Forest Gump’s observation that “life is like a box of chocolates...you never know what you are going to get” comes to mind with my report this month. Changes to education chairman, webmaster, and golf committee are the reason for this statement.

Marc Meyers, Education Chairman, has accepted a position in Florida effective July 4, 2005. Marc has devoted many hours of time to the BOCOMEONEO continuing education program coordinating classes and obtaining BBS approved credits since taking over the program from former education chairman John Alcorn. H-M-M-M... is there a connection here?

Phil Seyboldt, City of Bedford, OBOA Director, will assume chair of the Education Committee. Phil has a vision for development of the education program you will find refreshing. Many of us can benefit from the knowledge of our membership. Contact Phil or myself to volunteer to serve on the Education Committee.

Dan Kaczor, has accepted the challenge of BOCOMEONEO webmaster. Dan holds a Building Official and Plans Examiner certification and contracts with building departments for plan exam services through his architectural practice. Dan has met with the web site design team and is making needed changes to the website. Expect improvements.

John Marelli, Mayfield Village, is coordinating the golf outing. Player and sponsor forms should be available on the website and are available via email rsmith@willoughbyohio.com.

Wanted: 100+ players and 40+ sponsors. Whether or not you golf you are welcome to come out for the buffet dinner after the outing. There is a cost for the buffet dinner and the golf committee needs to know how many dinners to order.

Scholarship applications are available for any BOCOMEONEO member son or daughter attending college. The scholarship application will also be posted on the website to download.

I continue to urge all members to attend the ICC fall conference in Detroit September 25-Oct 2. Billy Phillips needs our support. If you are an ICC voting member please consider a vote in support of Billy for the ICC Board of Directors. If you have never witnessed the complete process of code change hearings this is a unique and rare opportunity to do just that. Get involved in code change testimony at the hearings and qualify for a $300 refund from OBOA for room or transportation costs not covered by your employer. Go to the ICC website www.iccsafe.org and click the “Annual Conference Detroit 2005” icon for conference registration information.

I look forward to seeing you at the June meeting.

-Richard Smith

Finance Report

-May 2005-

Checking Beginning Balance $ 8,911.04

Credits
Membership 300.00
Subtotal 300.00

Debits
Executive Comm. 92.71
Audit 500.00
Newsletter 276.94
Office Supplies 11.00
Food: May Meeting 950.00
Subtotal: (1,830.65)

Golf Outing (2000.00)
Scholarship (2000.00)
C.D. 20,000.00

TOTAL: $23,380.39

Secretary Report

-Re: Meeting Reservations: Please make sure that you only send one reservation per person. We are receiving duplications. If you are not sure of attending the meeting, please don’t send in a reservation slip. BOCOMEONEO must pay for the dinners once we call it in.

- Anyone interested in teaching classes for the Ohio Code Academy, please contact Phil Seyboldt.

- BOCOMEONEO would like to thank our guest speakers Warren Baas of the Ohio Redimix Association and John Cahill of Icynene Inc. Thank you for an excellent presentation.
The Code Academy is finalizing plans for classes and instructors. There may be a need for as many as 70-80 instructors covering all disciplines. Persons interested in being an instructor, please contact Dave Kaminski or Billy Phillips. The first session is targeted for October or early November.

Regarding the invitation of building officials from the other three states in Region 5 to the next Joint Conference in Akron. The conference as grown to a size that may exceed the capabilities of the facilities at which the conference has been held in the past. Another issue that will be faced within two years is the inclusion of potentially hundreds of certified housing inspectors. The other states will probably be invited, but limited to the first 50 registrations.

The Board of Building Standards is slowly working with the Fire Marshal's office and other agencies regarding a new state Fire Code, with IFC as the base document. BBS representatives estimate there will not be new fire codes this year. The current Ohio Fire Code remains in effect.

Billy Phillips announced that the BBS will furnish an electronic copy of the Ohio Codes to building departments possibly as soon as this fall. The cost and the product is being reviewed. It will be a single user version. If departments want access for numerous computers, they will have to purchase that option. There will also be some corrected pages of the Building Code on the BBS website for everyone to download and insert into the West Law code books. On their home page, go to the bottom for Code Alert.

The yearly OBOA education meeting is set to for the morning of June 23rd at the BBS in Reynoldsburg. The class, Pressure Piping will begin at 10 a.m. and extend through lunch until about 2:30. A boxed lunch will be served. Formal invitations will go to all departments as soon as the details are finalized, sponsoring the cost of the class and the lunch.

The program for establishing a manufactured housing board with their own inspectors at the State level appears to be a shambles. Some members of the newly-established commission have already resigned and others will need to be appointed. Don't look for anything to happen on this matter any time soon.

NEW PHONE NUMBERS...for the ICC office in Columbus...the main number is 1-888-422-7233. For Diana Westfall (Secretary and general info) dial extension 7201, for John Payne (Branch Manager) dial extension 7204, and, for Patty Bond dial extension 7205. For plan review questions follow the menu on the answering machine.