

## May 13, 2014 Region VIII Plans Examiner's Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:05am by Phil Prisco

In attendance were Phil Prisco, Matt Black, Jim Bodnar, Steve Stafford, Karolee Towe, Leon Yoder, and Fernanda Brooks. No agenda items were emailed to me, so the floor was open to discussion.

Matt Black described a situation with residential multiple wythe masonry walls in a structural capability. A contractor in Hampton was contesting that these two wythes had to be bonded together with ties and grouting of the collar joint. The consensus of the group was that in a structure situation where a floor system bears on this multiple wythe assembly, they must be bonded together per ACI 530.

Leon Yoder asked the group what each locality was enforcing for freeboard. He mentioned that they just adopted three foot freeboard in Norfolk.

Two new plan reviews were introduced – Ms. Karolee Towe from James City County and Ms. Fernanda Brooks from Norfolk. We hope to see them again in the future!

Matt Black asked the group if they were enforcing the requirement of FEMA TB-2. Specifically solid grouting of foundation masonry walls below BFE and the requirement of fiberglass doors instead of steel installed below BFE.

Jim Bodnar informed the group that under the 2012 code cycle, chapter 34 of the IBC will be deleted and refer you directly to the IEBC. Jim says it can be a bit tricky to navigate this book and recommends that we as a group sit down at a later date and discuss a uniform regional enforcement approach. This will also assist reviewers that have never used this standard in the past. We will revisit this topic to get feedback at the next meeting.

Steve Stafford mentioned an AWC webinar on the Wood Deck Construction Guide (DCA6 - 2012 IRC Version). Phil Prisco will email out that invitation with the minutes.

Phil Prisco passed on to any prospective CFM's that Ken Somerset in Poquoson is administering a CFM test in Chesapeake on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Phil Prisco will also send this info out with the minutes.

Matt Black asked which if any other jurisdictions are evaluating mechanical load calculation for new residential construction. Hampton and James City County said yes, while Norfolk and Chesapeake said no due to staffing restrictions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50AM