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Bedford, Ohio

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The Prez Sez . . .

As I write this letter the Joint Conference is winding down and becoming history. It was a wild ride and it was a great conference, but I'm also glad that it's over. We had a lot of good comments about both our education program and the quality of our service, and, I hope that everyone got plenty of hours for your certifications. It was nice being able to see and talk to everyone from the other chapters around the state and get their perspective on things that are going on. Thanks again for all of the really quality help that we had to put the conference together. If you were not involved, you cannot imagine how much effort and coordination goes on behind the scenes to put this type of event together. Let's get back to regular business, now.

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Calendar

February 18, 2009 Mtg. & Seminar

"Wood-to-Wood, Wood-to-Concrete Connections, Deck Attachment"

Sign up using the form on Page 3 or at the web site.

One of the things that I brought up last year was my plan to forge a new relationship with the Homebuilders Association. They supported us during the conference, and they, too, are interested in closer ties with BOCONEO so that our mutual interests can be addressed. The contractors need up-to-date information on the latest electrical and energy codes, and if the inspectors are going to get training in these areas, there is no reason why the homebuilders should be excluded. It is only a matter of time before the sprinkler issue hits the fan also, so we need to be on the same page with those issues also. We are their best source of good information on the codes that are constantly changing, and I think that perhaps providing this education is something that we should be involved in. There are those in our organization, however, that have expressed the opinion to me that we should worry about educating our members and let the contractors take care of themselves. I would be interested to hear from more of our members on this issue to see where everyone stands. The changes in the electrical code have been beat to death already, but changes to the energy codes and updates to the Residential Code of Ohio are still on the radar for this year. I still want to get an Ad Hoc committee together over the next few weeks to begin some kind of regular meetings with the Homebuilders Association to open up a dialog with them and to see where our common interests lie. A few of you have mentioned to me that you would like to be involved in that effort. Call or email me again (pseyboldt@bedfordoh.gov) to express your interest so that we can get that off the ground.

Important Note:

At its meeting on Friday, December 12th, 2009, the Board of Building Standards adopted the proposed rule changes that were part of Amendments Group 6 (proposed changes to the residential code). The rules have been assigned an effective date of January 1st, 2009. They include updating the RCO to the 2006 version of the IECC, with a change to RCO Chapter 11 to give another energy compliance option, as well as an update to the 2008 NEC.

Having now completed the ORC 119 rule adoption process, **as of January 1st, 2009, the 2008 NEC and the 2006 IRC-based RCO Chapter 11 will be effective for all 1-, 2-, and 3-family dwellings submitted for plan examination and approval.**

OBOA has a lot of issues on their plate for 2009 also. One of the first is the possibility of a contract with the State to put on both the Code Academy and the compulsory continuing education for the RCO and the Energy Code that is planned for this year. We won't know if we are going to get the contract for a few weeks, yet. ICC bid on the contract also, so we are basically competing against them for part of the work. We also hope to meet with the Ohio Homebuilders Association for the same reasons described above. The staff at the BBS took a real beating over the Electrical and Energy Codes over the last year, and we hope that maybe with our help we can avoid the same debacle with the sprinkler codes that are pending.

That's all for now. I hope to see everyone at the meeting on the 18th of February at which time we have Simpson Strong-Tie coming in for a nice program. Let's get those reservations in on time, and I'll see you then.

Kindest Regards
Phil Seyboldt

Keep up with the latest information by visiting us on the web often at

www.boconeo.org

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BOCONEO Executive Board Changes

The BOCONEO Executive Board was required to make changes to its make-up with the resignation of First Vice-President Bill Griswold of Beachwood.

Bill's job duties have increased to the point that he doesn't have the time to make an honest commitment to the BOCONEO executive board as he once was able to do. Bill has found himself involved in other projects that once fell under the responsibility of other officials.

He found it increasingly stressful in not being able to honor his commitment to BOCONEO; therefore, he felt that resigning his position on the executive committee would allow someone else the opportunity to better serve the organization.

Bill will continue as a valuable member of BOCONEO and intends to attend as many meetings as his schedule will allow.

In accordance with By Laws Section 4.03 and 7.06, the Board has named Second Vice President, Ray Sack to succeed Bill as First Vice President and appointed Paul Kowalczyk as Second Vice President.

Paul is Building Commissioner of South Euclid. He is a registered architect and holds the certifications of Building Official, Master Plans Examiner, Building Inspector and Residential Building Official. Paul was elected to the OBOA Board of Directors at the recent Joint Conference.

These new positions will be held until elections take place in November of 2009.

While not a member of the Executive Board, Marcus Eudell, Electrical Inspector with the Lake County Building Department was elected as a member of the OBOA Board of Directors. Marcus is a member of BOCONEO and will represent the best interests of all building officials and citizens of Ohio.

Building Officials Conference Of Northeast Ohio Financial Report

Year 2009	Jan.	Year's Total
Begining Balance	\$7,078.93	
CD \$ 10,000.00		\$10,000.00
CD \$ 5,000.00		\$5,000.00
CD \$ 5,000.00		\$0.00
Ending balance	\$8,521.17	\$23,521.17
Income		
Membership Dues	\$9,305.00	\$9,305.00
Golf outing/Scholarship Banquet Educational		
Expenditures		
Membership		
Monthly meetings	\$1,420.00	\$1,420.00
Executive Committee		
Office Supplies	\$184.74	\$184.74
Web. / News Letter Golf Outting Scholarship Miscellaneous /Visa Bills Sunshine Fund Advertisement Treasurer's Fee's Secretaries Fee's OBOA Dues Bank Fees		
Audit	\$29.93	\$29.93
P.O. Box Joint Meeting	\$6,228.09	\$6,228.09

Don't forget your new or renewed
membership in BOCONEO is due by March
31st.
Time is flying by.

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Some photos from the 2009 OBOA BOCONEO Joint Conference

BOCONEO's Joint Conference Highlights
... over 550 participants ... over 50 education classes
... Phil Seyboldt elected OBOA President
... Paul Kowalczyk elected to the OBOA Board of Directors
... Marcus Eudell elected to the OBOA Board of Directors
... Richard Smith awarded the Victor C. Jones Lifetime Achievement Award



below-BOCONEO's Rob Brown and Bob Schutz trying 50's era 3d glasses during the Super Bowl tailgate party in the hope those good old days will return when the Browns clobbered the Steelers twice a year, three times if you count exhibition games. Good luck, guys!



OBOA Board meeting - having an intense discussion trying to figure out who will win the Super Bowl.

BOCONEO's Dave Kaminski guarding the door to the breakfast buffet. Collecting tickets and taking names.



BBS staffers Debbie Ohler, Steve Regoli, and Jan Sokolnicki in rapt attention to the proceedings at the Board of Building Standards meeting.



2009 OBOA Board of Directors with ICC reps, Bill Dupler and Corey Roblee.

Reservation for Lunch + Business Meeting + Education Seminar - February 18, 2009 @ 11:30 am
Wood to Wood, Wood to Concrete, & Concrete Struct. Connections by Greg Wojcik, Simpson Strong-Tie.
2 hours for BO, MPE, BI, RBO, RPE, RBI. BBS2007-133b

Name:	
Jurisdiction:	
Address:	
City:	OH, Zip:
Telephone:	Fax:
Email:	

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 February 13, 2009.

2009 BOCONEO Membership Application

Name:

Jurisdiction/Empl.

Address:

City, State, Zip: OH

Telephone:

FAX Number:

Email:

Are you a member of ICC? Yes No

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.

State Certifications

- BO
- MPE
- BI
- FPI
- MI
- ESI
- PI
- EPE
- PPE
- RBO
- RPE
- RBI
- RPI

Check all that apply.

- Retiree
- Architect
- Engineer
- Code Consultant
- Trade Association Member
- Contractor
- SubContractor
- Material Representative
- Material Supplier
- Student
- Other describe below

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