



**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
ICC LABOR MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(LMAC)**

Wednesday June 18, 2008

12:00 PM to 2:15 PM CDT

Host – St. Louis Wall & Ceiling Contractors Association

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Daniel G. Wienstroer, Executive Director

Call to Order: John Gaal, LMAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. John welcomed those present to the LMAC meeting.

Minutes Approval: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the October 2, 2207 LMAC Meeting as presented. No further discussion and the motion carried.

Introductions: LMAC ICC Staff Liaison, Mike Quiroz ICC Director of Labor Management Activities; recognized ICC Board Member Greg Johnson and ICC Senior Staff Deputy Vice - President Jim Tidwell as present at the meeting. John Gaal the LMAC Chair introduced himself and thanked Dan Wienstroer and WCCA for hosting the LMAC meeting. The LMAC Chair asked for self introductions thanked those present for attending the meeting, and commented that this was the core group of the LMAC, as the committee had not been able to pull together the guest speakers in time to invite more guest in a timely manner. All present provided self introductions.

Attendee Comments and old Business: Prior to the start of the presentations, the Chair offered that his interest of the LMAC becoming involved in some type of emergency planning and response, could not be any closer to home than now. The chair shared that many areas of the Greater St. Louis area were impacted by severe flooding from the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. This was not on his mind when he proposed this item on today's agenda, during the past LMAC meeting at the ICC Reno Conference. The Chair continued that many of the members of the St. Louis Carpenters Union were affected by the flooding, and there was no communication between those who were coordinating resources for the immediate needs of the public and his organization. Those present supported their interest in becoming involved in emergency planning, education and response as individuals or with the organizations that they represent to the LMAC. Other conversation on the subject was focused on how many of those present were involved in past events with governmental members as part of inspections to post events such as the Northridge, Loma Prieta Earthquakes and the Oakland Hills Fires.

Presentations: The Chair introduced the first guest speaker via teleconference, Mike Armstrong ICC SVP of Member Services. Mike opened with a history of his past experience as Regional Director for FEMA Region 8, and other additional background information in local, state and national government. Mike also discussed his present position at ICC, and the function of ICC member services. Mike communicated that the ICC was not currently set up to support interface between federal, state and local agencies for disaster mitigation programs with public groups like the LMAC, but that he was glad to share his experience with the group. The presentation continued with an overview on the FEMA disaster declaration process and how this works its way down to a state and local level. Mike continued with a description of the role that state and local government play, especially now with Homeland Security involvement. More conversation turned to the many hazard mitigation programs that are now in place, and how many of them already interface with industry groups and organizations. Two of the programs discussed were the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) and the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and their relationship to each other. Mike suggested that these groups may be a potential option for the LMAC membership to look towards getting involved with. Mike offered to seek other information and possible speakers for the next meeting at the ICC Annual Business meeting in St. Paul MN.

Old Business: The Chair introduced the next guest speaker via teleconference; Patricia Garcia from the US Department of Labor, Western Regional Office of Apprenticeship. This speaker was invited as a follow up to the presentation from Tony Swoope of the DOL during the past LMAC meeting at the ICC Reno ABM. Ms. Garcia thanked the group for inviting her to speak, and continued to provide a brief overview of the process of the Clark County Building Department into a DOL Federally registered Apprenticeship Program. She described the progress as moving to completion by September of 2008. Ms Garcia also discussed that the Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO), who are now working with local DOL representatives and a community college program towards a registered apprenticeship program. There were many supportive comments from the group directed towards conformity of code enforcement training and the positive impact of this type of relationship between labor, management and apprenticeship programs. Ms Garcia responded to a few more questions and in conclusion, the group thanked Ms. Garcia for her report and update.

The Chair introduced LMAC Vice President, Maribeth Rizzuto and requested that she give an update on the current status of the NAHB- ICC Green Building Standard. Maribeth stated that the standard is moving forward despite the nine appeals that were presented during the process. There was discussion offered on the point system and a new draft sometime in 2009, also mentioned was the possibilities of third party certification from outside. Maribeth also shared that she had recently returned from Europe, and how they were further ahead than the US in many ways with their approach to green building. The group was supportive towards the ICC-NAHB Standard, as it would bring forward one approach instead of two or more potential standard options that could only confuse the issue more. There was some discussion on the training of the workforce and contractors on green building requirements and good practices on the job.

Attendee Comments: The group discussed the presentations of the day and many comments were made to the emergency response presentation, and how it provided some basic clarity on the broad scope of the issue. The group consensus was that this was an item that needed to be dealt with at a local and state level, and possibly later at a federal level. The members reiterated their continued desire to explore a continuation of the dialog at the next meeting, since they still feel that there is a place for their many valued resources in pre and post emergency events.

New Business: LMAC Chair John Gaal and the attending members requested the next scheduled meeting to include a panel discussion on emergency response, and to look to Mike Armstrong for possible resources/speakers, that he mentioned in his presentation. The group also discussed a follow up presentation on the status of the Building Code Inspector Apprenticeship Program, and also the ICC Federal Legislation on Code Enforcement.

Date and Location for the next LMAC Meeting: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the ICC Annual Business Meeting in St. Paul, MN September 2008. Exact Date and location will be announced at a later time.

Adjournment: John Gaal recapped the proceedings of the day, and thanked everyone again for their support and attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Michael Logue
LMAC Secretary

Date

Michael Quiroz
ICC Staff Representative to the LMAC

Date