



MEETING NOTES

DATE: January 8, 2015

LOCATION: Conference Call

COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT
RE Rich Eckert	Y
MH Matt Hickey	--
CK Chris Keelor	--
SK Steve Knight	Y
BM Bill Martin	Y
SM Steve Morris	--
TR Tyler Robinson	--
MW Meade Willis	Y
RS Rob Stevenson (Guest)	Y

Discussion Items:

1. Introductions with background and interest in emergency response
2. RS advised that committee should reach out to the NCSEA Code Advisory Committee to learn their priorities and get insights on our how to pursue our NC priorities
 - a. Committee info is on [NCSEA website](#); chair is Thomas DiBlasi
 - b. Annual report from 2014 conference is attached
 - c. This is NCSEA's most popular committee and tough to get on; there are 6 subcommittees
 - d. Hottest topic of discussion at annual conference was advocacy and enforcement of Special Inspection; chair of Special Inspections / Quality Assurance subcommittee is Kirk Harman
3. SK provided overview of the workings of the NC Building Code Council
 - a. Council is under the jurisdiction of DOI
 - b. SK is sole structural engineer on the council
 - c. Quarterly meetings open to the public are held in Raleigh in March, June, September and December
 - d. Code modification proposals (petitions) can be at the meeting or ahead of the meeting; form is available on DOI website
 - e. Petitions must progress through 4 levels before going to the state legislature for adoption; process generally takes at least one year
 - i. "A" item – Formal introduction of petition
 - ii. "B" item – Presented to council for vote to deny or approve petition; approvals advance to vetting phase, typically in subcommittee
 - iii. "C" item – Public comment
 - iv. "D" item – Final adoption
 - v. Petitions are often revised and cycled back through the process
 - f. Last year the SEA of NC interacted with the council on two items

- i. 3-yr vs 6-yr code cycle (commercial code): provided public comment following membership poll and Board discussion (copy statement attached)
 - ii. Petition for wood screw deck ledger attachment (residential code): attended quarterly meeting and subcommittee meeting to help vet the issue (copy of statement attached)
 - g. Meeting notes are posted on DOI website
 - 4. RS pointed out that lots of petitions with structural emphasis are associated with the residential code; proposed that a subcommittee be created and members recruited to help
 - a. A suggestion shared at the NCSEA conference was that a member of the SEA join the state Home Builders Association; this can dramatically reduce the number of petitions and the resulting conflict at council and subcommittee meetings
 - i. Contact Jesse Burke with the [SEA of South Carolina](#)
 - ii. BM expressed interest in pursuing this
 - iii. (Mr.) Jody Thompson at Fluhrer Reed in Raleigh helped with the deck screw effort last year and may be interested
 - 5. Members present were queried about priorities for the committee; interest in advocacy for special inspections was unanimous
 - 6. Potential activities for this year were summarized; members to brainstorm interests and priorities before next meeting
 - a. Attend quarterly BCC meetings where relevant petitions are being presented; meet ahead of each meeting when agenda comes out (SK to distribute agendas)
 - b. Investigate process for joining the North Carolina Home Builders Association and starting a residential subcommittee; contact Jesse Burke with SEA of SC
 - c. Develop plan for advocacy of Special Inspections; contact Kirk Harman with NCSEA
 - 7. RS suggests that next meeting be in person at a central location, maybe Greensboro

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