The Prez Sez . . .

Ray Sack and I are back from the ICC Annual Conference in Minneapolis, and I can tell you that you missed a good time if you were not there. The Convention Center was a beautiful facility, and Minneapolis is a very beautiful and enjoyable city. There were socials every night for four or five nights during the hearings, and the host chapters from Minnesota did a nice job. Next year the conference will be in Baltimore – well within a pleasant driving range for everyone. I encourage everyone to try to attend if possible. It’s a great experience that you will not soon forget.

We have had our first meeting in our new facility in Independence, and it was not without its challenges. The main problem seemed to be an old problem – not a new one. We had 145 attendees to the meeting, and less than 100 of those that attended sent in the reservation form. As a result there was not enough food or class certificates. There will be some much needed changes beginning in October. Everyone that sends in their reservation will get a ticket for lunch as they enter the meeting. Those with no tickets will eat last, and those in attendance that are not BOCONEO members will not be invited to eat at all. It is not fair to those that take the time to RSVP not to have enough food ordered to get a nice lunch when they have followed the rules. The deadline for sending in the reservation form is the end of the day on the FRIDAY before the meeting – not the night before on Tuesday. Another problem was with the scheduling of the room for the Plumbing Roundtable. I hope to get that matter settled before the November meeting. There are tentative plans to get an electrical roundtable going toward spring after the conference is over. We will need moderators for these 1-hour sessions that will be held before lunch and the regular meeting. If you are interested in being a discussion moderator, let me know. If there is enough interest, we will pursue the issue further in March to obtain the necessary approval from the BBS.

We have a good class planned for the October meeting. The Wood Truss Council is putting on a nice, 3-hour class on truss installation. This is a good opportunity for our residential members to get hours, so get those reservation forms in. You can email them or fax them to the numbers given on the form.

That’s all for now. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting, so until then stay safe and enjoy what little bit of nice weather remains.

Kindest Regards,

Phil Seyboldt

BOCONEO needs our members to step up to the plate and volunteer their time and talent to help put together the 2009 OBOA - BOCONEO Joint Conference.

Please contact companies and others in your area that may be prospective boosters of BOCONEO and community safety.

The success of the 2009 OBOA-BOCONEO Joint Conference depends on donors, sponsors, and advertisers.
Notes from the ICC Annual Conference . . .

There were several interesting matters decided at the ICC Final Action Code hearings that just concluded in Minneapolis. Here are a few of them:

The 2009 International Residential Code will require sprinklers in new one- and two-family residences as of Jan. 1, 2011, a change approved by more than 73% of the voting members.

Another code change will require sprinklers in townhouses to take effect when a jurisdiction adopts the 2009 IRC.

An additional stairway will be required in new skyscrapers unless an elevator that can operate during a fire emergency is usable by occupants. Elevators, properly constructed for such use, will be authorized for occupant evacuation.

A comprehensive energy package of code changes (EC14) that required 67% to pass, failed by a small margin, receiving 64%.

Regulations under the IBC and IRC for pools will now reference a new standard for entrapment designed to be consistent with the Virginia Graeme Baker Federal Pool and Spa Safety Act.

Carbon monoxide alarms will be required in homes where there is fuel-fired equipment or an attached garage.

Keep in mind that Ohio has not adopted this edition of the International Residential Code as of this time.

There is sure to be interesting discussion regarding the residential sprinkler system among other things as that date nears.

Phil Seyboldt

from Dave Hocevar, Secretary:

In an effort to have an accurate accounting for the meeting day lunches and certificates, BOCONEO will issue lunch tickets beginning with October’s meeting. Last month we had 100 reservations and 145 attendees.

Members MUST fax or send by internet a reservation in order to receive a lunch ticket at the door. The dead line is 5:00 o’clock on the Friday preceding the meeting. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Fax the registration form on Page 3 of this Newsletter or go to http://www.boconeo.org/registration.html
How to get there:

From the North (I-480 and Cleveland):
Take the Rockside Road (I-77 South exit from I-480) exit.
East on Rockside Road to Brecksville Road (U.S. 21).
Turn right (South) on Brecksville Road to Selig Drive.
Turn right on Selig Drive to Kathy Lynn Lane.
Turn right into parking lot at rear of Civic Center.

From the South:
I-77 North to the Pleasant Valley Road exit.
East on Pleasant Valley Road to Brecksville Road (U.S. 21).
Turn left (North) on Brecksville Road to Selig Drive.
Turn left on Selig Drive to Kathy Lynn Lane.
Turn right into parking lot at rear of Civic Center.

Reservation for Lunch + Business Meeting + Education Seminar - October 15, 2008 @ 11:30 am
Introduction to the Structural Building Component Industry by Jim Vogt, P.E., WTCA.
3 hours for BO, MPE, BI, RBO, RBI, RPE  BBS No. Pending

Fill out the form and fax to:
(440) 338 - 1606
Or mail to:
BOCONEO
P.O. Box 1008
Chesterland, Ohio 44026
Or call Dave at
440-338-6700  ext 234
for other arrangements.

All reservations must be received by 5:00pm, Friday October 10, 2008.