



# INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING OF THE ICC INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES

September 25, 2012

American Wood Council (AWC) at the offices of the  
American Forest and Paper Association (AFPA)  
1111 19<sup>th</sup> St., NW  
Washington, DC 20036

September 25<sup>th</sup>: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Michael Gardner called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. Mike thanked AWC for hosting the meeting and introduced Bob Lowinski, President of AWC, who provided some welcoming remarks.

**2. Self Introductions**

**2.1 Identify new members**

New members were welcomed. They are:

Outdoor Power Equipment Institute represented by Greg Johnson  
Roof Consultants Institute represented by Wanda Edwards

**2.2 Establish quorum (20 minimum)**

A quorum was declared. See Appendix A for a list of attendees.

**3. Approve Agenda (posted)**

New items added and the agenda approved as revised:

7.4 Edition cycle  
7.5 Code grouping for IBC-Structural  
11.2 Auto Codes

**4. Approval of March 12, 2012 IAC Meeting Minutes (posted)**

Approved

**5. IAC Administration**

**5.1 Chair's Report**

Vice Chair Gardner referred to the information on the upcoming CAC meeting November 14 & 15<sup>th</sup> which had been posted on the ICC website. ICC President, Bill Dupler explained the attendance of the executive committee in the context of cdpACCESS. He noted that Dominic Sims had been named acting CEO. He added that the IAC is the ICC's oldest advisory committee, with the IAC Chair annually reporting to the Board of Directors. He concluded his comments, noting that cdpACCESS is a high priority and saw its role as expanding the involvement of members in the process.

**5.2 Nominations for consideration of Chair/Vice Chair for 2013/2014**

Staff identified the past history of the IAC Chair and Vice Chair positions. Mike Gardner requested nominations from those in attendance. Nominations were made and seconded for Mike Gardner as Chair, and Wanda Edwards as Vice Chair. Approved.

**6. IAC Activities**

There are currently no outstanding IAC activities.

**7. ICC Codes & Standards Activities**

**7.1 2012/2013/2014 Cycle**

**7.1.1 Group C - IgCC**

Mike Pfeiffer reported that there were 506 items scheduled to be heard in Portland, with Fuel Gas on Monday. He added that the Member Forum on cdpACCESS will follow lunch on Monday. The plan is to finish the hearings no later than 8:00 PM on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. In 2013 the ICC will process the remaining I-Codes except the IgCC. The Dallas 2013 hearing will be April 21-28<sup>th</sup>, and October 2-9 in

Atlantic City. The 2014 processing of IgCC as Group C was added due to the volume of proposed changes, which is anticipated to add 1400-1500 code changes. The 2014 Code Development Hearing will be in Memphis April 27 - May 4<sup>th</sup> with Final Action Hearing in Fort Lauderdale, October 1- 5.

## **7.2 Codes and Standards Committee Activities**

Pfeiffer noted that the CAC's are active with SEHPCAC being activated for Energy in 2013 and IgCC in 2014. The BCAC has submitted 98 proposals, the FCAC 65 proposals, the PMG CAC 112, the Ad Hoc Committee on Health Care 36 and the CTC 98. Pfeiffer reported that the Bleacher & Log Standards were updated. A117 has started a new update cycle to result in the 2014 edition intended for reference in the 2015 IBC. Larry Brown reported that ICC 700 received no appeals and the next edition should be completed by the end of the year. ICC 802 a Turf Grass Irrigation Standard is currently being developed. Three additional proposed standards have gone to the Codes & Standards Council: Commissioning, Solar Water Heating and Solar Thermal Collectors. PINS have been submitted for all but Commissioning. Questions were raised as to what standards are currently available, if any, which deal with these subjects. Staff noted that the expectation is that the full body of available information will be evaluated in order for the standards to comprehensively address the subject matter. Ron Piester briefed the group on the future activities of the Healthcare effort beyond the updating of the ICodes, including the development of Healthcare Guidelines, educational tools and adoption/implementation strategies.

## **7.3 SDO Roundtable update**

The last SDO Roundtable met at AGA Headquarters in Washington, DC, in May. It included an update of the code development cycle, cdpACCESS and a discussion on the protocols for updating currently referenced standards as opposed to referencing new standards. Mike Gardner encouraged more SDOs to become active in this effort.

## **7.4 Edition cycle (new item)**

Ken Bland introduced this item, asking for a motion for consideration to continue to maintain the I-Codes on a 3-year cycle. He indicated that this interval supports the introduction of new materials in the Codes. Eric Lacey added that he supports the regular adoption of the Codes, and he disagrees with the motion not taking a position on the frequency of state adoptions. Ken commented that the intent of the motion is to 'give us a robust process every 3 years'. Kirk Harman added that one issue is that users never get to use the approved new technical changes before submitting the next set of code changes. Henry Green noted that 'moving to 6 years slows down development of technology. Adoption is a different issue'. Nancy McNabb spoke in support of the motion as it 'makes the U.S. more competitive globally'. Bill Dupler added that 'We have lengthened the process already, from 1 year to 18 months to 3 years'. Jeff Shapiro said that people 'Complained we can't keep up with 1 year, 18 months and 3 years. They would complain about a longer cycle'. He asked that the ICC quit examining the code development cycle and let it work for a cycle or two. The motion in support of the ICC maintaining a 3 year edition cycle passed with modifications 23 to 5. See Appendix B for the approved motion.

## **7.5 Code grouping for IBC – Structural (new item)**

Jay Larson sought to move the consideration of IBC Structural proposed changes in future cycles to Group B. Mike Pfeiffer responded that ICC would be considering that. Pfeiffer also noted that an assessment of Group B code change volume needs to be done in order for any type of re-arrangement of groupings to occur in order for the grouped codes to be viable from a code change volume standpoint. He also noted that such grouped codes need to be evaluated from a participation standpoint in terms of providing a reasonable mix of codes for a given cycle. The IAC noted the importance of setting the code groupings as soon as possible.

## **8. ICC Board Activities - ICC Board liaison report**

### **8.1 cdpACCESS Steering Committee update**

Bill Dupler reported on the status of cdpACCESS, citing previous committee work to date leading up to cdpACCESS. ICC staff presented an overview of the cdpACCESS activities noting the goal being

expanded participation in the ICC code development process. Information about this effort—including past presentations—can be found on the [cdp Access webpage](#). Jeffrey Shapiro, representing the ICC Fire Membership Council Governing Committee presented an alternative path for cdp ACCESS. Discussions about this alternative proposal can be found [here](#). A motion passed by a vote of 13 – 9 in which the IAC supports the alternative remote voting plan of the ICC Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee which recommends the following:

- Position remote participation (voting) after the Committee Action Hearing instead of the current location in the cdp ACCESS report. The current location in the report has remote voting of Eligible Voters (Governmental and Honorary) slated after the Public Comment Hearing with the vote combined with the Public Comment Hearing vote to determine the final outcome for those code changes on the Public Comment Hearing Agenda.
- A 2/3 vote of Eligible Voters after the Committee Action Hearing would change the prevailing (initial) motion at the Public Comment Hearing.
- Discontinue floor motions (assembly action) at the Committee Action Hearing.

It was noted that cdpACCESS will be the subject of the Membership Forums on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in Portland and there will be a cdpACCESS forum on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> prior to the IFGC Final Action Hearings.

## 9. ICC Governmental Relation Activities

### 9.1 Federal Legislative & Regulatory

Dave Karmol reported that HR4348 passed, a flood bill containing two provisions for Building Codes.

### 9.2 State & Local - Code adoptions

Justin Wiley reported that 8 more states had adopted the 2012 I-Codes. Adoption information is posted.

### 9.3 Other

#### 9.3.1 ISO/TAG 8 – ISO Building Standards

Karmol reported that ANSI, as the American ISO representative voted ‘no’ on this initiative 15 others voted ‘yes’, with European members pushing the Euro codes. Overall there were 9 negative votes.

#### 9.3.2 NARA Incorporation by Reference – availability of documents

Nancy McNabb commented that the effort does not seem to be progressing in terms of a mandate.

## 10. ICC-ES Activities

### 10.1 Report of ES Activities

Staff identified the following ES activities:

- Coordinating ES October EC meeting with NCSEA in St. Louis to increase exposure of the committee meetings and to better connect what ES is doing with the role of structural engineers.
- Positive effects of the new 2012 requirements for annual inspections.
- Established a connection with the ICC Fire Code Action Committee – now receiving input from the FCAC regarding acceptance criteria.
- Updating ES reports to 2012 Codes but keeping previous versions of to address jurisdictions that have not yet updated to the 2012 Codes.
- Two initiatives to be launched:
  - Product evaluation of SIPS to section R613 only of the IRC. (new program)
  - Solar thermal product certification in cooperation with the Solar Rating Certification Corporation.

## 11. Old Business

### 11.1 Collaborative Training and Education Efforts (follow-up from March 12<sup>th</sup> agenda item 12.1)

No report

### 11.2 Auto Codes (new item0)

Bob Wible reported on their Auto Codes project with Tom Phillips to provide a report at the ABM.

**12. Next IAC Meeting**

**12.1 Next meeting: TBD**

It was anticipated that the next meeting would be in DC, in March, with location and date to be determined. IAC is looking for a host.

**13. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

**Websites:** IAC: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/IAC/Pages/default.aspx>  
Code Development: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/Pages/default.aspx>  
Code Development/Council Policies: <http://www.iccsafe.org/AboutICC/Pages/policies.aspx>  
Government Relations: <http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/Pages/default.aspx>  
Evaluation Services: <http://www.icc-es.org/>  
cdp ACCESS: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/cdpACCESS/Pages/default.aspx>

**Appendix A**  
**IAC Meeting Attendees**  
**September 25, 2012**

Michael Gardner	GA
Ken Bland	AWC
Bob Wible	Fiatech
Mike Ennis	SPRI
Nancy McNabb	NIST
Jennifer Goupil	ASCE/SEI
Ryan Colker	NIBS
Henry Green	NIBS
Eric Lacey	RECA
Jeff Hugo	NFSA
Dave Johnston	EIMA
Jim Tidwell	Fire Manufacturer Association
Dave Tyree	BOMA
Dave Parney	CISPI
Dick Church	PPFA
Joe Hetzel	DASMA
John Rave	ABC
Richard Kraus	API
Steve Szoke	PCA
Kirk Harman	NCSEA
Wanda Edwards	RCI
Ron Nickson	NMHC
Greg Johnson	OPEI
Larry Brown	NAHB
Steve Orłowski	NAHB
Steve Mickley	AIBD
John Steel	Tyco
Jeff Shapiro	NMHC
Jeff Inks	WDMA
Marshall Klein	AFAA

Via phone:

Len Swatkowski	PMI
Jay Larson	AISI
John Taecker	UL
Pat McLaughlin	SIA

ICC:

Tom Frost	ICC
Mike Pfeiffer	ICC
David Karmol	ICC
Justin Wiley	ICC
Josh Batkin	ICC
Dom Sims	ICC
Bill Dupler	ICC BOD
Ron Piester	ICC BOD
Steve Jones	ICC BOD
Guy Tomberlin	ICC BOD

**Appendix B**  
Approved Motion By  
ICC Industry Advisory Committee

Motion: The IAC recommends the continued use of the current three-year code development cycle, but supports improvements that will further facilitate the introduction of new building methods, as well as materials and design standards to ensure a state-of-the-art and comprehensive set of building codes.

Reason: There has been some discussion by members of the IAC that ICC should consider longer alternatives to the current 3-year publication cycle of the International Codes. Many members of the IAC represent industries that are continuously improving and innovating the design and application of their products. These improvements rely, in part, on changes to the building codes to facilitate their acceptance in the marketplace. The current cycle ensures an opportunity to advance these technology changes at least every three years. Any extension of the development cycle beyond 3-years will hamper the introduction of new ideas and approaches in the code.

However, this motion is not intended to establish a position on the frequency of code adoption or updating by local, regional or state agencies charged with this responsibility. The members of the IAC recognize this is a local decision, which requires the input of all parties affected by such changes.

ICC should continuously examine all aspects of its code development activities, including but not limited to, enhancements to the integrity of the governmental process, timely consideration of changes to the code change process, issuance of evaluation reports, and interpretations to further enhance technology and innovation, while meeting the needs of all stakeholders.