



INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

IAC Meeting Overview: March 28, 2013

The International Code Council's *Industry Advisory Committee* convened on March 28 in Washington, D.C. at the office of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). The following is an overview of the meeting:

- Chair Michael Gardner, Gypsum Association and Vice Chair, Wanda Edwards, RCI, Inc., presided over the meeting. They were previously elected to a 2 year term, 2013-2014, at the September 25, 2012 IAC meeting.
- Chairman Gardner noted that his recommendations for the IAC Executive Committee were being developed.
- ICC staff briefed the IAC on a number of Codes and Standards topics, noting a considerable increase in the volume of code changes to be considered at the upcoming Group B Committee Action Hearings to be held April 21 – 30, 2013 in Dallas. Staff indicated that this would in all likelihood result in a very full agenda for the Public Comment Hearings to be held October 2 – 10, 2013 in Atlantic City.
- During the Codes and Standards briefing, a new item was raised relative to the update process for I-Code referenced standards. Concerns were noted regarding significant technical revisions to referenced standards which are then updated administratively to the next edition of the standard as part of the Group B Administrative update code change. Specifically, these significant revisions are not vetted in the ICC process other than being part of a code change to update the referenced standards as identified by the respective Standards Developing Organizations. The response by some IAC members was that it was appropriate to update the standards in this fashion and that if there are concerns with the revisions, they should be addressed in the standards update process and not the ICC process. This item will likely be included on the next IAC agenda.
- Steve Jones, ICC Board Vice President and liaison to the IAC, briefed the IAC on current Board activities, acknowledging the IAC's support for the current three year cycle and briefing the IAC on ICC's high school training program efforts where students are introduced to building code activities.
- As part of the cdpACCESS update, a concern was raised relative to the implementation of cdpACCESS's voting protocol following the Public Comment Hearing (PCH). Specifically, CP 36 Financial Assistance indicates that contributions of financial assistance to Governmental Member Voting Representatives (GMVR) are limited in accordance with the policy. A hypothetical example was cited where a GMVR with a proprietary interest in a code change was funded to attend the PCH and thus prohibited from voting by policy. The question raised was whether this GMVR was similarly prohibited from voting on the same code change when it is considered during the Governmental Consensus Vote which occurs online following the PCH. The IAC passed a motion to request this issue be identified on the Board's July agenda and the IAC will further consider this at the next IAC meeting.

- Board Secretary/Treasurer, Guy Tomberlin, briefed the IAC on the Board initiative entitled Vision 2023. This effort speaks to both the short term and long term viability of ICC and includes a review of all ICC policies and procedures. Guy noted the effort will also include a membership comment period which will be posted on the ICC website.
- Staff briefed the IAC on the activities of the Government Relations and Evaluation Services departments. It was acknowledged that the IAC supports the current 3 year cycle but at the same time some states are considering I-Code adoption on a 6 year cycle. IAC members interested in assisting GR on this issue are encouraged to contact the GR department.
- Formal minutes of the IAC proceedings will be available on the [IAC webpage](#).
- Following the meeting, the next meeting date was established. The next meeting of the IAC will take place August 26, 2013 at the office of Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) in Washington D.C.