The Prez Sez . . .

It's the first of December as I write this article and the work year is about gone. There is no BOCONEO meeting in December, so everyone has a chance to recharge and get ready for the new year. If you attended the November annual business meeting you will know that the dues increased for the first time in many years from $65 to $80 per year. While this might raise eyebrows in some city halls, the increase was needed to maintain a strong organization, and I thank you all for the nearly unanimous vote in favor of the increase. Don't be afraid to explain to your mayors and city managers that this is the best value in education that they ever heard of. Getting upwards of 25 hours of approved continuing education for $80 is unheard of anywhere else in our industry. I think that over the last couple of years we have raised the bar on the quality of the classes, too. Education Chairman Jim McReynolds has done a great job lining up good classes in 2008, and I am sure that he will continue the fine job in 2009.

We have done a good job in other areas as well. We have enjoyed for some time now a really first class web site and newsletter, and I want to thank Dan Kaczor, our webmaster and editor, for all of the time that he has invested and the great job that he has done with those things as well as the Joint Conference website during the last year. I get compliments at practically every meeting in Columbus about the great job that Dan does.

Thanks also to the remainder of our executive committee for their time, support and counsel over the last year in helping to keep BOCONEO the leader in Ohio that we have always been. We all have one more year of tenure in our offices, and then the members must decide who they want to continue the important work of keeping BOCONEO strong. The organization has been around for about 57 years, now, and this is no time to slack off the important work that we do during these economically trying times.

We have had two young members step up recently to announce their intentions to seek positions on the executive board, and we need many more of our members to do the same. Think about volunteering some of your valuable time to the organization. It is the busy people that we need, because they are always the most productive.

Let's get those new membership applications in to Dave Hocevar, and don't forget the Joint Conference registrations, also. We have also extended the time frame for applying for BOCONEO scholarships, so if you have not already taken advantage of that program, now is the time. 2009 is shaping up to be a busy year, and we'll be ready for it. May you and your families have a very Merry Christmas Holiday and a safe, healthy and happy New Year. See you all in Independence in January.

Kindest Regards,
Phil Seyboldt
A very special Thank You to our 2008 golf outing sponsors. As you all know, the golf outing provides the income for our scholarships. BOCONEO could not award scholarships in the amounts and number without the help and support of these fine companies.

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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 members, donors, sponsors, and advertisers. Advertisements in the Conference Program are due by January 9, 2009. Now is the time to get those all important advertisers and sponsors. Forms are available on the web site.

Building Officials Conference of Northeast Ohio

Financial Report
November 2008

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December 1, 2008

Dale R. Grabfelder
Treasurer

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Are you a member of ICC?  

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### Membership classifications and Dues

**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. Boconeo Membership only.

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

**Annual Membership Dates:** January 1st through December 31st.

Mail application with check made payable to: **BOCONEO, P.O. Box 1008, Chesterland, Ohio 44026**