

# **2012 CODE AMENDMENT STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT**

## **April 12, 2012**

Present: Ky Karlson, ABC; Jess Traver, BANN; Kevin Gattis, Carson City; Eric Simonson, City of Reno; Mark Meranda, City of Sparks; Don C Jeppson, Washoe County; Mike McCullogh, NNICC

Meeting notes from April 12, 2012:

### **1: *Steering Committee membership.***

There was a discussion regarding committee membership. It was decided that everybody present at this meeting and anyone who notified the chair that they wanted to participate but had a scheduling conflict would be considered members. Obviously additional members can be added at any time by a majority vote. The members identified are:

- Associated Builders and Contractors
- Builders Association of Northern Nevada
- Carson City
- City of Fernley
- City of Reno
- City of Sparks
- Douglas County
- Lyon County
- Storey County
- Washoe County

### **2: *Review schedule and format for formulating amendments to the 2012 codes and 2011 NEC.***

The meeting schedule was approved as presented. Details are shown in item 4. The codes to be adopted were reviewed and consist of the following; 2012 IBC, 2012 IRC, 2012 IMC, 2012 UPC and the 2011 NEC. There was a short discussion regarding which fuel code to adopt. The companion code to the IMC is the International Fuel Gas Code. The Nevada LP Gas Board uses NFPA 54 for all liquid propane installations. It was noted that both fuel codes are almost identical except for format.

The methodology for the 2012 code amendments will be a presentation by the chair highlighting the significant changes between the 2006 codes and the 2012 versions. With the exception of the NEC and IBC engineering requirements, the steering committee members will return to their staff or group with the changes. At the following meeting steering committee members will propose amendments to the code being reviewed. The chair will present any amendments submitted from interested parties. Amendments will be considered from any group including the public. This fast tracked program should have a completed package by early November. The intent is to have the amendment package adopted around the beginning of 2013 with an effective date of July 1, 2013.

### **3: *Sub committees.***

The IAEEI chapter will be presenting the NEC changes. Everyone agreed that the engineering sub-committee should be revived to review the technical portions of the code. All other codes or portions of the codes will be handled by the steering committee. Once again, anyone from an interested group or an individual can propose an amendment.

### **4: *Explore creating a website to involve the public.***

Don Jeppson was to check with Washoe County to see if their web program for gathering comments was still active. There was a brief discussion exploring video or telephone conferencing for some of the outlying areas. It was determined that it would be too difficult especially during voting. It was suggested that a mailing list be created of interested parties. Steering committee members were to forward contact information to the chair.

The NNICC chapter was suggested as a possible host for a web site where minutes and the opportunity to propose amendments could be done electronically.

### **5: *Establish quorum and voting percentages.***

To ensure having a quorum for voting purposes, it was voted unanimously that 50 percent of the committee members would establish a quorum. There was a unanimous vote approving a simple majority present after a quorum was established to pass any committee business.

### **6: *Future meeting rooms.***

It was decided to rotate the meeting locations. The schedule and locations follow.

05/03	IBC First review	Reno
05/31	IBC Second and final review	Reno
06/07	IRC First review	Reno
06/28	IRC Second and final review	Washoe County
07/12	UPC First review	Washoe County
08/02	UPC Second and final review	Washoe County
08/16	NEC Review and vote on IAEI amendments	Sparks
08/30	IMC First Review	Sparks
09/20	IMC Second and final review	Sparks
10/11	Unresolved amendments; draft document	BANN
10/25	Final review	BANN

Reno	450 Sinclair St.	2nd Floor Large Conference Room
Washoe	Ninth and Wells complex	Bld. A ComDev Large Conference Rm
Sparks	431 Prater Way	Check in at main counter.
BANN	5484 Reno Corporate Dr Ste. 100	See receptionist

## **7: Update on 2009 IECC Amendments**

As of April 12<sup>th</sup> we had not heard from the Department of Energy as to whether the modified amendment package would be accepted by the state.

Don Jeppson pointed out that the 2009 IECC references to the International Mechanical Code stay consistent with the 2012 version of the IMC so hopefully after review the 2009 IECC can be adopted without any further amendments. It is the intent to let the state drive the adoption of future versions of the IECC and not include the 2012 IECC in this process.

There were varied opinions on how to implement the energy amendments and the 2009 IECC. The state mandates that the 2009 IECC be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Update: The Northern Nevada 2009 IECC amendments were deemed compatible with the base code and were not less restrictive from an energy point of view by Eric Makela from the DOE. Copies were sent to all steering committee members for local adoption.