

## Regions Updates

### REGION III

The **ICC Upper Great Plains Region III** met at the 2007 ICC Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada, in an informal informational meeting that included new Wisconsin attendees Henry Kosarzycki, Wisconsin Department of Commerce; President Jack Van Der Weele, **Wisconsin Building Inspectors Association**; Code Development Chair Scott Satula, **Wisconsin Building Inspectors Association**; Region III Board representative from Wisconsin John Crook; and Past President Dave Wheaton, **Wisconsin Building Inspectors Association**.

Registration brochures have been completed for the February 2008 Region III Institute in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. The Institute will, once again, feature an ICC Region III President's Summit. As an added bonus, the **Association of Minnesota Building Officials**, the major chapter sponsor, will offer each attending chapter president a free day of registration. The success of last year's presidents' meeting indicates that this is an effective means of communication with local chapters.

### REGION IV

The **ICC Heartland Region IV Coalition** is working on a Code Official Institute to be held next year in Overland Park. President Mike Davis reported to Code Council Annual Conference attendees in Reno that the chapter wants to keep education centralized within the region and is interested in starting a President's Summit similar to that held by Region III last year. In addition, they have invited Region X to meet with them to explore a mutual-aid disaster-mitigation package using a model program with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

### REGION VII

Acting on behalf of the region, Guy Tomberlin, President of the **Virginia Building and Code Officials Association**, reported to Code Council Annual Conference attendees that all states within Region VII that have Code Council chapters are now members of **Region VII of the International Code Council**. Meetings are held twice a year and average 30 attendees. They have created a Code Development Committee, which took positions on approximately 30 proposals, with 60-percent effectiveness on these

positions. The region had good participation at its last meeting when Code Council Government Relations Senior Advisor Dave Conover gave a presentation on interoperability. The region wants to form an Education Committee and is interested in starting an institute. In addition, they would like to see interaction between the other regions while still maintaining individuality.

## **REGION VIII**

**ICC Region VIII** will hold its Fourth Annual Conference on May 8, 2008, in Myrtle Beach. All other region presidents are invited to attend. The start-up funds came from each of the four state organizations giving \$500 apiece. Now, each state organization joins the region as individual members, holding quarterly meetings with an average of 30 attendees. The first two-day Chapter Education Benefit event will be forthcoming. Cost will be \$120 to government attendees and \$180 to the private sector, with lunch included.

## **REGION IX**

Thanks to the work of Paul Antoine, Past President of **Code Officials of Lower Alabama, Gulf Coast Region IX** was approved for chapter status at the Code Council's Annual Conference in Reno. The state chapters contributed \$1,000 each, and other chapters gave \$100 for start-up funds. They will be starting an education process to rotate among the four states.

## **REGION X**

Formed in 2004, Region X has 12 board members (four from each state). The region donated its Chapter Education Benefit days to the Texas Building Professionals Institute, which had over 1,800 attendees. The region is starting a Code Development Committee and is interested in disaster mitigation training. Region X will be urging members to support Ravi Shah for the 2008 Code Council Board of Directors.