the other two model code groups but it had a national reputation at that time. We have used ICBO and ICC instructors from time to time but in an effort to keep things affordable we look to volunteers. The bottom line commitment is the quality of education. There have been a few glitches here and there but I think the training has been outstanding and we have been able to maintain the low registration fee rate primarily because of the growth. We started that first year with a cost of \$225.00 for the week and I think we are up to only \$265.00 now, over 20 years later.

S: That's really amazing

D: It really is. When you stop to think about it what else can you do for basically the same price you could do 23 years ago? One thing that has helped is the addition of exhibitors to the institute. That generates a lot of revenue. We knew that we were going to get to the point where we would max out the facility and growth would be forced to stop and the addition of exhibitors was something that we could do to generate revenues instead of raising the rates for registration.

S: What has changed the most in the 23 years of the institute?

D: We've always had good turnout with volunteers and the chapter has always been behind it, especially after the first couple of years when they were convinced we really had something. I would say that it is so much easier now than it was in earlier years with things being computerized. The first couple of years we were at the Embassy Hotel and we were pleased with the way things went off and when we went to sign a contract for the following year they tried to be nice but they didn't want us to come back. We had used a lot of their meeting space and taken up all of the decent classrooms that they had at the hotel but everyone that attended that first year was local. Nobody rented a hotel room so they didn't like that. They make their money off of hotel rooms. What we had to do for 1987 was to go where we are now, which at that time was the Sheraton. We just laid our cards out on the table and said, "this year was our first year and this is what we did, this is what we think we are going to do..." at that time the economy was going south and there were a lot of vacant hotel rooms and the Sheraton said let's try it for one year and see what happens. We tried it for one year and we came through exactly as we told them we would so they said, "ok, let's try it another year." And we continued on a year to year contract until we started to experience a little conflict with meeting dates and we said that we want the first full year in March, that's what we really want and they said ok, you'll just have to sign contracts out far enough to guarantee that. We originally started like 5 years out and now we are 7 years out. We did have some conflicts along the way where they had booked some things way out into the future and they couldn't change those dates so we had to change ours and that is why we are now signed out so far, to avoid those possible conflicts. One year we had a misunderstanding and we printed brochures for one week and they had us scheduled for a different week so we had to scramble to reprint and re-mail brochures but it all worked out. When Sheraton switched to Marriot we had to re-train some folks and it was kind of difficult but now they list us as a low maintenance conference where they just stay out of our way. I think that a lot of the employees take vacation that week because we don't have a lot of demands. We go in and handle our own registration and audio/visual equipment, etc... It is really a well oiled machine now. Many of the people that have been involved have been involved for so long and nobody in the world could do a better job than JD Potter does in handling that equipment. He is just absolutely fantastic. We always have a group of people that show up to handle the registration desk and also to help JD. Gerry was involved with that for a number of years and still gets involved. We've added equipment. When we first started generating money we started buying overheads and slide projectors and now that stuff is getting replaced with LCDs and computers. The one thing that has helped make it a more professional production is the advent of the LCD projectors and everything is computerized and that has certainly made the registration a lot easier, especially with the number of attendees that we have now. It's been a transition from a real low cost, low key production to what we have now.

S: What advice do you have to Dave Horras, who has taken over the reins as chairman of the education committee?

D: I can't give any advice to Dave. He probably knows as well or better than I do how to run that Institute. I was thrilled to death at his willingness to step up and start chairing that committee and taking over that responsibility. I think that the committee needs to keep the proper perspective. The bottom line is we want the best quality training that we can provide and it has to be affordable. We started it primarily for education and training of our members. It has evolved to more than that but it didn't have to. The focus still needs to be on our membership; the jurisdictions in Colorado, the training that we provide to the contractors, architects and engineers of Colorado. Every architect or engineer that takes a class at the institute makes it easier for the building departments to deal with. It is a win-win situation for everyone. Even though they may not be members of the chapter it is a benefit to chapter members for them to get that training. As long as they maintain that focus, we really have great people in this chapter and they can take it and run with it forever. Dave is going to do an incredibly good job. He is on top of it and thank God he is.

S: Will you stay active with in the chapter?

D: Today I want to. A year from now I may have a totally different attitude about the whole thing. As long as I feel good and feel like I have something to contribute I would like to stay active in education and public relations and I would even like to get back into code change and development. My first building code was the 1970 Uniform Building Code and I have a lot of perspective on a lot of how the codes were developed and why certain things were in the code. We have lost a lot of that with the conversion but the basics of fire and life safety of the building codes haven't changed. The way that we provide it may have changed. I started before smoke detectors were in the code. Performance codes have probably been one of the major changes. Set aside from the fact that we consolidated the three model code groups into one, that is really major but the advent of the performance codes took a lot of the beurocracy if you will, out of the code enforcement and have been a blessing to the architects, engineers, contractors and the code officials.

S: Tell me about Wilderness on Wheels

D: I don't know how long I've been going up there. My first involvement was when the City of Lakewood did a give a day program up there and we worked on the boardwalk. They only did it one year and I'm not sure how we got involved in it but there were a few folks that had been involved and thought that the chapter would be a natural to go up and continue that work. The Wilderness on Wheels thing is not something that I started, I just happened to be there that one year as a volunteer and we've been up there ever since. We've had a number of volunteers over the years including Gerry George. We have gotten down to a core of talented and skilled craftsman in the chapter like Wayne Hoban, Steve Byers and JD Potter who it would be hard to do without. I don't really deserve a lot of credit for Wilderness because there are a lot of hard working people in the chapter who make it happen. As a result of my involvement just coordinating it I was elected to their Board of Trustees a couple of years ago but the people that do the work are the ones that really make it a go and nobody works harder than JD and Steve.

S: What about the chapter golf tournament?

D: I think this is like our 27th year of the golf year. I had never played golf or even picked up a golf club until I moved to Colorado and Wally Prebis was the guy behind the golf tournament. He started it and we held it down at his club at Prairie Park Country Club in Larkspur. About 10 years ago it got to be prohibitive expense wise at that country club so we started having it at Fox Hollow in Lakewood. Since I was from the City of Lakewood and I knew the pro at the course it was kind of natural that I got involved in helping Wally but he is still the guy on that golf tournament. We keep it affordable by having it as a budget item. The chapter builds relationships with contractors and suppliers that attend. We have folks that attend from the south east US like Oklahoma and Iowa. It's a fun thing and a lot of people have been coming for a lot of years. I wish we had more chapter member participation because it really is a fun time. You don't have to be a good golfer to have fun or to win. We put everything in flights and give away a lot of door prizes.

S: Who have you looked up to over the years in this industry? Who did you learn from?

D: That's a tough one, there have been so many. My first boss in Kansas City, Jack White, he was the building official and chairman of ICBO in 1973 I believe, he was a couple years behind Pete Tyree. Pete would have to go on that list along with Tom Thompson, Gerry George... It's hard when you start naming names because there are a lot of people out there.

S: What were your best learning tools?

D: Participation in the code development process. That is where you learn the codes and that's something that I think has helped me over the years, especially with my staff. Although over the last few years I haven't gotten to stay up technically with codes but when I started as a building official it was beneficial for me to know those codes. I had come up as a plans examiner and did some field inspection and was really focused on the code. Had I not had as strong of knowledge of the code coming into this job it would have been much more difficult. I think that there is a certain amount of respect that was paid to that technical knowledge when getting this position

S: How do you stay motivated for so long?

D: Participation; serving on the boards, being involved in the institute. Quite frankly, there comes the time when you don't have the drive anymore and when that happens you announce that you are going to retire. That is what I'm doing. I want to stay involved but I don't want a lot of the responsibility like chairing the education committee, serving on somebody's board. I want to be involved and be a worker or gopher to do whatever needs to be done like mop the floor but I don't have the capacity to take on the responsibility anymore. It's someone else's turn to learn.

S: With your experience and knowledge locally and nationally, what should those carrying the torch forward remember? You went through transitions; you know the history behind the decisions, what are the important things to remember?

D: first of all, if they want to get involved they need to be committed. If they can't commit and pull their wait then I would encourage them to step aside and let somebody else step in because there are a lot of good people out there and there is always someone who will get the work done. I would encourage involvement by everyone. People think that they can't do this or that but they can. If they have that desire then they need to do it. Three years before I ran for the board of directors of ICBO I was asked about that possibility and I said that there was just no way but then 3 years later I was on the board. It was somewhat of a challenge and you have to have that desire to get involved and participate.

S: What are your feelings on the Governance and Regionalism issues?

D: Bluntly, I'm really disappointed at the way we are heading. Regional governance doesn't have any part in things other than maybe for educational purposes. I understand that it is easier to provide education when you can consolidate areas into regions and get it out to those regions. The governance; the board of directors used to have districts and the members had to be from each district but several years ago we discovered that the people that really wanted to serve and participated weren't necessarily from a certain district so you had people on the board that were there just because of geography and not because of desire or qualifications. I think that is what would happen with ICC. I think that there is a fear among folks of the Northeast and Southeast that they are being left behind and I think that is what's behind the movement of electing board members by district. Those people could solve that problem by putting forth good candidates and certainly they have good candidates, there is no question about that, but those people need to step forward and accept that challenge and let the membership decide who the best people are to lead the organization.

S: Where do you see it headed?

D: It's going to be a bylaw change that won't be voted on this year, but in Minneapolis. My concern is that there will be a lot of people voting on it that haven't been around that long and don't know all of the issues and history. There are people who probably have more interest in having their city, state or chapter represented on the board than they do having the most qualified individual there. If the election were held on the west coast it would not pass at all and part of that is that there are still a lot of people around that understand what ICBO went through before.

S: What do we need to know about the upcoming ABM in Reno so that we can make some informed decisions?

D: I would hope that those folks in Reno would get behind the chapter's bylaw change or in the alternative would get behind an acceptable offer from the ICC Board to amend their board policies to ensure that the only way we would ever change from the governmental consensus process is by a super majority of the membership. Also, for our chapter members it will be important to get solidly behind Gerry George in his quest for the office of Secretary/Treasurer of the ICC Board.

S: Let's talk now about being a Code Official. You've been a building official for Lakewood for over 25 years. You don't find that kind of longevity every day. How do you stay at it so long?

D: It comes back to knowing the value of the work that you do. I think you almost have to be in the position to understand it and get your arms around it; the life-safety aspect of it. Not everyone knows how important our job is but the people doing it understand it and it is an important contribution. It keeps you motivated when you are doing things for people and they don't even know it or understands it but you know it and you understand it and it is important

S: How do you feel about supervising others?

D: That is probably the hardest part about being a building official is the supervision. We tend to be technical people and I think fortunately, or unfortunately, that is the way most Building Officials get their position, by being technical as opposed to being a manager and you do see that changing to some degree. There is a push in a lot of cases to fill the building official positions with architects and engineers. I don't necessarily agree that that's the way to go. I think it is important to have a manager and certainly my technical skills outweigh my managerial skills, I can't argue that. I think supervising folks and managing people is harder than managing politicians. Dealing with your staff can be more difficult than dealing with your City Council. If I didn't have to supervise staff I might stick around another few years. Actually, I have a great staff. But there are always issues that come up or things that have to get taken care of and everyone doesn't have a good day everyday and sometimes when they have a bad day they may create a situation that may take a couple of days to resolve and smooth over so it's a really a demanding part of the job.

S: You must be doing a good job. While I've been sitting here interviewing you, you have had someone stop in and say hi that you said you haven't seen in a long time but she worked for you for a few years.

D: yes, that is rewarding too; those relationships that you have over the years.

S: So the political aspect is easier?

D: That varies quite a bit. We are fortunate here to have a lot of support from the folks above me and there is a good amount of insulation between us and the politicians but you still have to be able to address and deal with their concerns, which are legitimate because that is why they are elected. I have been fortunate to have elected officials that, while they may not necessarily understand all of the codes they understand the need for codes and that has been beneficial. I realize there are jurisdictions that don't have that support and without that it would have been very difficult to stick around for 25 years.

S: What is your least favorite part of being a building official?

D: Supervising

S: And your most favorite?

D: Oh, the golf tournament. No, I really like to deal with code issues. When you are presented with a code problem and you have the opportunity to sit down with your staff and come up with a solution, I really enjoy that.

S: How do you keep your staff educated?

D: In Lakewood I am a first line supervisor. I work with them and have contact with them on a daily basis. We also send them to the Institute. Half of my staff has been here over 15 years.

S: That says something for you.

D: I really work with them to find not only the training that I think that they need but the training that they want. If they are really interested in getting certified in something, they are going to do a better job enforcing that than if I tell them to get certified in something that they aren't interested in. It is important for them to have their own goals as well as me having goals for them. They respond a lot better.

S: What advise do you have for the person who is going to come in here and fill your shoes?

D: Have a good time. There is no question in my mind that there are a lot of people out there who are extremely well qualified and whoever gets this position will do an outstanding job. We are pretty low key around here and we have a good time. We don't get too serious about the unimportant things. I would say they need to come in and get to know staff well and have a good time and they will be successful.

S: What is your actual retirement date?

D: My actual retirement date is September 14, which is my 66th birthday but my last day of work is August 31st

S: What is next for Dan Nickle?

D: I don't know. Glea and I have decided not to do anything for a year as far as thinking of relocating anywhere. We are going to take a year and see how things play out and where our interests run. I suspect that I'll have to do something. I may volunteer more at Wilderness on Wheels. I want to stay active in the chapter and volunteer with the Institute. I enjoy my involvement on the Public Relations committee and I'd like to get more involved in the code changes, maybe just sit in the corner and listen but be there. I may go to Home Depot or Wal-Mart and get a job or something like that. There are a lot of opportunities out there. I'm not sure that I want to do part time work in this business but you never know. I may get away from it for a year and then want to do something like that. I'm excited about retiring. We are going to travel and play golf and see what happens.

S: Tell me about Glea.

D: Glea has been extremely supportive over the years. She was thrilled to death a couple of years ago when she got the Sis Wallace award. She was so surprised. She's certainly supported my involvement on the ICBO and ICC boards and especially the Chapter Institute. It goes back for years, the nights and weekends that we sat around the dining room table putting on labels or making out packets, making name tags, etc. She spent untold hours, days, evenings and weekends working on that and I know that she is proud of the Institute and that she has been a part of it.

S: Are you going to drive her crazy being home all of the time now?

D: She says I am. She's probably looking for employment right now.

S: Besides Glea, who knows you best?

D: Probably Wally Prebis. Wally and I have been really close for the past 15 years. He and I have had a routine for the past number of years to have lunch together on Mondays and Fridays. We haven't been able to do that all of the time but more often than not we will have lunch at least once a week and lie to each other about what good jobs we are doing and that sort of thing, solve the worlds problems together. But I've probably spent more time with Wally than anyone else outside of the family; he's one of the good guys.

S: Tell me something that I don't know about you, which is printable.

D: I don't know. Everything over the past 30 years has revolved around code and plan review and that sort of thing that it's hard to think of something outside of that to tell you. I got locked up for a night at a hotel in Kuwait once. We were traveling for the World Organization of Building Officials meeting and we missed a connection in Kuwait City and they wouldn't let us leave the airport because we didn't have visas for Kuwait so they have this hotel on the airport grounds just for that purpose. Glea and I and a couple others we were traveling with were escorted to the hotel, which had armed guards at the doors and we couldn't leave. We spent the night and the next day. They sent people to escort us to our plane. They were nice and they were cordial but there was no question that they were not letting us out of their sight until we moved on to our destination and they had told us, "If there's a plane that flies out tomorrow you will be on it but you need to understand that sometimes we have sand storms and so you could be here for a few days." That was kind of an interesting twist to our trip. It was only a few years after Desert Storm so that is why they were the way that they were.

S: You tell me what else you want us to know.

D: This is a great profession. If you like it, work hard at it and enjoy it. If you don't, get out. I'm not saying that people that don't like it can't do a good job but if your heart's not in it and you don't have that commitment you are not going to be the best that you can be. If it's not your cup of tea then go find your cup of tea. Don't be in the profession just because it's a job that you get a paycheck for. I think it's too important of a job to not have a commitment.

The End...to this chapter anyway.

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL – EVALUATION SERVICES (ES)

Building departments routinely require that materials that are not technically approved within the various Codes carry a current Evaluation report from ICC ES or one of the legacy Evaluation Services. The building department is not required to accept this ES Report for materials but most use them when approving through the “alternate materials, design and methods of construction and equipment” sections. The ICC ES is a valuable tool for jurisdictions that do not have adequate staff to be able to do their own technical reviews of materials to verify that they meet the intent of the various Code sections.

The ICC ES is currently being very aggressive in working with past legacy report holders in getting them to get their reports upgraded and current to the International Codes. This is a valuable tool for everyone in the building industry which allows new and innovative products to be accepted for use throughout the country.

The following is excerpted from the ICC web site and explains what ICC ES does and some of its history:

“ICC-ES is a nonprofit, public-benefit corporation that does technical evaluations of building products, components, methods, and materials. The evaluation process culminates with the issuance of technical reports that, because they directly address the issue of code compliance, are extremely useful to both regulatory agencies and building-product manufacturers. Agencies use evaluation reports to help determine code compliance and enforce building regulations; manufacturers use reports as evidence that their products (and this is especially important if the products are new and innovative) meet code requirements and warrant regulatory approval. ICC-ES evaluation reports are public documents, available free of charge on the worldwide Web, not only to building regulators and manufacturers, but also to contractors, specifiers, architects, engineers, and anyone else with an interest in the building industry . All of these people look to ICC-ES evaluation reports for evidence that products and systems are code-compliant. “

A New Organization, a Long History

ICC-ES came into being on February 1, 2003, when America's four building-product evaluation services officially combined their operations. The four "legacy" evaluation services that came together to form ICC-ES were the National Evaluation Service, Inc.; BOCAI Evaluation Services; ICBO Evaluation Service, Inc.; and SBCCI Public Service Testing and Evaluation Services, Inc. Through the legacy evaluation services, ICC-ES has a history that goes back more than seventy years.

Our Technical Staff

ICC-ES employs highly experienced evaluation specialists, licensed architects, and professional engineers with expertise in such specialized fields as civil, structural, fire protection, and mechanical engineering. Collectively, the ICC-ES technical staff has literally centuries of experience in evaluating construction products and technology.

The Report Process

The report process begins when a company submits an application for an evaluation report. The application is normally submitted with supporting data such as product information and test reports, along with appropriate fees to cover the cost of the evaluation. Once the application is received, ICC-ES assigns a member of its technical staff to evaluate the data and work with the applicant to make sure compliance is proven, before a report is issued, with either the building

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code or an ICC-ES acceptance criteria. (The latter documents are approved by an ICC-ES Evaluation Committee that is made up of building officials from across the United States.)

Once the applicant has satisfactorily answered all questions raised by ICC-ES staff, and has fulfilled other applicable requirements, an evaluation report is issued and posted on the worldwide Web—where it may be referenced by thousands of building departments and other interested parties . The applicant is also provided with a printed copy of the report. New reports are issued for one year, after which they are re-examined and may be reissued at one- or two-year intervals, depending on the applicant's preference. “

This information was provided by ICC. You can find more information on the Evaluation Services by going to their website at: www.icc-es.org .

Colorado Chapter, ICC withdraw of support of its proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the International Code Council, Inc.

As you may be aware, earlier this year the Colorado Chapter proposed an amendment to Article 10 “Code Development Process” of the [Bylaws of the International Code Council, Inc.](#) Due to recent and positive developments taken by the ICC Board of Directors, the Colorado Chapter has elected to formally withdraw its support of our proposed amendment. In doing so, we have asked ICC to communicate this letter to its members indicating our complete support of their actions regarding the proposition of [Member Resolution 2007-6](#).

The purpose of Colorado Chapter’s proposed amendment was to refine Article 10 by establishing that the future development of the ICC family of codes would occur only through the “Governmental Consensus Process.” The proposed amendment is available at the ICC website and has been scheduled for member action at the Annual Business Meeting on October 2.

Concurrent with development of the Colorado Chapter’s proposed amendment, the ICC Board of Directors, earlier this summer, passed Board Resolution 2007-2 the intent of which was to endorse the Governmental Consensus Process as a core value of ICC and to further establish that the ICC Board of Directors would not deviate from the principals of the process without consent of the members of ICC.

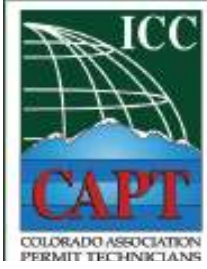
The ICC Board also recently proposed ICC Member Resolution 2007-6 to further define this and future boards commitment to the Governmental Consensus Process by validating a policy that would ensure no changes to the process would occur without a two-thirds affirmation of ICC voting members. Member Resolution 2007-6 has been placed on the ABM agenda for membership action.

Additionally, the ICC Board also recently amended [ICC Council Policy No. 28-05](#) “Code Development”. The Colorado Chapter believes the amendment to Council Policy and the passage of Board Resolution 2007-2 in conjunction with the proposed Member Resolution sends a very strong message to the membership of this organization – that the Board recognizes the very high regard in which members hold the Governmental Consensus Process and that they are equally committed in maintaining this core value of the organization.

The Colorado Chapter is also of the opinion the cumulative effect of the changes made by the leadership of ICC and the passage of Member Resolution 2007-6 would be a more appropriate, reasonable and comprehensive avenue to properly define and recognize the Governmental Consensus Process.

Therefore, the Colorado Chapter encourages the membership of ICC to join us in support of the ICC Board of Directors for passing Board Resolution 2007-2, its amendment of Council Policy 28-05 and for proposing Member Resolution 2007-6. **We respectfully ask that you consider abandoning any support of proposed Bylaw Amendment No. 2, and instead support and vote to affirm Member Resolution 2007-6 at the Annual Business Meeting.**

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