

Unified Code Committee
Meeting Recap of January 18, 2007

Chairman Matt Adair, Deputy CBO for City of DeLand, called the Unified Code Committee (UCC) meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Committee members and Associates did self-introductions.

Mr. Roy Lenois, Artisian Pools and representing NSPI, noted that FBC does not properly address fencing around pools but the ASTM standard contains language that local governments could adopt. However, UCC members determined that would require a local technical amendment.

Cy Butts, CBO for City of Deltona, brought up NEC 250.50 Grounding Electrode System in building construction for discussion. Cy asked if anyone is accepting the Ufer (concrete-enclosed electrode) system and several building officials gave an affirmative response. Following discussions, UCC members determined they will require the Ufer system but they will allow contractors to come up with their own method to comply with the code.

Roy Lenois discussed NEC 680.26 (C) Equipotential Bonding Grid that is to reduce voltage gradients (stray electricity) in the pool area. Roy referenced information distributed from the 2008 National Electrical Code standard and the proposal for the FBC. Members discussed some alternatives of copper mesh or rebar in the pool decking. Roy relayed that pool contractors want local governments to state what bonding material they want so there's local consistency.

Motion by Joe Crum, CBO for City of Port Orange, that UCC accept the BOAF Informal Interpretation #4856 for paved (concrete) decks and that local governments use that as their guideline; the motion was **Seconded** by Cy Butts and **Carried Unanimously** on voice vote.

Motion by Joe Crum that UCC accept copper in the paver (non porous) decks until such time that an alternative be brought out that may be equivalent to the copper grid; the motion was **Seconded** by Cy Butts. Matt suggested an amendment to the motion to include bonding jumper between the two grid systems which was accepted by Joe Crum. On a voice vote, the motion with amendment, was **Carried Unanimously**.

On a **Unanimously Carried Motion**, members approved the Policy Guideline on the Vacuum Suction Eliminator, as revised. On a **Unanimously Carried Motion**, members reaffirmed the Policy Guidelines on the Alarm Attachment for Swimming Pools and the Longshore and Harbor Notice. Action was deferred until the February UCC meeting on the revised Policy Guideline on Roofing Permitting and Inspection Procedures to give members an opportunity to review changes.

Joe Crum distributed a copy of the City of Port Orange proposed draft of its revised building permit and building permit related fees. He encouraged members to take document for their information and provide him with any comments. There followed brief members' discussion.

Doug Harvey, Training & Codes Administrator for Building Officials Association of Florida, announced that BOAF has training programs available and is also willing to hold training at local sites.

The next UCC meeting date was rescheduled from February 15th to February 8th due to anticipated traffic congestion in Race Week.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.