The Prez Sez . . .

We are coming up on the last meeting of the year already, and I don’t know where the year went. Our second meeting at our new facility in Independence was fantastic, and we probably set a new record for attendance again at nearly 165 attendees. We had a great, 3-hour class on wood truss design and installation. Unlike in September, however, the vast majority of members cooperated by sending in the reservation forms on time, and the food service, educational handouts and everything else affected by the reservations went fine. Thank you for your good job in sending in those forms, and keep up the good work.

The conference registration forms will be going out in the mail during the first week of November. Take a look at the classes when you get your form and try to decide which classes you plan to attend. Then at the meeting in November we are going to circulate a sign-up list for proctors for those classes at the conference. A proctor generally picks up the packet with the sign-in sheets and the course certificates prior to the class, handles the sign-in sheets, hands out the certificates after the class, and gets everything back to the conference committee after the class. We need lots of help with this duty, since we have more than 45 classes to cover. If you are going to attend the class anyway, sign up to proctor the class and help us out in the process. We need everyone’s help to make the conference a success.

As I announced last month, we will vote at our yearly business meeting in November to raise the BOCONEO dues after more than 10 years. We are proposing to take the Regular Member dues from $65 to $80, while Associate and Cooperating members will pay $95 in lieu of $80. We need this increase to stay viable as an organization and to have the flexibility to offer programs that are not always free to BOCONEO. I know that many departmental budgets are tight these days, just as mine is in Bedford, but I hope that you will support us in this matter.

In addition to our regular educational program in November, which will be presented by Jim Shoaf of SMACNA, we will also have another, brief speaker. For about 15 minutes before our regular class, Mary Sampsel, PE, Chief Building Official of Union County and a member of COCOA, will address the group with a couple of her associates on their effort in Central Ohio to organize and educate the permit technicians (administrators) that work in our departments. They have achieved some level of success in this regard in the Columbus area, and I hope that you will receive them enthusiastically.

That’s all for now. Let’s get those reservations in for the November meeting, and I hope to see everyone there on the 19th.

Kindest Regards,

Phil Seyboldt
The following is the proposed schedule of dues that will be voted upon at the November meeting.

Regular: $80 per year. Persons employed by a government agency and holding a current BBS Certificate.

Associate: $80 per year. Persons employed by a government agency and NOT holding a BBS Certificate (health, fire service, zoning).

Cooperating: $95 per year. Persons such as Architects, Engineers, Builders and Industry Representatives. $90 per year if you hold a membership in a trade, professional, or other recognized chapter. Submit a copy of additional membership with this application.

Honorary: No dues. Membership bestowed by the Conference upon those who have demonstrated meritorious service to the industry.

Retired: No dues. Regular and associate members that have retired and are not employed in any capacity.

Student: $25 per year. Persons attending recognized schools of learning (full time) with interests that promote the purpose of the Conference. Bocone Membership only.

Membership in Ohio Building Officials Association included in all membership classifications except Student Membership.

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.

In November, we had 165 attendees.

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

Fax the registration form below or go to http://www.bocone.org/registration.html

Reservation for Lunch + Business Meeting + Education Seminar - November 19, 2008 @ 11:30 am

Introduction to the Fire, Smoke and Radiation Damper Installation by Jim Schoaf, SMACNA. 2 hours BO, MPE, BI, FPI, and MI. BBS2007-458

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 November 14, 2008.