

**IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD  
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

**Tuesday – June 12, 2012 – 9:30 a.m. (MT)**

**Division of Building Safety  
1090 East Watertower Street, Suite 150, Meridian, Idaho  
1250 Ironwood Drive, Suite 220, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho  
2055 Garrett Way, Building 1, Suite 4, Pocatello, Idaho**

**NOTE: The following report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting, but is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.**

Chairman Andrew Bick called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. (MT).

**Board Members Present:**

Andrew Bick, Chairman  
Carol Alexander, Vice-Chairman  
Chuck Bleth  
Scott Buck  
Michael Arrington  
Dan Hunter  
Jan Welch  
Dennis Schaffner  
Jeff Garro

**DBS Staff Members Present:**

C. Kelly Pearce, Administrator  
Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator-Operations  
Ron Whitney, Deputy Administrator-Administration  
Patrick Grace, Deputy Attorney General  
Rod Freligh, Regional Manager, Region 1  
Chris Jensen, Regional Manager, Region 3  
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2/Board Secretary

**Board Members Absent:**

Mike Tracy

◆ **Open Forum**

2009 Code Amendments – Steve Martinez, builder/developer chairman for the Building Contractors Association of Southwestern Idaho (BCASWI), presented a letter strongly encouraging the Board to stay with the 2009 code with amendments. A raise of hands showed the majority of audience members were in favor of the BCASWI's recommendation.

It was expressed a state code that renews every six years would be the most beneficial use of everyone's time and energy. Mr. Martinez offered the services of the BCASWI to meet with interested parties and begin the process of drafting a state code.

The Board is currently reviewing the following code options for possible adoption: 1) 2009 code with amendments; 2) 2009 code without amendments; and 3) 2012 code. Should the Board choose to move forward with the 2012 code, it will look at each section independently.

Ed Wagner, chairman of the Idaho Association of Building Officials (IDABO), indicated over 90% of the public code changes to the 2012 code are clarifications and should not add any additional cost to construction. IDABO supports all of the proposed changes to the 2009 code. Mr. Wagner suggested a subcommittee be formed to review all issues in an informal atmosphere.

◆ **Approval of the June 12, 2012 Agenda**

**MOTION:** Michael Arrington made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Dennis Schaffner seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Approval of the April 10, 2012 and April 26, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Dan Hunter made a motion to approve the April 10, 2012 and April 26, 2012 Board meeting minutes as written. Jan Welch seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Public Testimony – 2009 Code Amendments**

2009 IRC-R315.2 – As explained by Jason Blais, city of Boise official, the International Code Council has provided an official interpretation whereby any permit required by the code should initiate the upgrading of carbon monoxide detectors within a home. The interpretation includes exterior work as well. This is inconsistent with the smoke detector portion of the International Residential Code (IRC), which does have exceptions. Several regional states and local jurisdictions have amended and added an exception similar to the smoke detector section of the IRC. The proposed exceptions are: 1) Work involving the exterior surfaces of dwellings, and 2) Permits for noncombustion plumbing or mechanical systems.

**MOTION:** Jan Welch made a motion to accept the amendment to section R315.2 in the 2009 IRC. Michael Arrington seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrick Grace will make the necessary changes to the draft proposal and forward to the Board and Mr. Blais for review.

**ACTION:** Patrick Grace will update the draft proposal and forward to the Board and Mr. Blais.

2009 IBC-Table 2902.1 – A new footnote “j” was added to the 2009 International Building Code (IBC); providing an exception that drinking fountains not be required for occupancy load of 15 or fewer. The city of Boise continues to receive complaints on a weekly basis. Jason Blais, proposed the occupancy load be raised to 30 or fewer. This amendment would also bring consistency with the plumbing code.

The 2009 code currently has no exception for service sinks and every occupancy load must have one. A footnote has been added to the 2012 code where service sinks shall not be required with an occupant load of 15 or fewer. For consistency with drinking fountains, Mr. Blais submitted a proposal to create a new footnote “g” in the 2009 code. The footnote would read: “For business occupancies, excluding restaurants, and mercantile occupancies with an occupant load of 30 or fewer, service sinks shall not be required.”

**MOTION:** Jan Welch made a motion to approve the language currently listed in the proposal by Jason Blais. Michael Arrington seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

2009 IECC 402.4.3 – R402.4.3 of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) specifies gasketed doors on new wood burning fireplaces. This is a life and safety issue, as well as an energy saving concern. The verbiage in 402.4.2 of the 2012 IECC has been changed to tight-fitting flue dampers; solving all three issues.

At the April 2012 Board meeting, Casey J. Bryntesen with Ironstone Distributors, Inc. recommended the language in the 2009 IECC be changed to reflect the 2012 IECC only.

Upon further review, the Division recommended, and the Board agreed, the verbiage in N1102.4.3 of the 2009 IRC should be changed to mirror R402.4.3 of the 2009 IECC.

**MOTION:** Carol Alexander made a motion to approve the amendments to N1102.4.3 of the 2009 IRC and R402.4.3 of the 2009 IECC. Dennis Schaffner seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Proposed Code Change--IBC Section 903.2.7**

The following proposed code change to IBC 903.2.7 has been discussed at several meetings: “A Group M occupancy is used for the display and sale of upholstered furniture or mattresses and exceeds 5000 square feet (464 m<sup>2</sup>) in area.” The change makes the rule less stringent with regard to fire sprinklers in areas that have mattresses.

Upon approval, the proposed change will be promulgated as a temporary rule to coincide with the effective date of the Idaho Fire Code.

**MOTION:** Dan Hunter made a motion to approve the proposed code change to IBC 903.2.7. Scott Buck seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Deputy Administrator Report**

Construction – The Division has begun to see a general uptick in building activity; the biggest emphasis is Ada County.

◆ **Administrator Report**

With the absence of Administrator Pearce, the Administrator Report was deferred to the October meeting.

Northern Idaho Projects – The following project is under construction: 14,000 sq. ft. expansion to casino south of Lewiston for the Nez Perce Tribe.

Eastern Idaho Projects – The following projects are forthcoming or under construction: Casino/hotel complex with recreational facility to include aquatic center, RV park, and 9-hole golf course for Shoshone/Bannock Tribe in Fort Hall; Loves Truck Stop in Idaho Falls; and new Melaleuca headquarters in Idaho Falls.

**MOTION:** Dan Hunter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Buck seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m. (MT).

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ANDREW BICK, CHAIRMAN  
IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD

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C. KELLY PEARCE, ADMINISTRATOR  
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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