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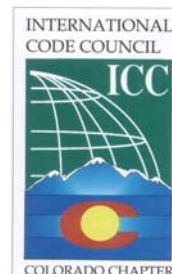
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President's Message Dave Horras

First, and most importantly, I would like to thank the membership for the confidence shown in me by electing me President for 2004. It is a great honor and privilege to represent this outstanding organization.

What a special evening the 50th ABM banquet at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs was - an evening filled with great entertainment, food, hospitality and memories. Thanks to all that played a part in putting together this very special event, one that for those in attendance I'm sure will not be forgotten anytime soon.

It was great to see so many of those who have devoted their time and efforts over the years to bring the Chapter the respect and admiration that it has earned today. It was good to see retired members like Marv Fisher, Clint Tawes and John Petersell. John is the retired building official from Pueblo, who helped establish this Chapter in the 1950's and served as Chapter president from 1954 to 1957, the only one fearless enough to serve as president for four years.

Current members and past ICBO Chairman Pete Tyree, Dan Nickle and Tom Thompson were all in attendance as well as current ICC Board Member Gerry George and former ICBO Board Member Becky Baker. These individuals, as well as so many others that have served on national committees, have done such a big part in representing this Chapter so admirably on the national level.

This Chapter has been blessed with members such as these over the years. The ideas, energy, foresight and just plain hard work they have brought to the Chapter over the years has established what this Chapter is known for and, in turn, encouraged the rest of us.

As we begin our second 50 years, members continue to step up and bring similar qualities to this organization. The ICC will provide many opportunities for our members to exhibit our collective talents, and I would be highly surprised if 50 years from now we don't look back once again to reveal much more of the same.

Along those same lines, I want to congratulate Becky Baker on being awarded the Beryl Wallace Award and Patrick Buckley for receiving the first time President's Award. I can't think of two more deserving individuals to receive these prestigious honors.

This year again promises to be very busy with many challenges such as I-Code adoptions, code change and development, legislative issues and education. These challenges will be in addition to issues that we continue to commit ourselves to as well as those we have no idea are looming on the horizon. I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year, one in which this Chapter will again step forward and make a difference.

**Dave Horras
President**

Colorado Chapter International Code Council

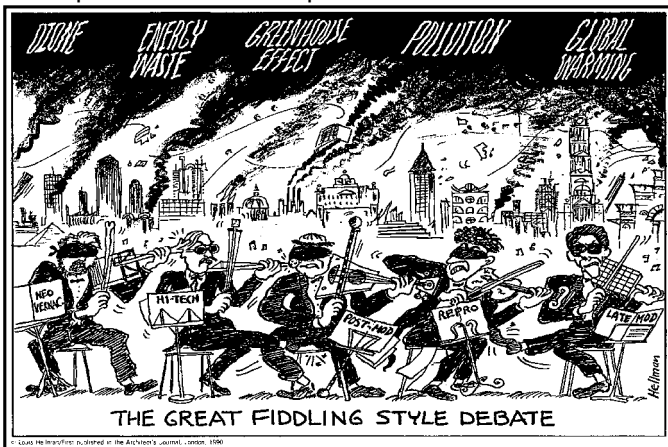
Annual Business Meeting – Broadmoor Hotel

Tom Meyers



50th Anniversary - Annual Business Meeting

On December 11th and 12th, the Chapter observed its 50th anniversary Annual Business Meeting at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. The meeting was very well attended, largely due to the diverse and interesting program organized by Program Director Patrick Buckley. Content included compelling discussion from keynote speaker, David Eisenberg of the Development Center for Appropriate Technology. David is an advocate of performance design and alternate construction methods. He wants building officials to be cognizant of the longer term ramifications of their policies and actions...including the impact of code development.



We also heard a presentation about height and allowable area provisions of the International Building Code by the folks from Isolatek International. The membership expressed a variety of opinions concerning the swing from passive fire protection methods to active systems. The Chapter will continue to watch this issue closely and actively participate in code change discussions. During the Thursday business meeting, the membership voted to approve by-laws changes and finalize the chapter's new mission statement:

The Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council is dedicated to the improvement of building safety, by promoting and improving the International Codes, educating the building industry, public and our membership, and providing mutual aid to building professionals.

Elections were held for the 2004 slate of officers and board members. The following individuals were elected:

President	Dave Horras - Westminster
1 st Vice President	J.D. Potter – Pueblo Regional
2 nd Vice President	Barbara Kuettel - Westminster
Secretary	Patrick Buckley - Berthoud
Board	Stephen Kanipe - Aspen
	Bob Kohrmann - Eagle
	Corey Schmidt - Boulder
	Charlie Stanley - Breckenridge
	Jim Wray – Winter Park

The evening banquet was an elegant affair. The members were treated to a performance by Cool Shooz in addition to a presentation of the years' accomplishments by President Meyers. ICC Board member, Gerry George, swore in the new 2004 board. At the end of the ceremonies, Steve Thomas put on his famous slide presentation spanning nearly the entire 50 year history of the Chapter. Steve had so many images, he had to purchase a new computer with enough memory for the show.

Friday held an equally diverse array of presentations. Ed Fronapfel of Professional Investigative Engineers provided a history and analysis of the spring 2003, 90-year snow storm. Later, the Moisture Task Force reported on the conclusion of their work.

We owe a lot of thanks to individuals who helped make this event a success: Dave Tyree (our host) for organizing the hotel and meals, Pat Buckley for the meeting program, and Jim Thelen and the Banquet Committee for the Thursday night ceremonies. These individuals put in many hours of hard work to make this an anniversary we will long remember.

Last Chance for Membership!

If you don't want to miss out on all of the Chapter's activities and benefits, including the incredible Annual Business Meeting, you must get your registration in no later than **April 1st**.

Membership dues are still \$25 for governmental representatives (volume discounts apply!), \$40 for professional associates, and \$10 for students. Information, applications, or payments will be handled by our new Membership Committee Chairman, Jim Thelen of the City of Littleton. Jim can be reached at: jthelen@littletongov.org or by phone at 303.795.3751

Colorado Chapter Annual Business Meeting – Broadmoor Hotel



Newly elected 2004 President
Dave Horras with First Lady
Dawn Horras



One of many great programs
produced by the Program
Committee!



Tom Thompson announcing the
report of the Nominations
Committee



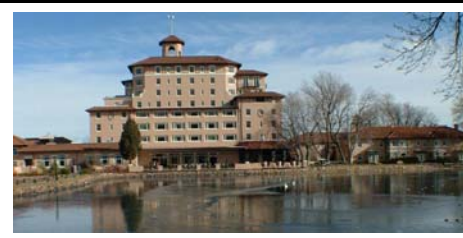
Dave Tyree taking a well-
deserved rest after organizing
the banquet dinner



Patrick Buckley distributing the
door prizes



Dave Horras, Michelle Olson,
and Marlene Manzanares
enjoying lunch.



2003 Chapter Awards



Becky Baker receives Beryl Wallace Award

As part of the Annual Business Meeting, Becky Baker was presented with the Beryl Wallace Award by past-recipient, Dan Nickle. Becky was taken completely by surprise, testament to her preoccupation with the Colorado I-Code adoptions that cinched her nomination. The award is the Chapter's highest honor recognizing long term achievement in advancing the goals and mission of the Chapter. Becky was also cited for her pioneering efforts as one of the first female building officials in the state. She was also recognized for starting the Colorado Association of Permit Technicians (CAPT) and helping advance the position of Permit Tech to a professional level.

This has been a good year for Becky. She was also recently awarded the President's Award from the Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Congratulations, Becky!



Patrick Buckley receives President's Award

During the banquet ceremonies at the CCICC annual business meeting in Colorado Springs, Patrick Buckley was awarded the first ever President's Award for his exemplary and meritorious service to the Chapter. Outgoing President Meyers stated that Buckley had single-handedly accepted the chairmanship of the Program Committee and managed to produce some of the best program content the Chapter had seen in years.

Following receipt of the award, Buckley wrote, "...we achieve success and become successful in our endeavors when we learn from other's wisdom and experience and acknowledge the efforts of those that have come before us. We repay our favors by mentoring and helping those that will follow..." Well said, Patrick.

Thank you and congratulations to Patrick Buckley!

2004 Colorado Chapter ICC Meeting Dates

April 22-23 • Aspen / Snowmass
June 18 • Winter Park
August 5-6 • Delta - Montrose
October 22 • Boulder County
December 9-10 • Colorado Springs

This report is to provide the status of current bills being watched and add new one that we will be watching.

HB 1063: HB 1063 is a bill that we need to watch because it will affect us both personally and operationally if we utilize cellular telephones and/or mobile communication devices (radios). This bill would make using a cell phone or radio a secondary traffic offense. The bill defines “emergency”, “hands-free device”, and “mobile communication device”. This may be considered an unfunded mandate if you do not already have hands-free communications devices.

Current Status: This bill has been P.I.’d. P.I. stands for Postpone Indefinitely, which means the bill is dead and not going anywhere this session. This bill will now drop off our radar scope.

HB 1087: This bill is concerning the establishment of the highest degree of care in the defense of a negligence claim under the high voltage power line statutes by proof of compliance with the applicable standard of the National Electrical Code. This one doesn’t really affect us, but you should be aware of it just in case it passes and you get a call.

Current Status: House Committee on Transportation & Energy Committee passed an amended bill to the House Committee as a whole.

HB 1115: This is the Sunset bill for the State Board of Registration for the Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors. This basically extends the Board to July 1, 2013. We will be watching this one for the membership.

Current Status: House Committee on Business Affairs and Labor passed an amended bill to the House Committee as a whole. The vote was 13-0.

HB 1141: This bill is a new bill to create State Charter Schools. It parallels the current requirements for school districts. However, there are some big changes that mainly affect school districts and have a possible impact on local jurisdictions. Currently, charter schools are regulated somewhat by the school districts and the main one how many charters are allowed in a district. This bill would eliminate a state charter from getting that approval. Therefore, a jurisdiction could experience several state charter schools being built. There is new language that will hit your planning departments. This bill is



159 pages long; however, Carolynne White of CML has already spent the time researching what we need to review. Pages 118 through 121 are the pages to review.

Current status: House Committee on Education passed an amended bill to the House Committee as a whole. The vote was 6-5. On second reading, was sent to Appropriations. Passed Appropriations 9-2, unamended.

HB 1176: This bill, if passed, will be under the Colorado Division of Housing (DOH). This would require anyone receiving a grant from the DOH to construct or rehabilitate the housing in conformity with standards of “Universal Design”, in other words a building code. The DOH has already adopted the IMC and IPC. If this bill passes, we will need to be ready to work with the DOH to adopt the rest of the I-Codes.

Current Status: This bill has been P.I.’d.

HB 1182: This is a new Meth Lab Clean-up bill. The bill requires use of the “Cleanup of Clandestine Methamphetamine Labs Guidance Document”. I do have a copy of the final draft, but not the finished product. I’ll get one to have available for anybody who wants it. The CDPHE will need to adopt rules for the state for cleanup of these meth labs. What this bill does, is it protects a landlord from being sued by a future tenant or buyer if they have cleaned their property and it has been declared safe for human habitation. Everyone that has adopted one of the following: Uniform Housing Code, Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings or the International Property Maintenance Code will be responsible for these dangerous buildings. This is nasty business and you need to get up to date and involved so you know what you are doing. This bill will probably get passed.

Current Status: This bill WAS heard by the Health, Environment, Welfare and Institutions Committee and passed amended to the House as a Whole by 9-2 vote.

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Lazy Acres Girl Scout Camp Cheryl Scott

"As the fire dies down to embers, I remember days gone by, I remember Lazy Acres and will until I die." This is a song that has been sung by Girl Scouts for many years. They are singing about a very special place....Camp Lazy Acres. Located near Rye, Colorado, Lazy Acres offers campers a chance to learn and practice outdoor living skills. They can also explore the natural environment of the Rocky Mountains, enjoying the site to the fullest. At night, there are stars to watch and campfires to sing around. For 57 years girls have come to Lazy Acres to play, explore, sing, dream, and have fun.

Girl Scout camps exist to teach girls respect for the outdoors through organized activities and personal reflection in a safe environment. They learn values and ethics as they explore nature. Outdoor activities provide opportunities for each girl to grow as an individual. The most important outcomes are changes in how she feels about herself, relates to others, develops values, and contributes to her community. The more girls we serve at camp, the more impact we can make upon the future of our country.

In the 90's our camp had fallen into disrepair. The forest had a lot of wood slash that presented a hazard in this massive drought we have been experiencing. We needed more space for the girls to sleep. Tents were falling apart and much of the site had hazardous areas that needed to be torn out.

Into our lives stepped two amazing men who were about to change all that. In 2001 Rob Ragulsky and JD Potter of Pueblo Regional Building Department sat down with me to discuss a proposal for new cabins to be built at Camp Lazy Acres. They explained to me that they belonged to an international group that gives a day of service to organizations. The name of this group was the Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council and if we were chosen as the organization for "Give A Day", they would build one cabin and prepare for more in hopes to build a total of five. They also explained that they would work to get all materials donated and that the chapter would pay for anything that was not donated. In other words, the cabins would cost us nothing!

Does this sound too good to be true? Well it did to me, but working with these two dynamic men made me a believer. They worked tirelessly to design the cabins, and create a proposal for the Colorado Chapter- ICC. Unbelievably, we were chosen and the work began immediately. Rob and JD worked to get the site ready recruiting volunteers from the Pueblo community to help with both labor and materials. They pulled out old foundations and poured new ones, got plans made and materials ordered.

In the fall of 2001, ICC members from across the state came to our camp, working in wind, rain, hail, and snow to put up



our first cabin. We decided that maybe we would have better weather in the spring. So in 2002, we built cabin #2 in glorious mountain sunshine. Well, springtime worked really well so plans were made to build Cabin #3 in the spring of 2003. The first date we had set was cancelled due to 3 feet of snow, but on May 31 members began pouring onto the site in the early morning fog. We enjoyed a day of sunshine, rain... and hail. Hey, this is Colorado- if you don't like the weather, wait 5 minutes, it'll change.

These cabins went up in one day, like an old-fashioned "barn raising". Of course the Pueblo ICC members did a lot of prep work before the actual day. While they were there they would also take care of some of the other problems that we had, fixing water heaters, re-plumbing our well house, building a new shower, replacing broken stairs, and shredding tons of branches.

Now let me tell you about the impact that Give a Day has made on our camp. Because of the efforts and support that the Colorado Chapter- ICC has given us, the camp is looking really good. A long list of repairs has been completed along with the beautiful new cabins. We have been able to restore one camp unit from an overgrown, unsafe, and unused site to one of the most beautiful areas of our camp. We are able to comfortably serve 21 more campers, which has increased how many Girl Scouts we can serve. More smiles, more laughter, more FUN!

The efforts of the ICC members in Pueblo continue

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Legislative Update Continued...

SB 056: This bill may be important on two fronts to all of us. This bill limits the number of bills that can be introduced during a regular session with some exceptions. How this affects us is that 1) a representative or senator that is not friendly to us, is limited on what they can introduce and they will limit their choices to what is really near and dear to them; however, 2) this could hurt us with those representatives and senators that are friendly to us and our concerns because we can't keep going back to them for assistance. We will need to cultivate new friends at the capitol.

Current Status: This bill has been P.I.'d and will drop off of this report.

SB 071: This bill is more for FMAC and the CSFCA than us. It is regarding fireworks and dealing with the regulation of fireworks. Also, containing two new definitions for "firework" and "Permissible Firework" are included. In this bill are fees for licenses with a portion dedicated to educational programs and clarifying when fireworks may be prohibited during an open fire ban. We will need to be ready to assist our sister organizations if they request our help on this bill.

Current Status: The bill was amended and sent to Appropriations.

SB 089: This is another one of those bills we do not need to take any action, but we really need to pay attention because if it passes, we will probably get calls from these manufactured home parks about it. What this bill would do, is require an owner of a manufactured home park that intends to sell, to give the local housing authority and/or the residents first refusal. In words, the owner must notify the resident that he/she intends to sell and give the residents 120 days to decide to form an HOA and buy the park first at the asking price.

Current Status: 5-2 amended (substantially to the point of gutting the bill) and sent to the Senate as a Whole.

SB 121: This bill is concerning the power of local health departments to clean up illegal drug labs. This is not a particularly good bill because it raises the question, "Why would any health department want to do this?" There are no provisions for the county health department to recoup monies expended for these clean ups. Last year a bill was defeated allowing jurisdictions to lien properties that they cleaned up. Also, a question would be, can a county health department post a property and dump the clean up on the local jurisdiction.

Current Status: Passed 7-0 amended to remove "health department" and replace it with "fire department".

SB 157: This bill is trying to clarify who is a lobbyist and who isn't. This bill appears to favor us and our sister organizations. It is suppose to eliminate any person that makes more than 3 appearances on a single issue, rule, rate, or bill before a committee, board or commission not

to have to register as a lobbyist.

Current Status: Sent unamended to the Senate as a Whole.

SB 162: This bill is in regards to the regulation of conveyances and putting the administration in the division of oil and public safety. Conveyances mean elevators and escalators. I have a call in to Randy Pabst for him to review this bill. There is an exemption for home rule jurisdictions. The bill appears to be taking over inspections, issuing permits, etc. This could mean a loss of revenue and a cut in the DRCOG and NWCOG programs, which currently cover 4,686 units.

Current Status: Passed by Business Affairs and Labor with minor amendments to Appropriations. The fiscal report is substantial: \$644,000 and 7.3 FTE's.

You can download any of these bills at www.leg.state.co.us/ then go to the House or Senate and click on bills. Also, if you wish, send me an email and I'll forward the bills of your choice to you.

Most of these bills do not require any action by the Chapter, but we need to watch so that we are educated on them because we will receive the phone calls and we need to be informed.

Respectfully,
Greg Wheeler

Letter to the Editor

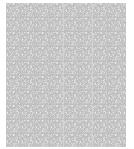
First, kudos to the newsletter committee on the outstanding current November edition. Great graphics, layout and well written content. Second, I'd advise Michelle to have some serious reservations regarding her upcoming marriage to Tom Meyers given his recent curious predilection with the transgendered. Third, given Meyers current chairmanship of the newsletter committee at the pinnacle of his young journalistic career, he needs to learn that the basic premise of journalism is founded on truth. Who can believe a photo of Odie & myself in the "snow" on October 25th? Checking my calendar...Odie was in Kansas that weekend with trainer Carl Sax competing in a National Birddog Challenge, he won 1st place in the overall event. As for myself, I was guiding at the Bluffs Hunt Club for the Safari Club who organizes hunting events for rehabilitating patients from Craig Hospital, trying to do my community service in one capacity or another, although maybe not quite as noble as Roger's truck alternator.

Again, congrats on a very professional newsletter.

Ron Drey, CBO

Vice President, C-West Code Consultants





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Lazy Acres Continued.....

throughout the year, with plumbing projects, woodcutting, wood shredding, and more. Their efforts have been invaluable. Whenever they have a need at camp they reached out into our community for more volunteers. Volunteer efforts have increased enormously. Your “Give a Day” project keeps giving and giving.

I have enjoyed so much working with the members of your organization. What a great group of people. They are kind, caring and giving, a little crazy and a whole lot of fun. They are dedicated to making a difference one day at a time and they have truly enriched all of the Girl Scouts of Columbine Council.

Cheryl Scott
Program Director
Girl Scouts, Columbine Council

Tom Meyers joins Colorado Code Consulting, LLC

Tom Meyers, formerly with the City and County of Broomfield, joined Colorado Code Consulting, LLC in January. CCC is a full service firm providing building department administration, plan review and inspection services, training programs and code consultation. Mr. Meyers was recruited for the position for his code knowledge and diversity, as well as his training abilities. Meyers is proud to join this firm and looks forward to the new opportunities and challenges ahead.

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