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Advisory – Code Council Board Acts on Ethics, Sponsorships

The International Code Council Board of Directors has adopted two, new Council Policy statements on Ethics and Sponsorships, and amended Council Policy 10-04, Section 5.0 Chapter Responsibilities. The Board also is in the process of reviewing proposed by-laws changes impacting voter qualifications and voting procedures, which are expected to be posted for comment by the end of February.

“The Board has taken these deliberate actions based upon the work of the President’s Advisory Committee formed in Minneapolis,” said Board President Adolf Zubia. Zubia formed the committee as a first order of business after his election in September 2008 just before the Final Action Hearings, selecting Director Greg Johnson to chair the group. The group held its first meeting while in Minneapolis. “We recognized the need to address these issues, and the subsequent recommendations of the Appeals Board also highlighted these concerns,” Zubia said.

In early December 2008, the Appeals Board recommended review of Council policies along with its recommendation to deny an appeal regarding voting on two final action items at the Minneapolis hearings. The Code Council Board accepted the Appeals Board recommendations in late-December, and has issued an additional statement regarding the recent Final Action Hearing votes. The Code Council Board said, “There will be no re-visitation of votes taken in Minneapolis, and the Appeals process has run its course.” They also said, “Voting on just one code change and then leaving the hearing room is not a violation of the by-laws; however, all attendees are strongly encouraged to stay and vote on all changes.” Reiterating the opinion of the Appeals Board, the Code Council Board said, “The evidence presented did not demonstrate that unqualified individuals were allowed to vote. In the instance where a possible abuse was brought to our attention, staff immediately investigated the issue.”

New Council Policy 37-09 is entitled “Ethics” and sets forth statements on “integrity,” “professional excellence,” “responsibilities of members,” “conflict of interest,” “standards for volunteers,” and “disclosure requirements.” [Click here](#) to review this new policy.

New Council Policy 36-09 is entitled “Sponsorship and Contributions,” and covers issues such as solicitations, contributions, violations and disclosure. [Click here](#) to review this new policy.

The Board’s amendments to CP 10-04, 5.0 Chapter Responsibilities add a new Code of Ethics and define conflicting activities. [Click here](#) to review this document.

The President’s Advisory Committee has proposed bylaws changes that impact voter qualifications and voting procedures, including Article II - Membership, Article X - Code Development Process, and Article XVIII - Amendments to Bylaws. The Board will deliberate later this month and determine language to be forwarded for posting and comment. Actual voting on by-laws changes occurs at the Annual Business Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2009, at the Hilton Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Maryland, with a follow-up mail ballot to all eligible members as provided in the by-laws.



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