

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2011 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: William Brizee, Timothy Hiu, Ralph Nagamine, Jai Ho Cheng, Bruce Coppa, Socrates Bratakos, Douglas Haigh, Jennifer Shishido. Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige and James Kurata, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS); and Patricia Ohara, Department of Attorney General Office.

1. Timothy Hiu called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
2. The minutes of the March 8, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved subject to revision to item 5c which is to change AHRAE to ASME and A117.1 and A117.3 to A17.1 and A17.3.
3. The following members of the public were in attendance; Howard Wiig and Mark Unemori, Department of Business Economic Development; Harold McDermott, Local 675; Gladys Quinto Marroru, BIA-Hawaii; Alan Carr, International Code Council (via teleconference); David Lovelace, Hawaii Electricians Training.
4. There was no public comment.
5. Report from investigative committees (IC)
 - a. Structural Provisions for 2009 International Building and Residential Codes; No report
 - b. 2009 International Building Code, Residential Code, and Existing Building Code: No report
 - c. Elevators; Committee chair Jennifer Shishido requested that her report be deferred to item 6 on the agenda (discussion on proposed elevator codes).
 - d. A/C Ventilation; no report
 - e. 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code; No report
 - f. 2009 Energy Efficiency Standards; Howard Wiig provided a report with the proposed amendments to the 2009 IECC. Comment was provided that a proposed amendment to include a 60A breaker for future renewable energy system would increase cost of construction for a nice to have item and does not seem practical.

- g. State Fire Code; The State Fire Council is reviewing draft amendments to the 2009 NFPA.
 - h. Training on State building codes; No report
 - i. Fenestration exemption template; Howard Wiig to provide Kerry Yoneshige with the finalized template and instruction for inclusion on the Council's website.
 - j. Fire sprinkler implementation in new 1 and 2 family dwellings; Committee co chair Socrates Bratakos reported that there were actually two subcommittees, one for infrastructure and the other for sprinkler systems. The infrastructure committee is meeting once a month.
 - k. Communication and training; Howard Wiig reported that he is in the process of contracting ICC to prepare the 2009 IBC and IRC in ramseyer format, hired a training consultant to perform IECC training and contracted with the Hilo Conference Center to handle the registration for the IECC training classes (except for Maui).
 - l. 2011 Electrical Code; David Lovelace, investigative committee chair asked for clarification on annex H which cover administrative functions. After discussion, the Chair noted that the annexes required specific adoption by the Council and to date this had not caused problems for those using the code. The Chair noted that possible commentary through a questions and answer document may help to provide clarification to users of the code.
6. Legislation; Two bills were discussed, one on structures on aquafarms and other agricultural structures not be subject to permitting requirements and the other a resolution requesting the Council to adopt the fire sprinkler requirement in the building codes. Both bills were opposed, first by the State Fire Council and the second by City and County of Honolulu and State Fire Council (based on revision requiring fire retardant paint).
7. Proposed elevator code: Jennifer Shishido distributed the draft elevators codes and provided discussion on the basis for the current codes in use and background on the proposed changes to the elevator codes including what model building codes were used. A handout was provided which listed the codes used in the proposed codes and schedules for each section showing current code, proposed code, and the rationale for the proposed code. She also noted that document presented was for discussion only and she is open to comments on it.

8. Adoption of Building codes; The Council discussed the process of adopting codes with a preference to an adoption process which solicited public comment as the draft administrative rules (the proposed amendments to the model codes) proceeded through the review and approval process with the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Governor's Office. Public comment could be emailed to the Council.
9. Adoption of administrative rules
 - a. Kerry Yoneshige reported no change in scheduling of the preliminary public hearing for the State Residential Code which will be in May or June.
10. The next subcommittee meeting to consider the proposed amendments for the seismic bracing, roof mounted panels and fire sprinkler place holder to January 2014 for the residential code will be held after the 2009 International Building Code, 2009 Residential Code and 2009 International Energy Conservation Code are in ramseyer format.
11. The next meeting date will be May 10, 2011 at 9:00a.m. in the Comptroller's Conference Room.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.