



# LOS ANGELES BASIN CHAPTER

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### STRUCTURAL CODE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**August 15, 2019, Thursday, 10:00AM–10:45AM**  
**WebEX Meeting**

2019

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## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at approximately 10:20 am

Committee Member	Jurisdiction/Chapter/Company	Present
Greg Bowser	LBDS	X
Allen Manalansan	LADBS	X
Stephanie Hsiao	COLA	X
Shahen Akelyan	LADBS	
Uykheang Keo	Torrance	X
Philip Yin	LBDS	X
Ted Mirzakhanian	California Code Check	X
Michael Ciorte	DSA (SEAOSC)	X

## 2.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Meeting minutes for June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 reviewed and approved (moved by Shahen, 2nd by Allen).

## 3.0 COMMUNICATION

3.1 ASCE 7-16: Accidental Torsion (Cairo) – to discuss at next meeting Cairo attends.

3.2 General Chapter Meeting on 9/12/19 – Discussion on recent fires

3.3 Significant changes to the IBC on 9/17/19 at County of LA Public Works

## 4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 ASCE 7-16: Review of changes to come at a later meeting.

### Action Item(s):

- Greg has shared a link to presentation notes from ASCE 7-16 Changes presentation. If you did not receive, please ask and I will share with you.





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4.2 Committee Members Monitor Organizations

4.2.1 Members are responsible for monitoring various organizations (ACI, ASCE, etc...) to report to the committee.

4.2.2 Send links, articles, etc. to me for distribution.

Action Item(s):

- Committee members to send names of any organizations to which they belong or are interested in following.

5.0 EXISTING BUSINESS

5.1 Intermodal Shipping Container Repurposed as Buildings or Structures

Action Item(s):

- Final draft to come in the next couple of months.

5.2 LARUCP Recommended Code Amendments for 2019 CBC

Action Item(s):

- This is a living document, so please bring up any corrections, errors, or needed changes.
- Please let me know what items your jurisdiction is adopting.
- Discussion on 3/8" plywood (in September)

5.3 ICC Group B Code Change Proposals

Action Item(s):

- Jurisdictions to fill out positions leading up to PCH
- We will release positions following hearing to assist members in voting

5.4 Web/Social Media Presence and Outreach

Action Item(s):

- Ted will be contacting Gian and Albert to see if there are any ways he can assist.

5.5 Training Topics [Ongoing]

Discussion Point(s):

- Possible topic is ASCE 7-16 revisions, outlining specific changes to ASCE 7 (i.e. Rooftop Solar)
- 2019 Code adoption/revisions may be pursued after new year.
- Miro is working on a training. This is a training geared toward structural plan checking for New Plan Checkers...and those who could use some reminders.





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5.6 Checklist and Standard Development

Discussion Point(s):

- Albert has completed a draft of the Masonry Wall Design Checklist and will be working on General Structural Plan Checklist, which we will review at the next meeting.
- Concrete Moment Frame and Shear Wall Checklist
- Other Checklists and Standards (New or Existing)
- Commitments from members

Action Item(s):

- Please send any items you are interested in reviewing and editing, or if you are willing to help and just want an assignment.
- Steel Moment Frame and QA/QC [LADBS] [2019]
- Shear Wall Checklist [LADBS/COLA] [2019]
- Concrete Moment Frame and Shear Wall Checklist [LADBS/COLA] [2019]
- Wood-framed Prescriptive Provisions
- Update all checklists (Structural Review, Masonry Walls) to 2019 CBC [All items to be addressed in 2019]

6.0 Next Meeting

Tentative next meeting is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup>.

- I am asking each member of the committee to submit on item for discussion during the upcoming meeting. This can be an issue that was recently encountered, a general question, an interesting project, anything. Please help foster discussions and ongoing development in the committee.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT 10:45 am

**NOTES:**

**Please inform the Chairperson at any time prior to the next scheduled meeting if you wish to introduce new business for discussion with the committee. With adequate notice, items requesting committee discussion can be included in the next meeting agenda that will be distributed to the members.**

**For copies of past meeting minutes and other related documents produced by this committee, please refer to the Los Angeles Basin Chapter's website at <http://www.icclabc.org/structural.html>**

