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ROP MEETING MINUTES

Building Code – Life Safety Technical Committee on Board and Care Facilities

Tuesday, December 8, 2009
Embassy Suites Hotel Cleveland – Downtown

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by Chair Chad Beebe at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at the Embassy Suites Hotel Cleveland - Downtown, Cleveland, OH.
2. **Introduction of attendees.** The following committee members and guests were in attendance:

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Chad Beebe, Chair	Washington State Department of Health
Gregory Harrington, Nonvoting Secretary	NFPA
Gregory Austin, Principal	Gentex Corporation Rep. National Electrical Manufacturers Association
Justin Biller, Principal	Roanoke County Office of Building Safety
Andrew Blum, Principal	Exponent, Inc.
Warren Bonisch, Principal	Aon/Schirmer Engineering Corporation
Harry Bradley, Principal	Maryland State Fire Marshals Office – Rep. Int'l Fire Marshals Association
Virgil Hall, Principal	US Department of Veterans Affairs

Ken Isman, Principal	National Fire Sprinkler Association, Inc.
Thomas Jaeger, Principal	Jaeger and Associates, LLC
Phillip Jose, Principal	P. R. Jose & Associates
James Lathrop, Principal	Koffel Associates, Inc.
Cindy Mahan, Principal	Friendship Community Care, Inc. – Rep. American Network of Community Options & Resources
Daniel Nichols, Principal	State of New York, Department of State
John Rickard, Principal	Olicon Design
Jon Taluba, Principal	Russell Phillips & Associates, LLC

GUESTS

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REPRESENTING

Dan Finnegan	Siemens Fire
Paul D. Martin	NYS Fire Prevention & Control
Robert Solomon	NFPA Staff
Joe Versteeg	Versteeg Associates
Karl Wiegand	National Fire Sprinkler Association

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

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REPRESENTING

Randy McDermott, Principal	US Department of Health & Human Services
Paul Patty, Principal	Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
Terry Schultz, Voting Alternate	Code Consultants, Inc.

3. **Approval of minutes.** The minutes of the October 24, 2007 meeting were approved as written and distributed.
4. **Riverview IRA multiple-fatality fire, Wells, New York** – Dan Nichols and Paul Martin, New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control. The committee heard a presentation on the subject fire which occurred March 2009 and resulted in four fatalities. The facility opened in 2008 and was protected by an NFPA 13D sprinkler system. The fire originated outside the building and spread throughout the combustible, nonsprinklered attic. The committee developed several proposals to revise NFPA 101 and NFPA 5000 based on the lessons learned from the fire - see the Report on Proposals.
5. **Staff Report** – G. Harrington. Staff gave a brief presentation on the document revision process and meeting procedures.
6. **Occupancy chapter __.2.4 subsection review.** The committee reviewed the proposal developed by the TC on Means of Egress to standardize on the use of the term ‘Number of Means of Egress’ and developed several committee proposals to accomplish this. See the Report on Proposals for the actions.
7. **Smoke barrier door latching.** The committee reviewed the issue pertaining to requirements for smoke barrier door latching. Based on action taken prior to this meeting by the TC on Detention and Correctional Occupancies, no further action was required.
8. **Systems commissioning.** The committee reviewed the issue pertaining to referencing NFPA 3, a new standard under development to address commissioning. Based on action taken prior to this meeting by the TC on Detention and Correctional Occupancies, no further action was required.
9. **NFPA 101 core chapter ROP draft.** The committee reviewed the core chapter draft and developed several committee proposals in response. See the Report on Proposals for the actions.
10. **NFPA 101 proposals.** The committee acted on all of the submitted public proposals and developed several committee proposals. See the Report on Proposals for the actions.
11. **NFPA 5000 proposals.** The committee acted on all of the submitted public proposals and developed several committee proposals. See the Report on Proposals for the actions.
12. **Standardization of sprinkler system supervision language.** The committee was advised of the request by the Technical Correlating Committees to standardize the language pertaining supervised vs. electrically supervised sprinkler systems. It was determined that no action was required.
13. **Consistency of list-based options.** Staff reported this is another item from the TCC planning meeting. It was requested that TCs review their requirements that include lists to verify that it’s clear when all of the items in the list must be met,

or only one of the items in the list must be met. The committee reviewed all list-based requirements under its purview and developed several committee proposals to provide the requested clarification. See the Report on Proposals for the actions.

14. **Other business.** The chair appointed a task group to further review the issue of carbon monoxide (CO) detection in board and care facilities to report back with a recommendation at the Report on Comments meeting. The task group members are: Justin Biller, Daniel Nichols, and Jon Taluba.
15. **Future meetings.** The committee will meet the week of October 18, 2010, in New Orleans, to prepare the Reports on Comments (ROCs) for the 2012 editions of NFPA 101 and NFPA 5000. The exact date and location will be provided when available.
16. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Attachments