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PREFACE TO THE 2003 A117.1 - PUBLIC COMMENTS REPORT (PCR)

Introduction

This Public Comments Report (PCR) was developed by the ANSI Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) A117 Committee on *Architectural Features and Site Design of Public Buildings and Residential Structures for Persons with Disabilities*. The Committee operates under American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Approved Procedures. This PCR contains information on the 521 Comments considered by the A117 Committee on the development on the 2003 ICC/ANSI A117.1 *Standard on Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities*. These comments consist of 436 Ballot Comments from the Ballot on Proposals, and 85 Public Comments based on the Public Proposals Report (PPR) and related Draft of the ICC/ANSI A117.1-2003. The A117 Committee considered these Comments in Public Hearings held on September 16-20, 2002 at the Washington Plaza Hotel, Washington, DC.

NOTICE: THIS PCR DOES NOT REFLECT ALL OF THE FINAL COMMITTEE ACTIONS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 1998 EDITION OF ICC/ANSI A117.1.

**Please see the Ballot Comments on the need to review a revised Draft that includes all Committee Actions completed through the Public Comments meeting, and on holding the release of ICC/ANSI A117.1-2003 until such time as shown in these Ballot Comments. These Ballot Comment on the Whole Document are shown starting on Page-1 of this PCR. The requested draft is Draft #a, that is available on the A117 website on page http://www.intlcode.org/a117/2003meeting_dev.html, or by contacting the: International Code Council, Inc. - Larry Brown, A117 Committee Secretary
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As a result of these Ballot Comments, the Chair determined that another meeting should be held to resolve the Ballot Comments, and consider substantive changes needed to resolve these comments and other objections. The dates of this meeting were April 14-15, 2003, and May 12, 2003. The meetings were held at the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle NW, Washington, DC. The meetings were open to the Pubic. The Final Committee Actions produced at this meeting are published in the Final Committee Report (FCR).

Development

A call for Public Proposal was made on March 12, 2001. The closing date to receive Public Proposals was September 10, 2001. The Committee acted upon these Public Proposals, and developed Committee Proposals at three meetings. These meetings were held December 10-14, 2001; February 11-15, 2002; and May 29-31, 2002. The formal Committee Ballot on the Public Proposals closed on July 3, 2002. In accordance with Committee procedures, to allow the committee to address resolved and unresolved objections, all Affirmative Comments and Negative Reasons received on the Ballot automatically became a Public Comment. The results of the final Ballot on Public Proposals are reflected in the Public Proposals Report (PPR) and Draft of the A117.1-2003.

A call for Public Comment was posted in the July 19, 2002 edition of ANSI Standard Action. The closing date to receive Public Comment was September 2, 2002. The Committee acted upon the Public Comments at a meeting held September 16-20, 2002. The formal Committee Ballot on the Public Comments closed on October 21, 2002. Affirmative Comments and Negative Reasons received on the Ballot were circulated to the committee to afford voting members a chance to change or reaffirm their Public Comments Ballot vote. The recirculation period closed on November 8, 2002. The results of the final Ballot on Public Comments were reflected in the Tentative Public Comments Report (PCR) dated March 17, 2003. This final PCR is dated August 15, 2003 and, with the exception of the preface text, contains only typographical corrections from the tentative version.

Ballot

A voice vote was taken on each Public Comment at the meetings. This voice vote produced the Committee Recommendations that were balloted by the full Committee using a written electronic/paper ballot. The Ballot was issued on September 24, 2002 with a closing date of October 21, 2002. As required by Committee Procedures, all Ballot Comments are circulated to the members to afford them a chance to affirm or change their original vote. This circulation of Ballot Comment was sent on October 25, 2002 with a closing date of November 8, 2002. The outcome of the written ballot and the circulation of the Ballot Comments produced the formal Committee Action. The PCR and resulting Draft #a, reflects the formal Committee Action on the Public Comments. The PCR shows all Affirmative with Comment, Negative with Reason, or Abstain with Reason Ballot Comments submitted with a ballot vote, and any subsequent changes in vote as a result of the circulation of the Ballot Comments.

Comment Information

The following information is shown for each Comment.

1. Comment Number;
2. Log Number;
3. The Proposal Number on which the Comment is based;
4. The Committee Action on the Proposal;
5. The Page of the PPR on which the Proposal is located;
6. The Submitter and who they represent;
7. The Ballot Vote of the Committee member for a Ballot Comment
8. The Desired Action the Submitter seeks;
9. A notation on if the Comment is a Ballot Comment or a Public Comment;
10. The Comment;
11. Supporting Information on the Comment;
12. The "Committee Action" on the Comment;
13. The "Committee Statement" on the Committee Action;
14. The Ballot Results;
15. Any Comment on an Affirmative Ballot vote, and Reasons for a Negative or Abstain Ballot Vote; and
16. Any Ballot Comments or Reasons related to changes resulting from the circulation of the original Ballot Comments and Reasons.

Ballot Comments

The Ballot Comments are the same as those shown in the Public Proposals Report (PPR). In some cases where the Comment stated additional information is forthcoming, the information has been added below the original Comment. A "Secretary's Note" to this effect is included. If the desired Committee Action could be determined from the text of the Ballot Comment, the "Desired Action" on the following Comments is shown as either 'Accept the Proposal', "Modify the Proposed Text as Follows", or "Disapprove the Proposal". If a "Desired Action" could not be determined, or the Ballot Comment simply made a statement, the "Desired Action" is shown as "Ballot Comment on Proposal".

Public Comments

In most cases the Proposal Number and Desired Action was noted on the Public Comment form. In those cases where this information was not indicated, staff made a determination as outlined above for Ballot Comments. In a few cases the Public Comment contained new information that was not based on a Public Proposal. This is noted as "NEW" in the Proposal Number area.

Committee Members

Representatives on the A117 Committee are classified in one of five voting Interests: Building Owner and Manager (BO); Consumer and User (CU); Professional (P); Producer and Distributor (PD); and Regulatory (R). At times the Committee may also have Non-voting Individual Experts (IE) individuals who serve in an advisory capacity to the Committee. The Committee is balanced to achieve consensus as required by ANSI Procedures. Generally no single Interest Category may comprise more than one-third of the Committee. The members of the A117 Committee and their representative at the time of the PCR Ballot are shown below.

| Members of the A117 Committee - *Representative voting on PCR Ballot | | | | |
|---|---|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Acronym | ORGANIZATION NAME | CLASS | Principal | Alternate |
| ABA | American Bankers Association | BO | Nessa Feddis* | Latoya Williams |
| ACB | American Council of the Blind | CU | Julie Carroll* | Patricia Beattie |
| AEMA | Accessibility Equipment Manufacturers Association | PD | Kevin Brinkman* | Gregory L. Harmon |
| AERBVI | Association for Education & Rehabilitation of the Blind & Visually Impaired | P | Billie (Beezy) Bentzen* | |
| AHLA | American Hotel and Lodging Association | BO | Kevin Maher * | Bonnie McDonald |
| AIA | American Institute of Architects | P | Mark W. Wales* | Larry M. Schneider |
| AOTA | American Occupational Therapy Association | P | S. Shoshana Shamberg* | |
| ASID | American Society of Interior Designers | P | Wm. L. Wilkoff* | Barbara J. Huelat |
| ASPE | American Society of Plumbing Engineers | P | Robert H. Evans, Jr.* | Julius A. Ballanco |
| ASSE | American Society of Safety Engineers | P | William Marletta* | John B. Schroering |
| ASTC | American Society of Theatre Consultants | P | William Conner | R. Duane Wilson* |
| ATBCB | U.S. Architectural & Transportations Barriers Compliance Board | R | Marsha K. Mazz* | Scott J. Windley |
| BHMA | Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association, Inc | PD | Michael Tierney* | Richard Hudnut |
| BOCA | Building Officials and Code Administrators Intl, Inc | R | Kimberly Paarlberg* | Mike Pfeiffer |
| BOMA | Building Owners and Managers Association, International | BO | Lawrence G. Perry* | Marco Giamberardino |
| DREDF | Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund | CU | Marilyn Golden* | Logan Hopper |
| HUD | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development | R | Cheryl D. Kent* | Luis F. Borray |
| IAAPA | International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions | BO | John Paul Scott* | |
| ICBO | International Conference of Building Officials | R | Gaddis Farmer | William D. Wall* |
| ICC | International Code Council, Inc | R | Shahriar Amiri* | |
| Individual | Todd Andersen | P | Todd Andersen* | |
| Individual | Brian Black | P | Brian D. Black* | |
| Individual | George P. McAllister, Jr | P | George P. McAllister* | |
| Individual | Jake Pauls | P | Jake Pauls* | |
| Individual | John Salmen | P | John P. Salmen* | |

