

Illinois Energy Code Advisory Council
February 6, 2013 – 1:30 p.m.
CDB's Board Room, Springfield
Videoconferencing CDB Conference Room, Chicago
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Lisa Mattingly, Chairman, CDB
Ray Boosinger, Architect, CDB
Robert Coslow, Electrical Engineer, CDB
John Meek, Felmley Dickerson Co.
Don Plass, Building Official, Village of Hoffman Estates
Thomas Ayers, Building Official, City of Rock Island
Bruce Selway, DCEO
Ted Schieler, Schieler & Rassi Quality Builders
Tom Buchheit, BRiC Partnership, LLC
Bob Neale, International Code Council
Mike Waldinger, AIA Illinois
Scott Dettmer, Dettmer Homes, HBAI
George Patterson, CRCA (In Chicago)

- Chairman Mattingly called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- Chairman Mattingly took roll call and a quorum was present.
- Chairman Mattingly asked for guest introductions.
- Chairman Mattingly introduced the newest member to the Council, Tom Buchheit, who is a licensed mechanical engineer and a principal with BRiC Partnership, LLC, in Belleville. He was appointed last month to replace Terry Phelan with CDB.
- The adoption and amendment of 2012 IECC was discussed including the rule changes in the amendments which were approved in December and went into effect January 1. One additional technical amendment rule through JCAR was adopted, not considered in our process, regarding the depth of insulation for the basement walls. It was reduced from 10' to 4' for residential construction.
- Mr. Selway reported on the DCEO code training cycle from June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013. 748 people were trained on Right Sized HVAC Design and 2,012 attended the IECC training. There are 11 Code Training dates and 10 HVAC sessions left before May 31st around the State.

Bruce also said that DCEO and MEEA are maintaining a list of individuals who have taken training or hold certifications related to using building diagnostic equipment including, but not limited to, blower door and duct pressurization equipment. These individuals have received training or certifications demonstrating that they are able to complete blower door testing and/or duct leakage testing in compliance with the 2012 Illinois Energy Conservation Code. Acceptable training programs include BPI, IL

Assoc. of Energy Raters, ESCO, Sheet Metal Workers' Local 265, BuildRIGHT, RESNET HERS Rater and Illinois Weatherization Training. The State of Illinois does not endorse individual building diagnostic testers.

- A proposal to amend the Administrative Rules to include an additional residential construction representative to the Council was discussed. This change raises the number of council members to 11 and will change our quorum from 6 to 7.

Bob Coslow raised a point regarding the composition of the Council. Currently it requires one licensed electrical and mechanical engineer and two licensed architects. He suggested that the rules be revised to make those appointments a little more general making them consistent with other Council member descriptions i.e.; representing code officials and commercial and residential contracting industry. A discussion followed questions were raised about qualification and knowledge requirements regarding the Code. There was no action taken to revise this area of the Administrative Rules.

Several of the appointments to the Council will expire in March. Terms are for four years. Chairman Mattingly will contact all members with expiring terms to determine who is interested in being reappointed to the Council.

An amendment was discussed and which would prevent the Chairman from voting unless needed for a tie breaker or to make a quorum. This will change the number of voting members and Chairman Mattingly will discuss with CDB legal suggested language for the rules which would define a quorum. There was a motion and second for the amendment. Motion passed.

- Process and time frames for the Council to review, evaluate and vote on proposed amendments for future Code updates was discussed. After the passing of SB 3724 there was a time frame change. Previously CDB had nine months to adopt the Code and three months after that for the code to become effective. Now it is twelve months for the Board to adopt and six months for it to become effective giving it a longer time frame. The Council discussed how long they would consider amendments when a new code is published. A formal process and time frame needs to be developed. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.
- There was a discussion on whether subcommittees should be formed to evaluate residential and commercial amendments separately. The subcommittees would then make recommendations to the whole Council.
- An update was given on upcoming DOE standards for gas furnaces.
- There was discussion regarding electronic notifications to stakeholders to provide updates on actions taken by the Council. It was suggested that Council members could develop a listserv based on groups and organizations that they are aware of that might have interest in the Code and the Council. A concern was raised that not all interested parties may be identified and added to the list. It was suggested that a signup link could be developed for CDB's website. Chairman Mattingly said that she would check with the CDB IT Department on the feasibility of doing this.

- The Council discussed a review of the 2012 IECC at a future time to determine if any other amendments might want to be considered.
- Bruce Selway motioned to adjourn. John Meek seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.