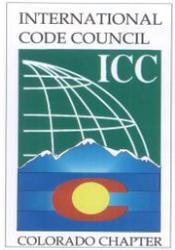


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President's Message Tom Meyers

This has been a month filled with disaster and success. We have just endured one of the largest and heaviest snow storms in Front Range history. We have witnessed some roof collapses, but primarily to older buildings built prior to modern codes and the diligence of modern professional building inspection. What could have been a major disaster ended up being a testament to the successes of our profession.

“Disaster and success” also illustrates our experiences at the state house. We suffered disaster when the Senate Business Affairs and Labor Committee forwarded an amended SB 226, Sunset Review of the Examining Board of Plumbers bill, to the Senate. Arguably, this version would have granted the Board additional authority, affecting a jurisdiction's (home rule probably excluded) ability to adopt anything other than the Colorado Plumbing Code. Local plumbing amendments would also have to be approved by the plumbing board. The Senate voted to approve the amended bill under heavy pressure from opposing, special interest lobbyists. When the bill was sent to the House for concurrence, we experienced success.

An amendment was offered from the floor with language specifically allowing jurisdictions the ability to adopt any nationally recognized code. It also permitted local amendments without State Plumbing Board concurrence. We won this battle because of you, the members of this Chapter. Your letters and phone calls helped educate and influence key politicians.

We are also indebted to a number of lobbyist friends. I want to specifically thank Carolynne White and Sam Mamet from CML, Melissa Nelson from CCI, Shayne Madsen representing APC, Pat Hilleary and Micki Hackenberger from BOMA, Jerry Johnson from AIA, and Lynnae Flora from Jefferson

County. These individuals have worked hand in hand with the Chapter and without their help, we would not have been nearly as successful as we were.

The battle over SB 226 is not over. The House and Senate must resolve the differences between the versions they passed. A conference committee has been named (see Capitol Update). The Chapter's continued help is essential to avoid a repeat of the disaster that occurred in the Senate.

I look forward to seeing you all at the April 25th Pueblo meeting and the Girl Scouts Give-a-Day the following day!

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Meyers



Education Institute **Tom Meyers**



The 18th annual Education Institute was a success!! During the first week of March, the Chapter was host to 1433 students attending one or more of 60 eight-hour sessions. These students came from all over the country. 27 states were represented, primarily with students from the building inspection industry, construction industry and design community. I even had a few from the federal and state sectors such as the Forest Service and CHFA in my classes.

caffeine to keep those students attentive! Still, the Chapter has managed to control other expenses to keep the cost down to \$65 per day per student.

thanks are due to all of those that help the Chapter make this event a success year after year.

Look forward to a number of changes for 2004. All of the highly popular I-Code classes will be updated to the 2003 editions. There has also been discussion of running a group of classes with multiple topics that would ordinarily not be lengthy enough to fill an entire 8-hour class session. If you have any suggestions for changes, the Education Committee would welcome your comments. They are already planning the next Institute!

Volunteerism accounts for the bulk of the cost savings. Dan Nickle and the staff at the Lakewood Building Department take on the majority of the work, handling preparation, coordination, and registration. They are helped by other members of the Education Committee such as Gary Goodell, Dave Horras, JD Potter and too many others to list. Many of the instructors either volunteer their time or reduce their rates to assist the effort. Special

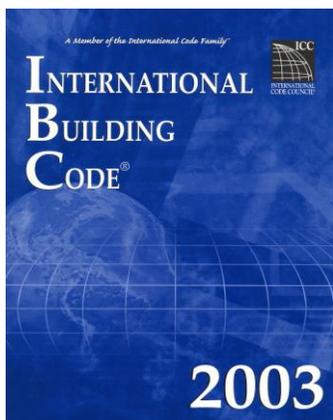
Food and drink comprises the bulk of expenses. The chapter pays about \$22.00 per person for lunch. Drinks during breaks run another \$5960 per day for a total of \$29,800. That's a lot of



Bob and Tom celebrating the conclusion of another successful class!

Colorado I-Code Adoptions

As of April 1st, nearly 90 Colorado jurisdictions have adopted one of more of the International family of codes! Be prepared for a wave of 2003 adoptions in the next few months. If you are contemplating adopting the I-codes, the Chapter is here to help in any way we can. Once you adopt the new codes, please contact Becky Baker at BBaker@co.jefferson.co.us so you can be added to the list and given you the recognition you deserve!



February Chapter Meeting - Broomfield Steve Byer

Meeting Recap – Regular Feature

One of the topics of discussion at the board's annual retreat in January was continuing outreach, especially to remote jurisdictions and/or chapter members from smaller building departments who simply aren't adequately staffed to be able to get away to attend regular meetings. The newsletter is one of the most effective resources that we have for conveying current information, upcoming events and schedules. However, it may also be beneficial to re-cap events from the last meeting, and to pass along pertinent information from the guest speakers, including web sites, phone numbers and email addresses to those of you who either couldn't attend the meeting or have misplaced a business card.

We will make this a regular feature in the newsletter.

February Chapter Meeting - Broomfield

Damage Assessment was the primary topic at the February Broomfield meeting, which could have been very beneficial for any of you recently caught off-guard and unprepared to assess any damage in your jurisdiction by the Storm of 2003.

Robert Kistner, an industry pioneer and leader in damage

assessment and mitigation, who has over 45 years of experience including FEMA and the Corps of Engineers, presented a full day of training, advice and detailed handouts for immediate use. Robert has written numerous books on this topic and is president and CEO of a private firm called DamageAssessment.Biz, which offers training, supplies and software.

Dave Dunda, Manager of Business Development, assisted Mr. Kistner with the presentation. They can both be contacted at: 9249 South Broadway #200-422 Highlands Ranch, CO 80129 720-596-4980 www.damageassessment.biz

Bob Wold, with the State of Colorado, presided over an hour-long damage assessment presentation along with tips for individual / public assistance. Bob is Chief of Plans, Training and Local Programs of the Colorado Office of Emergency Management, and he can be reached at: 303-273-1778 bob.wold@state.co.us www.dola.state.co.us/oem/

Our own **Steve Thomas** also took the opportunity to present his informative damage assessment and

mitigation program and to discuss need for updating the Chapter's Manual on this topic. This manual was a collaborative effort including input from Mr. Robert Kistner and was distributed to all participating jurisdictions upon its completion several years ago. Steve has been a key figure with the Disaster Mitigation Committee and is instrumental in keeping the Chapter informed and up to date. Steve can be contacted at:

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7-11 Store - Broomfield

COLORADO CHAPTER ICC GOLF TOURNAMENT



Voted by Golf Digest in 1993 the 2nd best public golf course to be built in the U.S. or Canada, Fox Hollow G.C. in Lakewood will be the site of the 23rd Annual Colorado Chapter of ICC Golf Tournament. Get ready for some great fun!

DATE: Monday, July 28, 2003

PLACE: Fox Hollow G.C., Lakewood, CO
13410 W. Morrison Rd.
(West of Kipling Ave. about 1 mile)

TIME: 7:30 AM Shotgun

Lot's of food (breakfast & lunch) and drink, great camaraderie, and fun. And think of the great prizes we gave last year: gifts galore and to some, cold hard cash! If you like golf, you need to be here!

FORMAT

We are in a state of flux on the format at this time. We are leaning towards flighting the field, providing for more winners: we'll give you the details later. Adjustments will be made in any case for sandbaggers (we don't have any, do we?).

THIS IS IMPORTANT!!! TRY TO ARRIVE EARLY!!! Hit some balls, have coffee, juice and rolls, and get your packet and rules. Suggest you get there no later than 6:00 AM since a shotgun start means getting to your starting point on time. This is early, but let's face it: you're not going to work, you're going golfing! Again: we have an early shotgun, so get your body moving!!!

IMPORTANT

Some always wait until the last minute to sign up; this makes pairing difficult and planning almost impossible. Please try to register by July 23. Registration is \$75 -- and your check should be made out to Dan Nickle. Mail to:

Dan Nickle,
Building Official, City of Lakewood
480. S. Allison Pkwy.
Civic Center North
Lakewood, CO 80226-3106

Dress Code: Proper golf attire including collared shirt with sleeves, slacks or tailored shorts of mid length. Please! No jeans and nothing that even looks like jeans! **Shoes must be spikeless!** Tennis shoes will work.

Name _____ Affiliation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Handicap _____ or Avg. Score _____

Capitol Update Tom Meyers & Greg Wheeler

SB 226- Examining Board of Plumbers

This bill has been referred to a conference committee following a house amendment granting us clear authority to adopt various nationally-recognized codes. We expect a compromise bringing the bill back to the language currently contained in the statute. This may be problematic following the State Attorney Generals interpretation of the board's authority. You are encouraged to contact representatives of the conference committee to request that they retain language similar to the house amendment. The committee is made up of Kester, Johnson, and Isgar from the Senate and White, Cadman, and Frangas from the House. **This bill is the Chapter's first priority.**

SB 256 - School Site Development Plan

This bill increases the number of days that a county has to review and make comments to the School District on proposed site development plans. We are using this discussion as the spring board into discussions regarding school inspections.

HB 1099 - LPG

This bill is still awaiting hearing by appropriations. The fire folks have done a great job opposing it. The

Chapter will continue to help FCA and FMAC since this affects us in the long run too.

HB 1115 - Clandestine Lab Clean-up

"Meth lab bill goes down in (toxic) flames", according to Carolynne White, CML. The House Appropriations Committee voted 7-4 to postpone indefinitely. Rental owner lobbyists were able to convince committee members that the owners should not be held liable or responsible for cleanup costs. This primarily affects statutory communities and others without maintenance codes. The bill would also have required State Health and Environment to promulgate rules for remediation.

HB 1140 Noxious Weed Management

This bill will likely be passed. Those of us that have code enforcement responsibilities, you will want your city or county attorneys review this bill. Prepare your budget now to implement this unfunded mandate.

HB 1221 – Revisions to CRS 9-5

This bill comprises the changes recommended by the CRS 9-5 redrafting committee, modifying the residential accessibility statute. It is the result of 4 years of compromise and has passed both the House and Senate. The



Senate amended the bill slightly to clarify that the provisions are not retroactive. At the time of this writing, we are waiting for final House concurrence of the amendment. Anticipate a Governor's signature in a month or so.

HB 1293 – Privatization of Inspections

The bill was postponed indefinitely (killed) by the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee on 12.19.03. The Chapter had about 25 people show up to support its demise. We never had the chance, the sponsor Crane decided to ask for the PI when none of his expected supporters arrived to testify. We may have won this battle for 2003, but don't expect it to go away. There is a lot of contractor animosity toward building departments giving poor

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service to their community. This is a wake-up call to departments to look at their operations and transition from an "enforcement" mindset to one of "code education".

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Girl Scouts Give-a-Day Tom Meyers

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 26th! Following the Pueblo Chapter meeting Friday the 25th, we will be holding our third annual Chapter give-a-day at the "Lazy Acres" camp of the Columbine Council of the Girl Scouts. The camp is located in the San Isabel forest south of Pueblo. Take I-25 south to the Colorado City exit, west toward Rye on W Co 165. The camp is located on the right about 5 miles west of Rye. We will have a big sign posted so you can't miss it.

During the past two years, the Chapter has completed two cabins for the girl scouts. This year, we plan to build one more. If you have never volunteered for one of

these events, you have no idea the fun you are missing! I personally didn't really feel a part of the Chapter until I volunteered for one of these give-a-day programs several years ago. Working elbow to elbow with your peers establishes a camaraderie that can't be replicated any other way.

The construction is a well orchestrated process. J.D. Potter and the folks from Pueblo Regional Building Department do all the preparation work in advance. They obtain the necessary building materials from local suppliers, often free of charge. They clear the site and install the concrete caisson/pier foundation. They also

erect the floor platform on the foundation, ready for the walls. Saturday morning we go vertical. Chapter members erect walls, set trusses, sheath and shingle the roof, build decks, guardrails and stairs. There is enough work for everyone. All you have to do is bring along your skills (from novice to expert) and your tools.

The girls do a great job feeding us. Anticipate coffee and donuts, a big lunch, and a hot dinner afterward. You will not find a more appreciative group either. The girls and scout leaders have Come out and spend a day with your peers and make a deserving group very happy!

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