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ICC Open Regional Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2006

Sierra 1 & 2, Orlando, FL.

As this is an ICC function only general minutes were taken. NERC Chairman, Tim Nelson spoke with the group present and turned discussion over to Vice Chairman Jack Leyden. Jack opened discussion by asking if there were any questions from the audience. One attendee asked about the beginning of NERC and how did we get where we are today. Jack gave basic explanation of the beginning and where we are. Secretary/Treasurer Wayne Cichon spoke about funds, while not incorporated yet, incorporation costs, legal fees, name usage and where that is heading. Jack Leyden spoke about NERC asking the Eastern States Building Officials Federation (ESBOF) to act as the Region VI education arm as it is something they already do. JP Langlois and John Clancey spoke about ESBOF and that they can help NERC. Currently ESBOF school schedule is set for March 26, 27, 28, 2007 in Rocky Hill, Ct. Please attend if you have the opportunity. Chairman Tim Nelson stated that he was appointing a new committee, called the NERC Education Committee and asked NYSBOC Immediate Past President, Scott Copp to Chair this new education committee for NERC. To help best facilitate the overall needs of the region. Scott graciously accepted the charge.

Re-elected ICC Board Member Tim Ryan, Overland Park, Ks. stopped by the meeting and gave a warm Thanks to the NERC members for their support in his re-election bid.

ICC Chapter Relations staff Laura Scott & Patty Bond with ICC Vice President Steve Shapiro stepped into the room to explain a new Membership Committee that is being formed. They explained the need for one (1) committee member per Region to participate. This committee is to assist ICC with knowing what members really want from ICC. They will need a nomination from the Region for this committee. Tim Nelson asked if there was anyone present that would want to serve on this committee. With no offerings, Tim asked Jack Leyden if he would be the NERC representative. Jack graciously accepted.

Jack then opened the next topic of proposing some type of campaign committee. There was much discussion centered on allied groups working together or apart and what takes place and what should take place concerning elections. After more discussion the committee name should be a communications committee. This to better converse the real needs of the Region, Chapters and members that the region is comprised of. The committee basics of 1 representative from each



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state as a volunteer should be involved. Tim Nelson asked Wayne Cichon to Chair this NERC committee. Wayne accepted the charge.

ICC Governmental Relations Staff, Mark Tebbets pointed out that that the NERC members really need to be more involved with ICC committees and councils. If you want to make progress then you have to be involved. Mark also made a great point that if we all just brought 1 person more with us, just 1 more, well you get the idea. This helps us grow steadily.

A question by a former state representative about rules of order and bylaws was placed to Tim Nelson. After some spirited and vigorous conversation the question will go back to the Officers for further review.

Ron Piester, ICC Board Director just re-elected was recognized and thanked the members for all of their support in his re-election bid. He spoke about how NERC has come a very long way and wished all the best as we move onward. Electronic voting was brought up and Ron spoke to the success of the ballot type voting for officers that we all experienced. When asked about remote voting for code change proposals, Ron gave some insight. The Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) is an ICC committee comprised of many of the industry leaders that we see speaking at code hearings on behalf of groups like the AIA, PE Society, NAHB, and product magazine groups like wood trusses, AFPA, steel industry and other folks like that.

It was the IAC that presented opposition to the ICC Board of Directors, to not have remote voting. It was viewed as not a good idea. While caution was urged Ron made it clear that the best way to deal with this is for the membership to embrace this subject and communicate with the ICC Board of Directors the view that the membership brings.

Ron told the group that just like the ICC/IAPMO joint venture, where the ICC Membership effectively communicated their concerns, so this topic should be brought to the membership and to the Board.

It is eminently clear that the ICC Board of Directors needs to hear from each member. Not just Chapters or groups. Ron said that the Board of Directors will listen very closely at the responses of the membership.

Jack Leyden acknowledged the hard work it took all participants to get NERC moving forward. Jack asked Wayne how long it would take to get minutes out and Wayne replied probably two weeks or so by the time we are done. With no other communications, the meeting adjourned.

Wayne Cichon, Regional Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, NERC