

**International Code Council  
Consensus Committee on Log Structures  
(IS-LOG)**

**Meeting Minutes: Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003, 10:00 Central Standard Time**

**I. ROLL CALL**

The following people were in attendance for the telephone conference:

**Members**

**Name:**

**Representing:**

Mr. Ed Burke (U)	University of Montana
Mrs. Elyse Levy S.E. (U)	Herself
Ms. Anne Marie Long (G)	International Code Council
Mr. Rob Pickett (P)	Log Homes Council, NAHB
Mr. Robert Savignac (P)	International Log Builders Association
Mr. Buddy Showalter (P)	American Forest & Paper Association
Mr. Craig Springe (G)	International Code Council
Mr. Mark Stimac (G)	International Code Council

**Alternates**

Mr. Joseph Folker - Alternate	Log Homes Council, NAHB
Mr. Jerry Wait - Alternate	International Log Builders Association

**Staff**

Mr. Dave Bowman	International Code Council
Mr. Marc Nard	International Code Council

**Guests**

Mr. David Caradine	Wood Materials and Engineering Laboratory Washington State University
Mr. Mark Hope	Timber Products Inspection, Inc.

**Absent:**

Mr. Randy Katz (U)	American Institute of Building Design
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A roll call was conducted and then each attendee gave a brief statement as to who they were and which organization they represented.

Dave Bowman led a short discussion about the members and the different categories of representation on the committee. Dave mentioned that the committee had 9 members and 3 alternates. Other interested parties would be treated as friends of the committee and would be notified of all committee meetings. He concluded his statement by thanking each of the participants for their time and interest in the Log Standard development.

The following committee member categories were mentioned:

U- Users

P - Producers

G - General Drawn from code official membership, governmental types and such.

Dave went on to explain that the IS-LOG Standard would be an ANSI accredited standard. When completed it will go to ANSI to get their approval. This being the case the committee is subject to ANSI scrutiny, rules and regulations. Therefore, it is important to be specific as to committee make-up, rules and conduct.

Dave noted that if any of the committee members=career changed they needed to notify us of the change as soon as possible so that we could take the appropriate action and possibly remove and replace that person on the committee.

There was a motion for approval of agenda moved and seconded. A request was made for changes and none being received the committee voted unanimously in favor to accept it as written with no changes.

## **II. ELECTION OF A COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

The International Code Council as represented by Dave Bowman was charged with submitting names for persons to be considered Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The committee will then vote to ratify the names.

Dave Bowman recommended Rob Pickett for the position of Chair.

Rob spoke briefly and described his experience and background. There was an opportunity for discussion after Rob concluded and there was none.

There was a vote taken and Rob Pickett was elected by a unanimous vote. Congratulations Rob!!

Rob Pickett later suggested Robert Savignac for Vice-Chairperson. There was a committee vote and Robert was ratified by unanimous vote.

### III. DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARD ON LOG STRUCTURES

There was then some discussion between Dave Bowman and Robert Savignac in which Dave asked Robert for an example that would help get our document converted to a CSA document. Robert said that he would follow-up and try to get some templates to the ICC.

It was mentioned that it was important to be careful with the definition of Log.

Dave Bowman then suggested that groups could be developed based upon the proposed outline into the following areas:

- C Materials
- C Design
- C Construction
- C Installation of Systems Group
- C Preservation and Maintenance Group

Buddy Showalter asked what should be done about height/area and building planning issues? Dave Bowman suggested that it could be taken care of in part 4 Design.

Ann Marie Long commented that we need a referenced document section under the introduction. Dave Bowman agreed.

Elyse Levy asked what would be done with fire protection issues? Dave Bowman suggested that we could send people to IBC. Dave then asked for committee discussion on the matter.

Elyse then asked about possible problems resulting from the veneer applications of logs as opposed to whole log uses? Dave Bowman asked for suggestions about veneer coverings? Mark Hope mentioned that he thought wood siding was already covered in the IBC.

A general discussion about when does log become timber?

Dave Bowman suggested that Building Planning could be added to the outline by adding building planning as Item I under Design VI. Then height/area could be placed into the scoping area of the standard. It could be called I c.

Ed Burke stated that If there is an area of distinct differences they should be next to each other so you can read the difference. For example machine logs would be next to hand crafted logs.

Elyse Levy pointed out that she felt that this standard needs to have a prescriptive side and performance side.

Rob Pickett then suggested the following option for breaking the task into parts:

- \_ Milling profiles and grading. (At point prior to site arrival)
- \_ Structural Aspect as it relates to the foundation.  
Infiltration, Sealants Air and Water Control, Energy Conservation
- \_ Moisture Content and Differential Settlement

All of the committee members were in favor of forming the following 4 Groups:

## **Assignment of Task Groups:**

### **I. Production: Milling profiles and grading. (At point prior to site arrival)**

Rob Pickett  
Robert Savignac  
Mark Hope (Coordinator)  
Ed Burke

### **II. Structural Aspect Connection Fire Protection as it relates to the foundation.**

Rob. Pickett  
Robert Savignac  
Buddy Showalter (Coordinator)  
Ann Marie Long  
Elyse Levy  
Craig Springe  
David Carradine

### **III. Thermal Envelop: Infiltration, Sealants Air and Water Control, Energy Conservation**

Rob. Pickett (Coordinator)  
Robert Savignac.  
Mark Stimac  
Ed Burke

### **IV. Moisture Content, Differential Settlement and Compaction**

Rob. Pickett  
Robert Savignac (Coordinator)  
Jerry Waite

Joe Folker  
Craig Springe

Next, the committee had to set up what the task groups would do. Dave Bowman suggested that each group tackle the various parts of the standard as they relate to their topic. Each group would need to comb through the outline and contribute text to the easy topics and then distill any problem areas down to 3 or 4 topics.

Members of task groups will get together later to assign these topics and draft text for the next discussion of work to be completed in draft form.

It was next decided that a coordinator for each group should be appointed.

The following people graciously volunteered:

Mark Hope for Production

Buddy Showalter for Structural

Rob Pickett for Thermal

Robert Savignac for Moisture Content, Differential Settlement and Compaction

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the IS - LOG Standard Committee will be held as a telephone conference call on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am Central Standard Time.

Next Meeting:

##### **B. Final Document Development Date**

The target date for the final draft of the document is targeted for end of next May 2004. This would give us 30 Days to finalize it for a June 1 completion. To this end two physical meetings each lasting approximately 2 days each should be planned. Dave Bowman suggested the meetings could be held in Chicago at the ICC Chicago Regional Office in the new classroom facility. This item will be put on the agenda for the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned after a motion, second and unanimous vote at 12:20 am.