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CHAPTER MEET- ING SCHEDULE

- July 21, 2010
- September 15, 2010
- November 17, 2010
- January 18, 2011
- March 16, 2011

All meetings are held at
Golden Corral—2605 E
Grapevine Mills Circle—
11:30 .

Check out the class counts for
each track—based on the entire
week.

1. Architecture—378
2. Code Enforcement—415
3. Electrical—114
4. Engineering—336
5. Environmental Health—
101
6. Fire Prevention—202
7. Green Building—148
8. IBC—177
9. International Energy
Code—134
10. IPC, IMC, & IFGC—141
11. IRC—198
12. Permit Tech—150

13. Plan Review—248

14. Planning—188

15. Public Works/Streets and
Drainage—98

16. Residential Construction &
Inspection—148

17. Special Topics—126

Grand total—3310

President: Mary Stephens—City
of Plano

Vice President: Helen Mapple-
beck—Bureau Veritas

Treasurer: Holly Blake—City of
Southlake

Recorder: Dorothy A'Latorre—
City of Plano



CONGRATULATIONS BPI WINNERS

The North Central Texas Permit
Technician Chapter held a
drawing for registered members
to win a class at BPI. The draw-
ing was geared towards cities
who cut BPI out of their budget
during these economic times.

Drum roll please.....The winners
are:

- Kristy Smith—City of
Glenn Heights
- Patty Stringer—City
of Fairview

Congratulations Permit
Technicians.



SPECIAL EVENTS- COMMUNITY SERVICE

Every year the chapter supports local charities and families within our communities.



In the last few years the need is greater than ever before.

For the July 21st meeting, members are collecting school supplies for local school districts and students.

In September, the chapter will collect non-perishable

food for families within our communities just in time for the holidays.

During November, the chapter will then start collecting socks for our sock drive for the cold winter.

Please come out and support these charities



and your local families.

If you have a charity or cause you are passionate about, please let us know.



We are always open to suggestions and would like the opportunity to serve our communities further.



Memorial Day—May 31st

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Commemorating a 30 year legacy of leadership:

After three decades of success, the Code Council and ICC Foundation (ICCF) have expanded Building Safety Week into a month-long campaign that will be celebrated in May to increase awareness of



the critical importance of building and designing safe, sustainable and green structures in the United States and around the world.

Building Safety Month Toolkits are available for download. You can participate in the "I-Support" Campaign, become

a fan of Building Safety Month on Facebook, or follow the Building Safety Twitter page.

It takes everyone in a community to keep our homes, schools, offices, stores and other buildings safe.



"Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius and a lot of courage to move in the opposite direction." E.F. Schumaker

INNOVATING OUR WAY OUT OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION

Historically, recessions have been a time when new companies, like Microsoft, get born, and good companies separate themselves from their competition. When times are tight, people look for new, less expensive ways to do old things. Necessity breeds invention.

Therefore, the country that

uses this crisis to make its population smarter and more innovative—and endows its people with more tools and basic research to invent new goods and services—is the one that will not just survive but thrive down the road. We might be able to stimulate our way back to stability, but we can only invent our way

back to prosperity. We need everyone at every level to get smarter.

Invent, Invent, Invent!!!

With invention, comes ideas, blue prints, building, jobs, money, spending...Prosperity.

Source—New York Times



HOW DO YOU MAKE AND CONVEY DECISIONS?

How do you make a decision when called upon? Do you call upon your memory? Do you just decide to do it "how it has always been done"? Do you review the code section dealing with the issue and then make your decision? Which is best? Your memory is a valuable tool, and for a lot of us, fairly accurate. "It has always been done this way" may work in some instances, but have you asked "Why do we do it this way?" "Just because we always have" really isn't an answer you want to defend. If you take the time to revisit the code, you will "never" be wrong. When applied correctly, you will always be consistent. I don't know about you, but through the years, if I have heard one complaint about our chosen profession, it is consistency. Most contractors, if asked, will reply, "I don't care what your rules are. I just want to know what they are so I can follow them, complete my project, and move on to the next one."

How we as code professionals present our decisions or opinions can have a tremendous affect on the person or persons receiving the information. All too often, the person receiving the information is already wired for a dispute, especially if the decision or opinion does not suit their particular situation. Do you offer to meet with them in your office to discuss the situation? Do you offer to meet them at their construction site to discuss the problem? If you are truly understanding of their feelings and how your decision will affect this person, your concern will come across. You can be sympatric, yet firm. If you present your decision with a "this is what the code says, and this is what you shall attain," you may



achieve compliance, but you haven't done your job. Since you are the AHD (Authority Having Jurisdiction), it's your

call or interpretation that counts. Check to see if there is a way to satisfy the intent of the code, thus allowing some flexibility in a "Yes or No" answer. Don't compromise safety or minimum code, and if the situation gets to that point, you are paid to make the right decision, not the easy one. Just take a little time to explain the reason for your decision based on safety and compliance with minimum code. Then, most important of all, be consistent. It has been my experience that people may not like what you require them to do, but if everyone else is being required to do the same thing, they can abide with the decision. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care, and remember: the art of "diplomacy" is having someone do what they don't want to do, but feel it was their idea to change and/or compromise.



Have a safe and fun summer.

"Life isn't a matter of milestones but of moments"

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy

SUNSHINE REPORT

Robin Thompson with Bureau Veritas is the Chapter's Sunshine Representative.

Robin sends homemade cards that she makes to chapter members who have had a baby, death in the family, congratulations, etc.....

If you think of anyone who is need of a card please let

Robin know. Her e-mail address is robin.thompson@us.bureauveritas.com

Current recipients;

- Shyanne Tibbs—City of Haslet—new baby
- Dianna Brawner—City of Southlake—new grand baby

- Holly Blake—City of Southlake—death in the family

Thank you to Robin for providing such a wonderful service.



Website is under construction

WWW.NCTPTC.ORG

The chapter is happy to announce that the website will be up and running by July. Once it is up, you will have access to minutes, financial reports, and agendas. Another perk is communication with other cities for polling fees, guidelines and ordinances. Certification tools are available for those who need to become certified and for those who need to maintain their certification.



Webinar Course Schedule:

- **June 10, 2010**—2006 IBC Accessibility for Residential Properties
- **July 21, 2010**—Managing Distressed Properties for Code Officials

New Code Books

The chapter purchased a set of 2009 Code Books. As a member you have access to these books for study purposes.



P E R M I T T E C H S M A K E I T H A P P E N

Budgets Tight, Travel Restricted and Still Need CEUs?

Because of the important role that continuing education plays in keeping the built environment safe, the Code Council is making available a variety of distance learning opportunities that will provide easy access to affordable training. Distance learning reaps benefits in increased job performance, decreased travel time and decreased costs. The Code Council offers:

ICC Campus Online

Available 24/7, the Campus provides anytime, anywhere access to training. The Campus features courses that provide detailed instruction on codes, along with popular certification practice courses that allow you to practice answer

questions in an online environment. The online Campus benefits include the ability to learn at your own pace. Each course provides a 99-day subscription so you can return to the course as often as you wish to review the material and test your knowledge. For more information, [click here](#).

Webinars

Webinars bring the reality of the classroom to your desktop. These scheduled events allow you to log in and learn. Each webinar features a live instructor viewable on your computer monitor, a downloadable handout that you use throughout the event and can refer to later, and a live question-and-answer session where you are able to interact with the instructor. One of the best benefits of the live webinars is the ability to bring the foremost

experts right to you. Webinar instructors are selected for their expertise on the topic. [Click here](#) to get details on upcoming webinars.

Custom Webinars

Need training that includes local amendments, on a tight schedule, for select topics, with staff in multiple locations that need access to training? Your special requirements can be easily met with a customized webinar. Customized webinars allow us to broadcast the training you want directly to you. Call us at (888) ICC-SAFE (422-7233), ext. 33818 to schedule a custom webinar today.

For more information on how the Code Council can meet your training needs, drop us a line at seminars@iccsafe.org.

