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**ROP MEETING MINUTES**  
**Building Code – Life Safety Technical Committee**  
**on Health Care Occupancies**  
December 10-11, 2009 Meeting  
Embassy Suites Hotel Cleveland – Downtown

**1. Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair David Klein at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at the Embassy Suites Hotel Cleveland – Downtown, Cleveland, OH.

**2. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests.**

The following committee members and guests were in attendance.

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>REPRESENTING</u></b>
David Klein, Chair	US Department of Veterans Affairs
Ron Coté, Nonvoting Secretary	NFPA
James Ambrose, Principal	Code Consultants, Inc.
Kenneth Bush, Principal	Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office Rep. International Fire Marshals Association
Michael Crowley, Principal	The RJA Group, Inc.
Samuel Dannaway, Principal	S. S. Dannaway Associates, Inc. Rep. American Society of Safety Engineers
Buddy Dewar, Principal	National Fire Sprinkler Association
Alice Epstein, Principal	CAN Insurance
Douglas Erickson, Principal	American Society for Healthcare Engineering

A. Richard Fasano, Principal (Alt. to D. Hood)	Russell Phillips & Associates Inc. Rep. NFPA Health Care Section
Gary Furdell, Principal	State of Florida, Agency for Healthcare Administration
David Hood, Principal	Russell Phillips & Associates, LLC Rep. NFPA Health Care Section
Thomas Jaeger, Principal	Jaeger & Associates, LLC Rep. American Health Care Association
William Koffel, Alternate (Alternate to D. Erickson)	Koffel Associates, Inc. Rep. American Society for Healthcare Engineering
Henry Kowalenko, Principal	Illinois Department of Public Health Rep. NFPA Health Care Section
Peter Larrimer, Principal (Alt. to D. Klein)	US Department of Veterans Affairs
Brian Prediger, Principal	US Department of the Army
Terry Schultz (Alt. to J. Ambrose)	Code Consultants, Inc.
George Stevens, Principal	US Department of Health & Human Services/Indian Health Services
Peter Tately, Principal	Siemens Industry Rep. American Health Care Association
Michael Widdekind, Principal	Zurich Services Corporation

**GUESTS**

**NAME**

Amy Carpenter

Margaret Calkins

Phil Jose

**REPRESENTING**

Wallace Roberts & Todd

Pioneer Network

P. R. Jose & Associates, Inc.

Bonnie Kantor

Pioneer Network  
Rep. National Long-term Care Life  
Safety Task Force

Peter Leszczak

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

**NAME**

**REPRESENTING**

Wayne Carson, Principal

Carson Associates, Inc.

John Fishbeck, Principal

The Joint Commission

Donald Harris, Principal

California Office of Health Planning  
& Development

Daniel O'Connor, Principal

Aon/ Schirmer Engineering  
Corporation

Sandra Stevens, Principal

Adams County Regional Medical  
Center

**3. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of the October 24, 2007 meeting were approved as written and distributed.

**4. Meeting Operating Procedures.**

Staff presented a PowerPoint file reminding members of the revision cycle calendar, meeting operating procedures, actions that the committee could take at the ROP meeting, and features of the "e-mail" letter ballot that will be used to record the written vote on the committee actions on the proposals.

**5. Occupancy Chapter\_\_2.4 Subsection Review.**

Committee proposals were developed and accepted to revise the 2.4 subsection of the occupancy chapters, for which the committee has responsibility, for consistency with the action taken by the Means of Egress Committee.

**6. Smoke Barrier Door Latching.**

No action required based on revision to Chapter 8 proposed by Detention and Correctional Occupancies Committee which will make smoke barrier latching conditional on it being required by the applicable occupancy chapter.

**7. Standardization of Language Where Supervision of Sprinkler Systems Is Required.**

No action needed. Sprinkler provisions under committee's purview correctly state what is expected with respect to supervision.

**8. Consistency of List Based Options – i.e., when all conditions must be met or some conditions must be met.**

Committee proposals were developed and accepted to revise the list-based provisions to clarify intent.

**9. Nurse Servers in Corridor Walls.**

Committee proposal was developed and accepted to clarify the issue.

**10. QR Sprinkler Exemption 19.3.5.8.**

Issue addressed by committee action on Proposal 101-317.

**11. ABHR Hands Free.**

Issue addressed by committee-generated proposal.

**12. ABHR Alcohol Percentage.**

Issue addressed by committee-generated proposal.

**13. FRTW Supports.**

No action required.

**14. Smoke Barriers in Basements.**

No action taken.

**15. Changing 12-yr Phase-in to 9-yrs.**

Issue addressed by committee-generated proposal.

**16. Defining AHC “Outpatient”.**

Retain subject on agenda for next revision cycle. Subject related to a verbal report that CMS wants to define AHC to include more than 24-hr stay so as to prevent providers from transferring incapable patients to hotels.

**17. Nursing Home Fires Report.**

Information noted as received.

## **18. Core Chapter ROP Changes Review.**

Proposed changes to the core chapters were reviewed. Committee proposals were developed and accepted to correlate the related portions of the assembly occupancy chapters or maintain the status quo.

## **19. NFPA 101 ROP Preparation.**

All proposals were addressed. See the ROP letter ballot.

## **20. NFPA 5000 ROP Preparation.**

All proposals were addressed. See the ROP letter ballot.

## **21. Other Business.**

**Health Care Summit.** Robert Solomon advised that NFPA will sponsor a two-day summit on health care trends. The summit will be held in Baltimore in June or July of 2010. Technical committee member travel expenses will be paid by NFPA.

**Corridor Clutter.** A task group was formed to work prior to the ROC meeting to address corridor clutter. The task group consists of: David Hood (Chair), Ken Bush, Buddy Dewar, Tom Jaeger, Bill Koffel, Brian Prediger, David Sine and a to-be-named representative of the Pioneer Network.

## **22. Future Meetings.**

The committee will meet on Tuesday-Wednesday, October 19-20, 2010 to prepare its portion of the NFPA 101 and NFPA 5000 ROC, as part of a ROC committee week in New Orleans.

## **23. Adjournment.**

The meeting was recessed at 5:40 p.m. on December 10, reconvened at 7:30 a.m. on December 11, and adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

## **Attachments**

Minutes prepared by Ron Coté and Linda MacKay