

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



'Code Users', 'Code Geeks' and 'Code Sudoku'.

From time to time I find myself torn between the world of 'Code Users' and 'Code Geeks'. When this happens, I do a lot of soul-searching, because I find myself built as; 50% 'code user' and 50% 'code geek', and these worlds sometimes collide, and I can't be both at the same time.

Code Users:

These people are focused on getting buildings built, and they use the code as the great 'book-of-rules' on building things. The 'code user' generally is not vested in one code interpretation or another, but just wants consistency, so that they can plan for the 'next project'. When faced with strange code interpretations, the 'code user' will want to apply 'common sense' and 'logic', and will complain bitterly when those tools do not prevail.

Code Geeks:

These people are focused on a deep understanding of the codes, right down to the molecular level, and they view the code as sort of a puzzle to be solved, 'Code Sudoku'. If one knows the code well enough...they can solve the puzzle, and gain...satisfaction in knowing that they 'solved the puzzle'. When faced with strange results, the 'code geek' will go deeper and deeper into the code history and background, and be comforted that the results are defensible based on code-lore.

Torn in Half

However, there are times that the 'Code Sudoku' leaves us with a strange result, and frankly, sometimes it doesn't really serve the disabled needs...it is simply the result of 'solving the puzzle'. That is when I'm torn. I am 50% 'Code Geek' myself, and 50% 'code user'. I want to have it both ways. I 'want' the result to be something that actually 'makes sense' and also solves the 'Code Sudoku'. Maybe it is just me, but that dilemma is hard for me to sort through personally.

I guess that is when I seek wise counsel; for it is always good to get some other expert opinions. I know enough to know that I don't know everything.

Focus on the Disabled Needs

Let's not lose sight of the point: All of these rules and decisions are supposed to make the world a little better for the disabled. That is supposed to be the point of it all.