

Summary Minutes of August 7, 2006
Disaster Response Committee Conference Call

Chairman Ryan called the meeting to order at 3:04 P.M. CT, August 7 2006. The following Committee and staff were in attendance:

Committee:

Edwin Berkel
Eric Bradshaw
John Darnall
Cindy Davis
Ken Ford
Fred Herman
Don Munson
Tim Ryan, Chair

Staff:

Tom Frost
Kathleen Mihelich
Jay Thabet
Barry Johnson

The Chair, noting there was a quorum present, called for approval of the minutes of the March 10-11, 2006 meeting. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. This motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Mihelich described the current status of the certification and training components. She reported that a 3-day Institute is planned for April 2007 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. About 100 attendees will be needed in order to break-even. ICC will partner with the State of South Carolina and the local chapters. Fred Herman asked for assurance that the institute will cover multi hazards rather than hazards unique to the host region. Kathleen assured Fred and the committee that the institute will cover the same scope of content as the certification exam which is comprehensive for all hazards. Kathleen indicated that the new certification exam became available June 1, 2006 and as of this date, no candidates have registered for the exam. Chairman Ryan asked if there had been any marketing. Jay Thabet discussed the news release of 3 new exams including the disaster response exam. Ken Ford commented that the home builders in Minnesota would be interested in the examination. Kathleen reminded the committee that the focus group session that was conducted months ago concluded that the success of the examination would benefit from getting regulators to recognize the new certification category. ICC's GR staff was recognized as an integral group to assist in accomplishing such recognition. Kathleen commented that a high number of candidates will be

needed to offset the cost of exam development and deployment. She offered a 'guess' of at least 1,000 administered exams. Jay commented on the need to put information together for GR staff's use. Chairman Ryan volunteered to discuss this matter with Sara Yerkes.

Eric Bradshaw volunteered to get NEMA contact information for Tim Ryan, in response to a question from Cindy Davis. Chairman Ryan said he would also contact James Lee Witt for help on identifying appropriate contacts.

Chairman Ryan asked how many DRC members were attending the ABM. Given the potential lack of a quorum, Tim indicated there was no point in scheduling a meeting at the ABM.

The next agenda item discussed was consideration of the creation of a website to post model disaster response plans as an information resource. Fred Herman suggested including FEMA's report on hurricane Katrina. Ken Ford suggested referencing the FEMA report on the Northridge Earthquake, and further suggested a link with NAHB's disaster response website as well as the Red Cross.

Following further discussion, it was concluded that DRC members would send staff (Frost) links or other materials that they felt would be appropriate to the DRC website, and staff would assemble this information and transmit it to the DRC for review and comment before posting.

There being no further business, Chair Ryan adjourned the call at 3:55 P.M. CT.

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