

OCTOBER 2006

BOCONEO NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BUILDING OFFICIALS CONFERENCE OF NORTHEAST OHIO

PREZ DEZ SEZ....

I Hope everyone is doing well. I, on the other-hand am feeling my age. I am in my 57th year and I have spent a major portion of my life in the construction business, as I am sure most of you can relate. I'm not complaining about the business, it's the tax on my body that is a constant reminder of why I love Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement does not require me to climb 60 ft. into the air with a four inch steel pipe on my shoulders. Code Enforcement does not require me to spend 12-16 hrs. a day working in an industrial plant lugging the afore-mentioned pipe. Code Enforcement is good for my back. But it still hurts....

I used to know a Cleveland Browns football player and I would take my son to his home on Saturday mornings for breakfast and to watch cartoons. Oh he did like those cartoons...not my son, the football player. Anyway, after having been in the NFL for 14 years he was pretty beat up. This was many years ago when I was in my late 30's. He was about six years my junior and I could out run

him. I remember telling my son David that *"to own the team is better for your body then to play on the team"*. He could plainly see the pain in this man's movements. Sort of how I feel now.

My point...The Code Enforcement Industry needs new young members. Not for the numbers and not to make our membership count look good, But as many of you, I'm looking forward to retirement and will need a replacement. We all know that the economy has dwindled the apprenticeship programs and that will show in the amount of qualified applicants the BBS will have. I look around at our monthly meetings and I realize that the hall is not filled with spring chickens. There are many of you as old if not older then I am. We need to seek out and enlist New, Younger Members to fill our shoes. If we falter now, we may be in trouble later as an industry.

Think about the alternative. If there are no replacements we will

be replaced by legislation or computers. I read somewhere that doctors may be extinct by the year 2020. Cat scans, MRI's, Sonograms and X-rays can detect problems the naked eye cannot see. Infrared cameras can scan walls to see if insulation is adequate. We need to look ahead and protect the citizens from our industry's inability to maintain a well trained inspection force. Talk to the tradesmen and women about inspection as a career. Believe me the respect and self - gratification far outweighs the pains in the back. **Lastly, please try to register as early as possible for the October class at BOCONEO, as it will fill up quickly and we want all current members to have a seat. We will limit the class to 150 people so sign up early.**

Kindest Regards
Prez Dez

Please Mark Your Calendar.....

November 15...Electrical Code Seminar....2hrs Approved!!!

BOCONEO & ICC INVITE YOU TO:

OCTOBER'S EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR ON

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE 2005 OHIO PLUMBING CODE

October 18, 2006

Registration : 8:00 am

Class: 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Workbook provided

Location: The Lodge, Richmond Heights, Ohio

Instructor: Robert Schutz, ICC
Approved by OBBS for 6 hrs. for
BO, MPE, PPE, PI, RBO, RPE, RBI & RPI.

BBS2005-402

Cost: \$75.00

payable in advance to BOCONEO

PO Box 24936, Mayfield Hts., 44124

Go to BOCONEO.org/meetings.html to register

OBOA POINTS OF INTEREST

By: Phil Seyboldt

The following are notes from the OBOA meetings of July 14 and August 11 and the OBOA Past-President's meeting on August 10.

The **new OBOA website** will be up and running if it is not already as this newsletter goes to print. The new site will have more information on educational opportunities and several other topics including OBOA membership. Please take the time to open the new website at <http://www.oboa.org/> and look through it.

The classes on the **New Residential Code of Ohio** were discussed at length. OBOA is dividing up the list of class modules of which there are about ten and distributing the work of developing the 3-hour classes among the 7 active, local chapters. Eventually we hope to have ten well thoughtout classes of approximately 3 hours each, all approved by the BBS for continuing education hours for the chapter. BOCONEO will work on the Administrative and the Energy Code chapters for our share of the work, as well as developing several other modules for our own use in the coming months. There is still room for volunteers in this class development project..

- Our **Region V Chapter of ICC** has been holding quarterly meetings and seems to be developing well. Members of the state chapters from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky have been holding meetings around the region and formulating their By-Laws and action plans. They have raised about \$6,000 from 18 local chapters throughout the four-state area so far for their operating expenses.
- **North Central Ohio Building Officials Association (NCOBOA)** gave an interesting report of their progress toward next year's Joint Conference. The event will be held at Sawmill Creek State Park on February 4, 5 and 6. That will be Superbowl Sunday, and they are planning a party during the game. Sounds like a good time !
- The rough draft of the **RCO Commentary** is available and will be distributed at our next meeting. The commentary has forms, suggested for use in submitting documents for review of new dwellings. Your input will be welcomed on this commentary.
- There was considerable discussion regarding **ICC's proposed deal to combine the International Plumbing Code with the code published by IAPMO**. The general feeling is that ICC is making a big mistake in moving toward this marriage between the two organizations, and several states have come out vehemently in opposition to the merger. More information on the proposed merger will be available in the future. The record of the discussions in Denver between the two organizations is available on the ICC website.

There was an extensive discussion regarding the current problems that many jurisdictions are facing with the jurisdictional difference between the building and the fire officials. Several Building Officials reported that because of the new language contained in the Ohio Fire Code, some fire inspectors are trying to issue permits and do inspections on new sprinkler and fire alarm installations. A violation of current Ohio law. The feeling was there should be an OBOA Ad Hoc committee to look into the allegations to see if there is anything that can be done at the state level to iron out these issues. The committee will soon be formed. (Continued page 3)

BOCONEO members interested in running for "Director at Large" positions on the OBOA Board should contact, Bill Desvari. Elections will be held at the Joint Conference in Sandusky

Finance Report

Dale Grabfelder

SEPTEMBER 2006

Checking Beginning Balance \$9,826.70

CREDITS

DEBITS

Office Supplies	39.00	
Flowers	58.00	
Plump Class Reg.	90.00	
Food Mth. Mtr.	1170.00	
Bank Fee	3.50	
Subtotal:		1,360.50

Checking Ending Balance \$8,466.20

Scholarship	6,820.18
C.D.	21,097.36

TOTAL : **\$29,563.56**

		2006		
		<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Checking	Beginning Balance	7,996.23	9,563.56	9,824.46
	Credits	3,605.00	4,611.48	470.00
	Debits	(2,037.67)	(4,350.58)	467.76
Checking	Ending Balance	9,563.56	9,824.46	10,762.22
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	Scholarship	(3,510.00)	(3,510.00)	(6,420.18)
	CD	21,097.36	21,097.36	21,097.36
TOTAL		27,150.92	27,411.82	31,859.58

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OBOA is working with the Residential Advisory Committee to come up with common forms that most everyone can agree on for electrical, plumbing and mechanical information so that contractors can submit the same information for approval throughout the state. Some cities have already doubled their requirement for plans and information in the effort to meet the requirements of the code. Hopefully, this matter can be worked out by the end of the year. In the meantime, building departments that review residential plans can accept whatever amount of information that will make them comfortable that the dwelling will be built according to the code. There is no minimum or maximum amount of information required by the State, at this time.