

IEBC Drafting Committee Meeting
Minutes
May 22-24, 2001
Sheraton Gunter Hotel
San Antonio, Texas

Members Present : C. Danny Cargill, David Chang, David Collins, Susan Gentry, Mel Green, Gary Higbee, Edward Kocman, William Koffel, Carl Simmons, John Terry, and Ronald Wetmore

Members Absent : Ron Thomas

Staff Present : Mike Giachetti, John Battles, Hamid Naderi

Guests Present : Laik Ali, Jeff Feid, Wayne Meyer, Dean Wells, Marilyn Kaplan, Rebecca Quinn, Richard Hess, Jon Heintz, Sarah Rice, Jeri Morey, David Hattis, Ron Nickson, Dave Frable, Larry Perry, Bill Stewart, Dan Garcia, John Laws

Call To Order :

The Chairman, John Terry, called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The committee and other task groups continued their work each day from 8 AM to 7 PM and concluded the meeting at 10:30 AM on Thursday May 24.

1. Introductions and General Comments

The committee members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

Carl Simmons requested that an agenda item be added to discuss format issues. Gary Higbee requested an agenda item be added to discuss some basic philosophical fundamentals. Motion by Collins/Gentry to accept the revised agenda was passed unanimously. These two items will be discussed as agenda items 4A and 4B.

3. Approval of the March 23 and 24 Portland Meeting Minutes

Motion by Collins/Wetmore to approve the minutes as written passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of the Portland IEBC Public Forum Comments

There was a discussion regarding additional training or public forums prior to the official 2002 code development cycle as one of the Public Forum comments had indicated this. There will be

a minimum of 1.5 hours of introduction/training provided at the meetings of all three model code organizations (MCO). Staff will try to obtain additional training time at these conferences if possible. There is also the possibility of an article to be published in the MCO's magazines or other national magazines. This article must be reviewed by the committee prior to publication. At this point the committee went through the Portland Public Forum comments item by item and discussed each briefly. The public forum comments and the related committee discussions will enable the committee to make more informed decisions as they go through the IEBC proposed revisions.

- 4A. Carl Simmons said the triggers for structural and non structural subjects are somewhat different and it might make more sense to separate the structural subjects and place in a separate chapter. Motion by Simmons/Collins for reconsideration passed. After some discussion, it was concluded that the same argument could be made for other subjects such as plumbing, mechanical, and electrical. The motion by Simmons to place structural issues in separate chapters failed.
- 4B. Gary Higbee opened a discussion on the concept of "work area" that is now included in all levels of "alterations", the method of reference from the IEBC to the IBC and IFC (whether all materials from IBC and IFC should be reprinted here or simply referenced), and the jump from one level to another that seems to sometimes not completely be based on the stepped approach. There were some comments that some individuals such as Larry Perry and Sarah Rice had worked hard on the concept of work area and it is an important concept in this document. There were other comments indicating the alterations level 2 to 3 is a drastic jump and the concept of re-construction from the NARRP has been missed in the stepped approach contained in the IEBC.
After some discussion the committee agreed that these issues should be considered as the proposed IEBC revisions are considered item by item.

5. Consideration, Discussion and Vote on the IEBC Proposed Code Changes

The committee considered all 178 proposed code changes item by item and voted on each item. The results of the committee action are reflected in the chart titled "IEBC Drafting Committee, May 2001 Code Change Results"

6. Assignment of Work and Deadlines

All proposed changes to be submitted in the legislative format with underline and strike out text shown. Each change must be separated from another change and each contain the proponents name (similar to the ICC code change form or use the ICC code change form). All such changes must contain reasons.

- A. Staff will have the revised draft available by June 8th.
- B. Code Changes must be submitted to staff by Noon Central Time Zone on June 25th.
- C. The code change monograph will be prepared by staff and distributed by e-mail by July 3rd.
- D. Changes to other I-Codes as needed because of coordination with the IEBC will be prepared by staff (Mike Giachetti) and Sarah Rice volunteered to assist.

E. The Materials and Methods Sections will be re-written by Mel Green and submitted as a code change.

F. All committee members should make an effort to apply this document to actual projects and base their proposed code changes to address weaknesses observed in the application process.

G. Chapter responsibilities are as follows :

Chs. 1, 2, 3 and 11 all committee members

Ch. 4 : Thomas and Chang

Ch. 5 : Gentry

Ch. 6 : Green

Ch. 7 : Higbee

Ch. 8 : Collins and Koffel

Ch. 9 : Terry

Ch. 10 : Cargill and Kocman

Ch. 12 : Wetmore and Simmons

Ch. 13 : Terry (this is new chapter containing portions of chapter 1)

6A. At this time the committee had a brief discussion related to the responsibility of code development for provisions dealing with existing buildings as found in all I-Codes. Motion by Collins/Gentry to take all sections related to existing buildings from all I-Codes and make it the responsibility of IEBC. (with certain exceptions such as sprinkler maintenance, etc. from the IFC) passed unanimously. This recommendation to be forwarded to the ICC Board of Directors.

6B. The changes submitted by Charles Everly had not been included in the monograph. The Motion that Carl Simmons will inform Charles Everly and will work with him to resubmit these changes based on the revised draft, and if such revised changes are not resubmitted staff will include the exact same items in the July monograph, passed.

7. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the IEBC Drafting Committee will be July 16, 17 and 18, 2001 location to be determined.

8. Other

None

9. Adjourn There being no other discussions, the meeting adjourned.