

Women In Code Enforcement and Development

Preliminary draft – not official until approved at the next regular meeting.

Shirley Muns called the meeting to order at 7:10 am, Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at the Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN.

- Shirley had everyone introduce themselves. Rita Swearingen will be the Chapter's liaison for ICC. Rita can be reached via email at rswearingen@iccsafe.org or via telephone at 888-ICC-SAFE, extension 7709 or 636-262-6913. Sara Yerkes will be making arrangements for WICED to have a meeting with the Standards BABES.

Diane Bolderson moved to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2008 meeting. Susan Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Susan Strong made a motion to maintain the current slate of officers to serve for the next two years. Barbara Koffron seconded the motion. The motion passed. The officers are as follows: Shirley Muns, President; Sarah Rice, Vice President; and Eirene Oliphant, Secretary/Treasurer.

Shirley turned the meeting over to John Darnall, ICC Board of Director's member. John shared with the group the progress that the Permit Tech Committee had accomplished as well as the future goals of the now standing committee. John also discussed Chapter benefits that were available to the Chapter through ICC. Shirley discussed having a "pre" meeting before the conference in New Orleans so the Chapter could have a full day, such as a "women in construction" day. Shirley has been working with Mark Dinneen to get something set up for the Chapter to help with a project such as Brad Pitt or Harry Connick Jr's non-profit groups. Shirley also discussed using the Chapter's training benefit day at the conference or the possibility of donating it to the Permit Tech group if they were having a national meeting. John presented the Chapter's banner and plaque to Shirley. Shirley noted the plaque would move with each president as the Chapter does not have a permanent location. John installed the new officers into their respective positions and presented Shirley with her Chapter President's pin.

Shirley reminded those present that we would not be meeting while there were code hearings. The Chapter will work with the schedule to be flexible to provide for a meeting that is convenient for most members. She suggested "wiced weekends" where if a group of women were together in conjunction with another conference, folks could get together for happy hour or some other social gathering.

Sara reminded Shirley that the Chapter has access to an "800" number for conference calling.

Shirley asked if there was additional business that needed to be addressed. Sarah Rice indicated she was working on a newsletter, which she hoped to start with on a quarterly basis, which would help promote communication within the Chapter. Each newsletter would focus on a specific topic with links to information about that subject. She hopes to have the first newsletter available the first of December.

Jean Stanley, the membership committee chair, asked for folks to get with her about ideas on how to promote membership. She will have a membership application form soon.

Eirene Oliphant moved to have the Chapter pass a resolution supporting the Community Building Code Administration Grant Act. Cindy Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed. Shirley said she will make sure this gets done.

Judy Pozarich offered to help the Chapter with some financial assistance if necessary through her associations.

Tina Rakes reminded everyone of the challenge from FLASH on volunteer hours. She encouraged the Chapter to get involved with the challenge and track their service hours.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 am. The following individuals were in attendance:

Shirley Muns, Lorraine Ross, Amber Armstrong, Barbara Koffron, Mollie Powell, Joann Surma, Donna Radney, Diane Carter, Susan McLaughlin, Anne vonWeller, Cindy Davis, Sara Yerkes, Sheila Blake, Tina Rakes, Shelly Wakefield, John Darnall, Diane Bolderson, Jean Stanley, Bonnie Johnson, Wendy Johnson, Debra Purves, Susan Strong, Margi Leddin, Jeanne Bullock, Judy Pozarich, Patty Bond, Rita Swearingen, Sarah Rice, Eirene Oliphant, and Jon Traw.