

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

October 19, 2011

**1) Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Boeckermann at 9:06 a.m., Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at 6606 Tussing Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

**2) Roll Call:**

Committee members present: Michael Boeckermann, David Hocevar, Jack Pryor, John Senhauser, A. Bailey Stanbery, Chris Tsonton and Craig Tuckerman.

Committee members absent: John Pavlis

Staff members present: Regina Hanshaw and Debbie Ratliff

Visitors present: Matt Peters-ODOC, Scott Jarrell- Nu-Wool Co., Inc., John Todd-Air Conditioning Contractors of Ohio/Arrow Heating, Tom Moore-IAEI, Steve Sliemers-Air Conditioning Contractors of Ohio/American Air, Rocco Fana-ACCA/PHCC, Chris Klaus-OHBA, Tim McClintock-NFPA, Bob DeVries-NuWool, Stacy Weisfield-Consumers Union, Natalie Fox-Sierra Club, Gaylord Poe-IBI, Ronald Branson-OAPI, Rob Eshenbaugh-OHBA, William Deucker-ACCA and Ron Brown-NFSA.

**3) Minutes from August 31, 2011 meeting:**

Mr. Pryor moved to accept the minutes from the August 31, 2011 regular meeting. Mr. Stanbery seconded. Ms. Hanshaw called the roll for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

**4) Agenda**

Chairman Boeckermann requested to add Nu-Wool discussion under old business and to add the Common Sense Initiative Process and the 2012 code books under new business. Mr. Stanbery moved to accept the changes to the agenda. Mr. Tsonton seconded. Ms. Hanshaw called the roll for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

**5) Business Items:**

**a. New Business:**

- i. Applications - Ms. Ratliff presented 7 applications submitted for residential code enforcement personnel. Mr. Hocevar moved to recommend the applications to the OBBS at the September 16, 2011 certification hearing. Mr. Stanbery seconded. Ms. Hanshaw called the roll for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Greene County Commissioners- Ms. Hanshaw reviewed the letter received from the Greene County Commissioners addressed to the Governor's Office referencing the OBC sections on child-proof receptacles, arc fault breakers and the residential sprinklers. Ms. Hanshaw responded to the Commissioner's Office explaining the RCO process and the work being done. Mr. Tim McClintock spoke to the committee about his findings from major breaker manufacturers and that the problems are misapplication of the switches. U.L. has had no reported problems with their testing. Mr. Tom Moore discussed the problem being 3 way switches in

the actual lamp not the wall switch. Ms. Hanshaw will be following up with a call to the Commissioner's office in the next week.

- iii. Greg Nichols- Ms. Hanshaw reviewed the code comment from Mr. Nichols and explained that any comments on the RCO draft came to the RCAC for review. Mr. Senhauser did not have a chance to review the request. The committee asked to table the issue and requested clarification from Mr. Nichols.

**b. Old Business:**

- i. CSI—Ms. Hanshaw reviewed the form from the Lieutenant Governor's Office on the Common Sense Initiative stating she would have a draft of the responses for the 18 questions on the form.
- ii. Nu-Wool- Mr. Bob DeVries explained to the committee that they had received the 12 model homes and they selected three, one from Toledo, one from Columbus and one from Cincinnati. He sent his findings to Mr. Pavlis who said he would get back in touch with him. He also stated his concern on the exchange rate not being addressed in the code. R15 w/6ACH would need mechanical Ventilation. Mr. Senhauser stated he had not received the information sent but he is concerned w/ 4ACH. Dampness and mold was brought up previously by Tony Crasi. He also stated there were no long term data on ACH results. Mr. DeVries requested they be treated as two separate issues. Chairman Boeckermann asked that he work with BBS staff and the team that worked on the energy study and produce a draft. Mr. Senhauser reminded everyone again that the performance method could still be used.
- iii. 2012 IRC- Ms. Hanshaw explained that Mr. Pavlis requested the books and how to use the code book with the significant change book. Mr. Stanbery wanted to make sure the code would be reviewed by the committee as a whole and would like for it to go into effect 1/1/13. Mr. Stanbery moved to compare the 2012 to the 2009 and 2006. Mr. Tsonton second. Under discussion.  
Mr. Pryor asked if the 2012 IRC would be compared to the 2009 RCO draft.  
Mr. Senhauser asked if it would be instead of the 2009 RCO draft.  
Chairman Boeckermann stated major changes could always be added to the code.  
Mr. Tsonton stated a code needs to be in place for a while, not changed every few years. He also stated he would like more time to review the draft.  
Chairman Boeckermann stated there would be an additional 2 months review for the CSI process.  
Mr. Matt Peters explained the CSI pilot program from the Lt. Governor's Office is to be based on the 2009 RCO draft. He stated he didn't think it made sense to review the code every three years but to look at the portions of the 2009 that have problems and use the 2012 for that purpose. The Directors office would like to see the 2009 RCO move forward and then begin reviewing the 2012 IRC.  
Mr. Stanbery stated that he believed it made more sense to look at the whole 2012 IRC instead of the draft.  
Mr. Peters reminded the committee that the Directors office was looking at the 2009 RCO draft for the CSI program.  
Mr. Tsonton recalled his second. Motion died with lack of second.

**6) Reports from the Chairperson:**

Chairman Boeckermann apologized to Mr. Senhauser for not being informed of the last meeting being cancelled. Chairman Boeckermann stated that when the dates for the next year are set in January there will always be a meeting as long as there is a quorum. It didn't matter who would not be able to attend.

**7) Reports from the Executive Secretary:**

Ms. Hanshaw announced that the commercial codes would go into effect on 11/1/11 and there are certain chapters that are still tied to the RCO. The Board is sending out a memo to all building departments explaining that the old RCO should still be used for those chapters and not to use the new commercial code. Ms. Hanshaw stated the board found a vendor for the on line training and it would start in a month or so. The training will be available for contractors and designers also.

**8) Public comments:**

Mr. Tom Moore wanted the committee to know he was available for any questions they may have. He also wanted to remind them the NEC was an international code and that there are problems with people in the field having to be cross trained on two different codes. He requested the committee consider moving the NEC portion forward even if they decide not to use the 2009 RCO draft.

Mr. Tim McClintock explained that the NEC code change is an open process and is ANSI accredited with 450 volunteers, there is no particular interest group that works on the code changes. 17 states have adopted the 2011 NEC and 6 are in the process. On behalf of the NFPA he requested the committee move forward.

Mr. John Todd stated the ACCA was aware of the air change issues but they have seen air changes below 4/5. He asked again about the exception on certified braziers for 5/8 copper. He was reminded that it was an ORC issue and not under the rules. He was told that ACCA needed to work with a legislator to have the change to the law. Mr. Peters told him the Directors office would be happy to work with them.

Ms. Stacy Weisfeld stated she was in support of the 2009 IECC or equivalent and in a recent survey by Consumer Reports 82% of homeowners thought there should be a national energy code and 75% said they would pay more up front for a home for the energy savings.

**9) Comments from the Committee Members:**

Mr. Hocevar thanked the Board for the new books.

**10) Legislative report:**

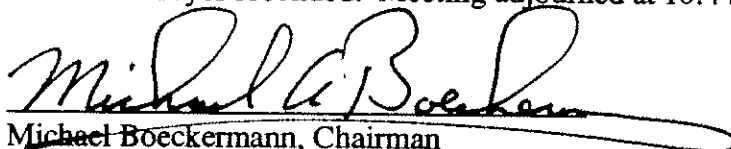
None at this time.

**11) Future meetings:**

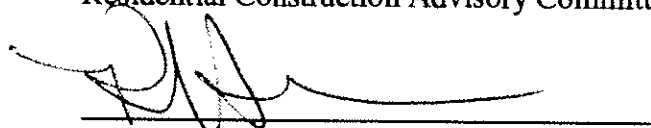
- a. RCAC - Next meeting is to be held November 30, 2011.
- b. OBBS - Conference Meeting and Certification Hearing November 4, 2011.

**12) Adjournment:**

Mr. Stanbery moved to adjourn and Mr. Pryor seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.



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