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The Newsletter of the Building Officials Conference of North East Ohio

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## B.O.C.O.N.E.O. Officers

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Our new mailing address:

**BOCONEO**  
P.O. Box 311098  
Independence, OH 44131

## Happy St. Patrick's Day!



There is still time to renew your membership in **BOCONEO**.

Continue to receive your required continuing education requirements as a member of Ohio's largest OBOA Chapter.

Form on Page 6 of this Newsletter

## The Prez Sez . . .

I would like to congratulate Gerald Flanik CBO of Lake County Building Department on obtaining Master Code Official (M.C.O.) Certification. Outstanding job, Jerry. Also we have two (2) other members of BOCONEO that have attained M.C.O. certification, Phil Seybolt and Dave Smith. There are only 600 members in ICC that have this certification.

The 2010 OBOA/MVBOC Joint Conference starts March 21st through the 23rd, in Dayton, hope to see many members at the Conference.

Dave Kaminski and Bob Berteau from Broadview Heights are the Chairpersons for the BOCONEO Annual Golf Outing. Many thanks for their help. All proceeds benefit the John Korinek Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please start thinking about hole sponsors. These outings are a lot of fun. Player and sponsor form will be available at the next meeting and on the web site.

According to the OBOA Bylaws, Article II, Section 3, BOCONEO is required to submit OBOA dues of all members by April 1st. After that date, if you have not paid your membership, it is delinquent and you are not entitled to receive any benefits. If you are planning on attending meetings, you must pay at each monthly meeting.

Regards  
Ray Sack

## Calendar

March 17, 2010

### "Fire Retardants, Reactants & Dual Purpose Products"

Ron Crawford, No-Burn, Inc.

BBS2007-336

2 hours for BO, MPE, BI, FPI,  
RBO, RPE, and RBI

Sign up using the form on  
Page 2 or at the web site.

Plumbing Roundtable  
@ 10:15 am  
&  
Electrical Roundtable  
@ 10:15 am.

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

[www.boconeo.org](http://www.boconeo.org)

On March 11th, from 8:30am until 10:00am, the City of South Euclid Building and Housing Department will be hosting an Administrative Roundtable at the South Euclid Community Center. I would like to extend this invitation to any administrative staff members who work at the permit counter on a daily basis. It would be the intent of this first meeting to discuss issues that we face with the public on a daily basis and provide ways that other departments may have solved the same issues.

I hope you will allow your administrative staff members the opportunity to join us and began to develop a networking opportunity between departments. If you have any questions or plan on attending, please contact Jill Ross at 216-381-0400 or email at [jross@seuclid.com](mailto:jross@seuclid.com) to confirm your attendance.

**Paul Kowalczyk, CBO, RA**  
BOCONEO Vice President



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## From VP Paul Kowalczyk . . . . .

I had the opportunity to attend the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) conference in Washington D.C. a few weeks ago. This conference focused on energy code training, compliance and enforcement. I was part of a panel of code officials that discussed how we currently enforce the energy codes in our local jurisdiction and discussed some of the challenges that we are facing in code enforcement, the training of inspectors on the energy codes and where our states were in the process of adopting the most current codes.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in order for states to receive federal funding on energy related issues, state governors needed to notify the Secretary of Energy that the state or applicable units of local government will implement a plan for achieving compliance with the energy code. The two steps for the eligibility of funding are:

1. The state must implement energy codes of equal or greater stringency than the latest national model codes (currently, 2009 edition of the IECC and Standard 90.1-2007).
2. A plan to achieve 90% compliance of new renovated residential and commercial building space within 8 years of the enactment of the ARRA. This plan will include active training and enforcement programs and annual measurement of the rate of compliance.

The first step in this process will be handled by the Ohio Board of Building Standards. In December, a letter was sent out to all building departments informing the status of the current code adoption process. The second step has yet to be determined by the Department of Energy. It has been discussed that states and local governments will be audited on their plan review process, enforcement methods in the field and actual on-site inspections of on-going projects by the individuals given the task to audit the process.

The second step is currently being developed and it is not yet clear how the audit process will be implemented.

To inform the states on this program, the U.S. Department of Energy created the Building Energy Codes Program (BECP). This project was developed to aid state energy offices to provide technical assistance to help them adopt, upgrade, implement and enforce building energy codes. You can access this information at [www.energycodes.gov](http://www.energycodes.gov). At this site, you can see where the different states are in the adoption process, learn about energy code compliance, and access downloads for RESCheck and COMCheck.

### Secretary's Report . . . . .

Membership cards were handed out at the February meeting and the remaining will be passed out at the March meeting.

If you are not a member, at the March meeting, there will be a Ten dollar (\$10.00) charge for the lunch at the meeting.

If you have any questions regarding your membership please call.

Dave Hocevar 440-338-6700 Ext 234

**Reservation for Lunch + Business Meeting + Education Seminar – March 17, 2010 @ 11:30 am**  
**"Fire Retardants, Reactants & Dual Purpose Products" by Ron Crawford from No-Burn, Inc.**  
**2 hours for BO, MPE, BI, FPI, RBO, RPE, and RBI**

**BBS2007-336**

Name:		
Jurisdiction:		
Address:		
City:	OH	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	
Email:		

Fill out the form and fax to:

**(440) 338 - 1606**

Or mail to:

**BOCONEO  
P.O. Box 311098  
Independence, OH  
44131**

Or call Dave at  
440-338-6700 ext 234  
for other arrangements.

All reservations must be received by 5:00pm, Friday March 12, 2010.



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## Treasurer's Report . . . . .

### BUILDING OFFICIALS CONFERENCE OF NORTHEAST OHIO

February 28, 2010

<b>Beginning Cash Balance Checking</b>			\$29,271.19
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Membership	\$5,695.00		
50/50	\$110.00		
Lunches			
Misc.			
Installation Dinner	\$50.00		
<b>Total revenue</b>			\$5,855.00
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Bank Fees	\$3.50		
Exec Committee Meeting	\$99.50		
Monthly Meeting Food	\$1,870.00		
Monthly Meeting Room Rent	\$175.00		
Awards	\$65.00		
Sunshine	\$69.98		
Office Supplies	\$1,115.28		
Postage	\$57.00		
Audit, Secretary and Treasurer Fees			
Web and Internet Fees			
<b>Total Expenses</b>			\$3,455.26
Transfers To/From Checking and CD's			
<b>Ending Cash Balance Checking</b>			\$31,670.93
<b>Certificate(s) of Deposit</b>			
1	\$11,853.44		
2	\$5,000.00		
3	\$6,078.58		
<b>Scholarship Checking Balance</b>			\$11,366.92
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<u>\$65,969.87</u>

Michael Skvasik  
Treasurer



There's still time (but not much) to get your membership form and dues in for 2010.



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From VP Dave Smith . . . . .

## SURVEY RESULTS

Here are the results of the survey taken at the February meeting.

The BOCONEO Executive Board would like to thank everyone that took the time to respond to the member survey. With such a large membership the communication of the members is essential. Your comments and suggestions will be considered in setting up the courses and evaluating the programs.

### Some of your comments:

- ÿ Keep up the good work.
- ÿ Have courses on pre-poured concrete walls (residential). Also, pouring in cold weather.
- ÿ More courses on the IRC, IBC and OBC.
- ÿ More classes on the Ohio Building Code, Article 34.
- ÿ Keep BOCONEO to Ohio building codes unless training for ICC certifications is a help!
- ÿ Plumbing, Electrical and Mechanical.
- ÿ HVAC roundtable is needed.
- ÿ Need more mechanical hours for mechanical inspectors.
- ÿ The members need more residential plumbing courses.
- ÿ Would like more framing and foundation courses.
- ÿ More ESI approved courses.
- ÿ More courses on commercial and residential plan reviews.
- ÿ Medical gas inspections.
- ÿ Green building and fire protection.
- ÿ Would like to see roundtables at different times.
- ÿ I switch between the two roundtables.
- ÿ Start one roundtable at 9:00 a.m. and the other at 10:15 a.m.
- ÿ The current courses are good.
- ÿ Provide more variety of projects. Very few classes on plan review.
- ÿ I would like to see more study materials available in the BOCONEO library, and how to take ICC exams.
- ÿ Do we need ICC? I would like a cost analyst on pros and cons of what we get.
- ÿ Thank You!

. . . and the Board thanks you for your support!

### Question:

I would like to know more about or would be interested in obtaining an ICC certification.

<u>Residential Inspector Certifications</u>	Yes
Residential Building Inspector	20
Residential Electrical Inspector	15
Residential Mechanical Inspector	21
Residential Plumbing Inspector	17
<u>Commercial Inspector Certifications</u>	
Commercial Building Inspector	20
Commercial Electrical Inspector	14
Commercial Mechanical Inspector	20
Commercial Plumbing Inspector	14
<u>General Plans Examiner Certifications</u>	
Building Plans Examiner	13
Electrical Plans Examiner	15
Mechanical Plans Examiner	9
Plumbing Plans Examiner	10
Residential Plans Examiner	14
<u>Code Enforcement Certifications</u>	
Permit Technician	7
Zoning Inspector	14
Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector	15
Coastal & Floodplain Construction Inspector	7
Accessibility Inspector/Plans Examiner	8
Disaster Response Inspector	9
<u>Fire Certifications</u>	
Fire Inspector I	6
Fire Inspector II	1

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<b>REASONS FOR ATTENDING BOCONEO</b>	Agree	Disagree	Does Not Matter
(1) I attend BOCONEO to maintain my current certifications.	54		1
(2) I attend BOCONEO to stay current with the code requirements.	54		1
(3) I am pleased with the current courses offered through BOCONEO.	45	2	2
<b>ROUNDTABLES</b>			
(1) The electrical roundtable has been an asset, and I would like to see it continued.	36		10
(2) The plumbing roundtable has been an asset, and I would like to see it continued.	30		16
(3) I would like to see a roundtable for commercial and residential building codes.	38	1	8
(4) I would attend more than one roundtable if the hours were different or if they started earlier.	27	4	14
<b>REGULAR AFTERNOON CLASSES</b>			
(1) I would like to see BOCONEO offer all day seminars.	28	11	11
(2) If necessary, I am willing to pay for all day or additional courses.	25	11	12
(3) I would like to see more field trips offered.	33	1	15
(4) I would like to see more courses on Building Department Administration.	25	2	22
(5) I would like a course on managing Building Departments under today's budget constraints.	28	2	19
(6) I would like BOCONEO to continue to offer courses that are AIA approved.	20	13	15
(7) I would like enough courses through BOCONEO to maintain my ESI certification.	27	1	22
(8) I would like enough courses through BOCONEO to maintain my plumbing certification.	18	1	28
(9) I would like to obtain a certification as a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) issued by the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM).	19	3	33
(10) I would like more courses on FEMA floodplain requirements and disaster relief response.	22	2	24
(11) I would like more courses on Residential Energy Codes (REScheck, Energy Star, etc.).	37	4	10
(12) I would like more courses on Commercial Energy Codes (IECC, ASRHA 90.1).	33	5	13
(13) I would like to be more informed about how the Building Codes relate to GREEN Building standards.	35	4	10
(14) I would like to know more about the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) and how to obtain certifications through the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI).	23	4	20
(15) I would like to see BOCONEO offer continuing education courses for those certified as a Green Associate, LEED AP, LEED AP BD&C, LEED AP for Homes, etc.	24	3	25
(16) I would like more courses on Kitchen Suppression Systems (UL300) and Fire Suppression Systems (NFPA 13, NFPA 13R, Fire Pumps, Fire Extinguishers, etc.).	37	1	12
(17) I would like to see courses related to the American Concrete Institute (ACI), ACI 318, ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician - Grade 1 and ASTM standards.	38	1	12
(18) I would like more courses on the Ohio Fire Codes.	37	2	13
(19) I would like more courses offered so that I can obtain additional ICC certifications.	41	3	9
(20) I would like a course on how to take ICC exams.	27	3	20

# 2010 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 311098 Independence, OH 44131