

MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER ICBO / ICC

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ICC CHAIR WILLIAM J. (BILL) TANGYE PASSES AWAY

The July meeting is back at the Bay Park Hotel in Monterey.



The International Code Council’s first chief executive officer, William J. (Bill) Tangye has died of complications from cancer at the age of 57 on June 1st. Named as the ICC’s first CEO in September of 2001, he also served at the CEO of the Southern Building Code Congress International since 1982. He also served as BOCA’s Director of Field Engineering from 1970 to 1975 and then came aboard as SBCCI’s Director of Engineering Services.

Bill graduated from CalPoly with a degree in civil engineering in 1967 as well as post-graduate degrees from USC and CSU-Long Beach. Among his many accomplishments he was appointed to the Architectural and Transportation Barrier Compliance Board by President Ronald Reagan in 1985.

He had a solid background in corporate management, and an expertise in engineering, code development and implementation which made him well suited for the position to hold the reins of the ICC.

Bill is survived by his wife , Elaine B. Tangye, three sons, James Cole Tangye, William Patrick Tangye and Benjamin McKean Tangye as well as a daughter, Cayce Belle Tangye and his mother and sister.

Memorial contributions are preferred to be sent to the *William J. Tangye Scholarship Fund at SBCCI. 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213* or to the Lance Armstrong Foundation (www.laf.org).

CPSC RECALLS THOUSANDS OF FURNACES IN CALIFORNIA

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has announced a recall of around 30,000 furnaces sold in California. Manufactured by Consolidated Industries, they were sold under a variety of trade names. The units being recalled are horizontal gas-fired furnaces equipped with steel “NOx” rods which are installed above the burners. The furnaces are commonly referred to as NOx rod furnaces. According to the CPSC, these furnaces pose a substantial fire risk. There have been reports of at least 50 fires associated with the 140,000 horizontal furnaces manufactured by Consolidated Industries. Fortu-

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nately, there have been no injuries reported. The furnaces are traded under the following names and can be identified by the steel rods installed above the burners: Amana Company, L.P. of Amana, Iowa; Bard Manufacturing, of Bryan, Ohio; Carrier Corporation, of Syracuse, N.Y.; Geottl Air Conditioning Inc., of Phoenix, Ariz.; Goodman Manufacturing Company L.P., of Houston, Texas; Heat Controller Inc., of Jackson, Mich.; and the Trane Company, a division of American Standard Inc., of Tyler, Texas.

Consumers should check to see if their furnace is part of the recall and have them repaired immediately. For a complete list of Makes and Models go to (www.cpsc.gov) or call the CPSC on their Furnace Recall Hotline at (877) 347-6456. The recall program offers free inspection and repair of the furnaces. Consumers may also elect to have a replacement furnace, but must pay for installation costs.

This alert was initially issued in September of 2000 however, Consolidated in being liquidated under bankruptcy laws and of the approximately 140,000 furnaces sold in California, about 110,000 were manufactured under the Premier/Consolidated labels. (Premier Furnace Co. was their former name.) While not covered by this recall program, there is on-going private litigation which could enable consumers to recover some of the expense for repair or replacement. For more information of these furnaces there is a telephone number available at (408) 808-1410 or the website at www.white-macdonald.com.

MORE FIRE SPRINKLERS UNDER VOLUNTARY RECALL

Most Building and Fire Officials are well aware of the gigantic Omega Sprinkler head recall that came around a few years ago. However, they are not alone in the world. Central Sprinkler Co, an affiliate of Tyco Fire Products LP of Lancaster, PA and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission have announced a voluntary recall of some 33 million “wet” sprinkler heads due to possible problems with the O-ring seals degrading over time due to corrosion. This could lead to failure to operate in a fire situation and there have been several reports of failure, leading to property damage or loss. There are also some 2 million “dry” type heads on the recall list as there have also been failures reported.

In addition, there are 101,000 “On-Off” type wet sprinkler heads manufactured by Gem Sprinkler Co and another 66,000 dry sprinklers manufactured by Star Sprinkler Inc.

The sprinkler heads are installed in all kinds of buildings including commercial, industrial and residential. The repair is fairly straight forward. The rubber O-ring will be replaced with a Belleville metallic “spring seal”.

Since this is a voluntary effort, Central will give priority to the most urgent needs first, based on age of the system, degree of corrosion, and use of the building. Buildings such as hospitals and nursing homes will be given a much higher priority, however, the company says it will eventually get to all of them.

To find out if you need to participate in this program there is a website at: www.sprinklerreplacement.com that will answer all your questions about what models are involved, who to contact and what the procedure is for filing a claim.

The model designation is stamped on the frame or the deflector or both. Central sprinkler heads have the word “CENTRAL” or the letters CSC. Gem is identified by a “G” and Star is marked “STAR”.

June 20, 2002 Meeting Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

- 1.01 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.02 Self- Introductions

2.0 Chapter Business

2.01 Approval of Minutes

- The May minutes were approved as presented. (M/Kostelec, 2/Adame)

2.03 Unfinished Business

- Treasurer Janet Praria (CBS) discussed the rates the Chapter is being charged by the bank for maintaining our ability to take VISA payments for our seminars. The Chapter concurred that the rate was not problematic and the convenience outweighed the cost. We will continue to maintain the account.

2.03 New Business

- There was a brief discussion about the various makes of furnaces being recalled by the CPSC as manufactured by Consolidated Industries, Inc. The furnaces are traded under various brand names. (See related story) . Also, there is a voluntary recall of commercial and residential fire sprinkler heads manufactured by Central Sprinkler Co. due to possible O-ring problems. These sprinklers are traded under Central Sprinkler Co. (CSC), Gem Sprinkler Co, and Star Sprinkler Co. For more information, look up their website at: ***www.sprinklerreplacement.com***.

2.04 Treasurers Report

- Janet Praria presented the monthly treasurer's report. Compared to where we were last year at this time, we are doing fine.

3.0 Committee Reports

3.01 Code Change

The California Building Codes will become effective on November 1st, 2002 and are now available for purchase.

Daniel Kostelec (City of Capitola) reported on the Tri-Chapter meeting in Santa Cruz. There were some twenty-nine jurisdictions represented at the meeting. Eighteen of the jurisdictions said they were contemplating adopting the Tri-Chapter Interpretation Committee amendments into their local municipal codes. All of the jurisdictions should receive these 12 amendments electronically in their completed form by the end of July. They have been coming from Bajaj Poonam at the San Jose Building Dept., however, if you need them, contact Dick Stubendorff (rstubendorff@ci.santa-cruz.ca.us) and they will be forwarded to you. President Ray Proffitt (City of Hollister) distributed copies of the structural and electrical amendments.

Package "D" of the CA Energy Commission Regulations is still up in the air. (This is the passive solar energy package.) Also the CBSC Code Change Committee and Coordinating Council will be meeting jointly on July 15th in Sacramento to discuss the State review of Cross-Linked Polyethylene Pipe (PEX) and the procedure for consistency with the CA Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

There was a discussion about what wood shakes and shingles are approved in various jurisdictions for roofing, and whether or not jurisdictions were recognizing the new Class-A rating for Chemco (ICBO ER report 5404). Remember, the State Fire Marshal has banned all untreated shakes and shingles and only the Chemco brands are recognized in California. (FTX, CedarPlus, Durashake, FST and Chemco Fire Retardant Treated Wood Shakes and Shingles.) There is also an FRT shingle from Watkins Fire Retardant out of Ruskin, BC, Canada and an FSR Treatment, Inc. shake and shingle also out of Canada (and from GalChem in Arizona). Neither are approved in California as they have not passed the 10-year weathering test.

June 2002 Meeting Minutes (cont.)

(3.01 Code change cont.)

- Dick Stubendorff (City of Santa Cruz) talked about green building ordinances and the need for uniformity across the jurisdictions. Ray Proffitt added that the use of formaldehyde will be eliminated in building materials in 2004.

3.02 Legislation

- No Report

3.03 Special Inspection

- Miki Craig (Dynamic Consultants Inc.) discussed the ongoing renewal efforts of the committee. The committee also discussed the growing problem of agencies wanting to be qualified by the SIC, but they do not have offices or laboratories in the area. The committee recommended that their activity should be regional only and that companies must have offices and testing facilities within the Tri-Chapter area. To take effect, each chapter must ratify the action. The Chapter voted to accept the committee's recommendation that all new applicants must be within the Tri-Chapter area and any existing approved agencies outside the area must establish an office and testing facility in the Tri-Chapter area within three years in order to continue recognition. (M/Pasquinelli, 2/Kostelec)

3.04 Membership & Honors

- Ray Proffitt reported that the Chapter received a thank you letter from Michael McNellis of **Inspection Data Technologies** for the time provided by the Chapter in May to make his presentation.
- The Chapter was honored to have Michael Brown, the current director of the Contractor's State License Board in attendance who he fielded a variety of questions from the membership. Michael has been a good friend of the Chapter and the local builders' exchanges. We hope to see more of him.
- There was a brief discussion about changing the name of the Chapter. As ICBO goes out of existence, there will be a need to associate with a different code authority. The agency of choice is currently the **International Code Committee**, rather than the **National Fire Protection Association**.

3.05 IAEI

Rex Wyatt Sr. (City of Gilroy) talked about upcoming seminars and our relationship with IAEI in the distribution of co-sponsored seminars. The Chapter agreed the bulk of the preparation and materials is from IAEI and that a reasonable split would be 70% / 30% of the net, with the Chapter receiving the 30%. (M/Kostelec, 2/Pasquinelli)

3.06 2003 CALBO ABM

No Report

3.07 Education

No Report

June 2002 Minutes (cont.)

4.0 Other Reports

4.01 CALBO

- Calbo Director Sheila Lee (City of Santa Clara) reported on the ongoing activities of the organization. There will be a regional meeting on June 26th in San Leandro. The next regional meeting will be in Merced on August 9th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- There are several educational offerings coming up: On June 26th there will be an Accessibility update seminar also in San Leandro with a second offering on July 30 in Corona. Also on June 26, there is an ATC-20 update seminar in Corona. The class will be repeated on July 22 in Alhambra. More information is available on Calbo's website.
- The May 2nd meeting of the Building Standards Commission resulted in newly appointed commissioner Barry Broad presenting a prepared motion to the commission to remove cross-linked polyethylene water pipe (PEX) from the plumbing code. This outraged Calbo President Tony Elmo who fired off a letter to BSC Chair Aileen Adams to complain about the actions of the commission. The politics of the commission are becoming increasingly frustrating and Calbo has issued another letter directly to Governor Gray Davis expressing the displeasure of the organization over the situation. Conversely, Calbo sent a letter to Commissioner Steven Winkel for his support of Calbo over the PEX issue. In addition, the Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association has now filed a lawsuit against the BSC for the capricious and arbitrary decision to remove PEX from the plumbing code without any specific evidence that PEX fails to meet State health standards and further that the action was *"made solely to benefit some members of the California Pipe Trades Council"*.
- Calbo has updated their website which is now much more informative and user friendly. Visit the site at: www.calbo.org/

4.02 ICBO / ICC

- No Report

4.03 Code Discussion

5.0 Program— Truss Joist Update

June Attendance

Dustin Cook	D. Cook Construction
J.D. Jones	Development Consultants
Tom Jason.....	County of Monterey
Miki Craig.....	Dynamic Consultants, Inc.
John deCourcy.....	County of Santa Cruz
Stanley Wheeler.....	LP ² A
Rafael Adame.....	City of Watsonville
Martha Barajas.....	City of Watsonville
Ray Proffitt.....	City of Hollister
Janet Praria.....	CBS
Gwen Wells.....	Monterey Peninsula Builder’s Exchange
Rex E. Wyatt Sr.....	City of Gilroy
Dave Pasquinelli.....	City of Salinas
Salvatore DiSalvo.....	City of Seaside
John Villalpando.....	City of Monterey
Daniel Kostelec.....	City of Capitola
Dick Stubendorff.....	City of Santa Cruz
Carl Henn.....	Santa Cruz Seaside Co.
Jim Hodges.....	Berryman and Henigar
Moe Tavalkolian.....	PSI
Michael Brown.....	CA State Contractor’s License Board

Agenda

July 18, 2002 @ 11: a.m.
Bay Park Hotel, Monterey

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- 4.03 Code Discussion

Lunch \$15.00

5.0 Program—

**MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER ICBO / ICC
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Meetings

July 18, 2002Chapter Meeting
August 8, 2002.....Plumbing Seminar
August 22, 2002.....Chapter Meeting
September 19, 2002Chapter Meeting



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