

B.O.C.O.N.E.O.

Building Officials Conference of North East Ohio



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President

Ray Sack
Wickliffe, Ohio

Dear Members,

First Vice President

Paul Kowalczyk
South Euclid, Ohio

Thanks to all who attended our 6 hour course in April. Bob Schutz did a great job.

Second Vice President

Dave Smith
Ashtabula County Building
Department

Do not forget the May 12th & 13th Building Officials Symposium. There is still plenty of time to register. See the article in this months newsletter for more information.

Secretary

Dave Hocevar
Village of South Russell

The BOCONEO Golf Outing is July 29. Please try to obtain hole sponsorships. This directly helps members families with college scholarships.

Treasurer

Mike Skvasik
Village of Glenwillow

I will be in Columbus this month for Building Safety Week representing BOCONEO at the State House.

Past President

Phil Seyboldt
Bedford, Ohio

Warmest regards,

Ray Sack, President



Remember The Date



Friday, July 29, 2011
Briarwood Golf Club

This Month's Meeting

Sean DeCrane
Cleveland Battalion Chief
"How to Perform Fire Stop Inspections"

BBS# 2007-069 2 Hours

[Click Here to Register](#)

[City of Cleveland Only Click Here](#)

Plumbing Roundtable

@ 10:15 am

&

Electrical Roundtable

@ 10:15 am.



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In Memory Of



McDERMOTT RAYMOND P. McDERMOTT age 49. Passed away Easter Sunday surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. Beloved husband of Kimberly (nee Daveduk). Loving father of Amanda, Michael and Ryan. Cherished son of Elizabeth and Raymond, Sr. Dearest brother of Elizabeth Woisnet (Dave), Collette Vendetti (Michael), Kevin (Lisa), Karen Neitzel (Dave), Mary Murphy (Ron), Colleen Dankle (James), Brian (Christina), Sheila Sopata (Scott) and the late Patricia. Nephew, cousin, uncle and friend of many.

[Click to Log into Guest Book](#)



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Paul's Update

All this rain and wet weather can only mean one thing...high grass season is about to begin once again!

At the Ohio Building Officials Association's April meeting in Westerville, Ohio, the open Director's seat which was vacated by Mike Boso (Grove City) who moved into the Treasurer's position, was filled by John Cheatham of Five County Building Officials Association. Of the six Directors seats on the Board, three seats are held by BOCONEO members; Ray Sack, Michael Gero and myself.

The Ohio Code Academy was held on April 11th – 13th at the Fire Academy in Reynoldsburg. This is the second time that the training has been held at the Fire Academy and reformatted to a three day session. The emphasis of the academy has been focused on the administrative duties of a building department, customer service and issue relating to existing structures.

At the BOCONEO May meeting, we will be handing out our new chapter lapel pins. This is a good way to promote our organization and we encourage you to wear the pin. Every member will receive a pin.

May is recognized as Building Safety Month. This is your jurisdiction's opportunity to promote what we do. It is not too late to log onto www.buildingsafetymonth.org and get valuable information that you can hand out to residents at the counter.



Paul Kowalczyk, CBO, RA
Vice President



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Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for April is not available at this time. It will be included in the June newsletter.



Mike Skvasik
BOCONEO Treasurer



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This Months Educational Presenter

Sean DeCrane is a Battalion Chief for the city of Cleveland Fire Department with over 19 years of experience. He currently is assigned to a suppression role and serves as an adjunct instructor for the Cleveland Fire Training Academy as a certified State of Ohio Fire Instructor.

Sean DeCrane represents the International Association of Fire Fighters during the ICC Code Process and has served on the International Fire Code Development Committee for the two previous cycles.

Sean DeCrane also was a member of the Balanced Fire Protection Study Group (a.k.a. Height and Area Committee) and serves as the Vision 20/20: National Fire Loss Prevention Agenda's Strategy 5 Chairman. Sean DeCrane also currently sits on the Underwriters Laboratories Fire Council.

This months presentation is approved for **2 hours** of continuing education. The course approval number is BBS# 2007-069

Approved for BO, MPE, PPE, EPE, BI, FPI ,MI ,PI

[Click Here to Register for This Months Meeting/Class/Lunch](#)

[City of Cleveland employees Click Here to Register for Meeting/Class/Lunch](#)



Rob Brown
Educational Chairman
BOCONEO



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Code Corner Brain Teaser

The first one to forward the correct answer
with the section of the Building Code to:

boconeo@boconeo.org

will win a free entry in the next month's 50/50 drawing. Winner
must be present at the meeting to win.

Question:

A new one-story bar is constructed on a slab foundation with all 2x6 wood studs and wood trusses. The total square footage is 5,000 square feet and has an occupant load of 275. Both the distance to the front door and the common path of travel do not exceed 75 feet.

Respond with the correct answer and BE SURE to provide the section in the Building Code with your answer to win.

(A) The building is required to contain a sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA 13, except in the rooms with noncombustible contents.

(B) Because the travel distance does not exceed 75 feet, only one exit is required and the panic hardware may be removed if a sign on the main front door reads "THIS DOOR TO REMAIN UNLOCKED WHEN BUILDING IS OCCUPIED"

(C) Approved audible devices shall be provided on the exterior of the building in an approved location.

(D) A manual fire alarm system shall be required with occupant alarm notification appliances installed in accordance with NFPA 72 and the handicap accessibility guidelines.



Dave Smith
Second Vice President
Master Code Official

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From Your Secretary

Membership cards will be available at our May 18 meeting for those who haven't received them yet.

If you have any questions or concerns about your 2011 membership please contact me at:

hocevar@southrussel.com



Dave Hocevar
BOCONEO Secretary



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Building Officials Symposium on May 12th & 13th, 2011

I want to take this opportunity to invite all our members to the Building Officials Symposium that will be sponsored by BOCONEO on May 12th and 13th, 2011. It will be held at the Normandy Party Center in Wickliffe, Ohio.

Six hours of BBS-approved continuing education classes will be provided on each day that is all approved across the board for every certification.

On Thursday, May 12th, Steve Regoli, Jan Sokolnicki and Rob Johnson of the BBS will conduct three separate classes during the day that include a 3-hour Chapter 1-Administration class, 2-hours on Building and Fire Departments Joined at the Hip, and a 1-hour Building Department Investigations class.

On Friday, Bob Schutz will conduct a Legal Aspects of Code Administration class for 3 hours in the morning, followed by a great, 3-hour class on Communications for Code Officials class that was developed by Alan Rhea of Cleveland State University especially for BOCONEO.

The Friday classes are also well-suited for your clerical personnel, since they often handle questions on legal matters and deal with difficult contractors and citizens. All OBOA or BOCONEO members (and your clerical employees) are invited to attend at the cost of \$80 per day, which also includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Registration is available online by credit card or PayPal at www.boconeo.org or, for this event only, you can walk-in and pay with cash or check at the door. Please drop me an email at pseyboldt@bedfordoh.gov if you intend to walk-in so that we can keep some kind of a count for our caterers.

A flier is posted on the BOCONEO website for your use in remembering all of the pertinent facts. Directions to the Normandy Party Center are also on the website.

Phil Seyboldt
BOCONEO Past President





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Ad- Hoc Education Committee

In April 2010, the Board of Building Standards created an Ad-Hoc Education Committee. This committee was organized with thirty-eight members from each of the Building Official and Inspector Organizations throughout the state. I volunteered to represent BOCONEO along with Phil Seybolt.

The committee is divided into three groups, with each group having a member of BBS staff working with them, Building Inspectors, Jan Sokolnicki; Plans Examiners, Debbie Ratliffe; and Building Officials, Steve Regoli. This committee has been charged by the BBS to review and redesign the education process including the Code Academy and continuing education.

Our mission is in part to “help the Board develop a strategy for continuing education which ensures all Building Department Personnel will perform their responsibilities in a competent, consistent and uniform manner”.

The work began by following up on a process that was started in the 1980’s with the DACUM study for education, which was never completed. Using the original task chart as a guide, each step of the various functions required in the approval process is being broken down and examined.

This is the step that the groups are currently working at. The finished product will be an educational program consisting of a variety of lessons related to performing duties associated with the job.

Each lesson will vary in length of time depending on the subject matter the lesson contains. It is anticipated that the program will contain required lessons, beginning lessons, intermediate lessons and advanced lessons. The committee has met once a month, except for prohibitive weather, and is anticipated to last through the end of the year.

Michael Gero, BI, ESI, RBO



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Technically Speaking...

The new website is just about ready to be switched over to live. It is currently on the new server in a sub-domain. The switchover will, without a doubt, cause some down time. During this time you will not be able to log into the BOCONEO site.

I have tried to arrange tasks to minimize the downtime, but there is no way to foresee all the problems we may run into. If you visit the site during this period and receive an error, just try back at a later time. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

Everyone has been mailed new BBS Personal ID numbers. It is imperative that you use the new number assigned by the state. Soon it will be mandatory that you use the new number to get credits. Let's get into the habit now ahead of the curve.

I received some feedback about the delivery system of the new newsletter. The question was "Can the newsletter just be delivered the way it used to be?" Well the short answer is yes and no. The yes part is that you will still receive the newsletter in PDF format that you can right click and "save as" if you want to keep a copy. The no part is you will have to click a couple of more times to navigate through the system. No big deal. This is the trade off of using an automated system.

One of my primary goals as webmaster is to help local jurisdictions and members become comfortable using all the new technologies available to us. If you, or anyone in your office are having difficulty with anything BOCONEO related, feel free to give me a call. If I can help, I will. I have many, many more ideas. We're just getting started, the next five years should be fun.



Gregory Fort, Webmaster
BOCONEO



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Other News and Announcements

- **City of Independence** is seeking an individual to conduct commercial property codes inspections and inspect commercial and residential construction either on a part-time or contractual basis. Additional duties may include enforcing commercial property maintenance codes and ordinances and/or providing staff assistance to Architectural Board of Review. Requires equivalent of high school graduation and extensive experience in building inspection and/or the construction trades. Must possess Building Inspector and Electrical Safety Inspector certifications; Building Official, Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector certifications desirable. Valid driver's license and good driving record also required. Competitive salary with salary DOQ. Send resume with cover letter and salary history to Human Resources Department, 6800 Brecksville Road, Independence, OH 44131. E-mail: [lubinj@independenceohio.org](mailto:lubin@independenceohio.org). EOE
- **A job opening** has been posted on the website for the City of North Olmsted. They are accepting bids for a Plans Examiner (Primary and Back Up)

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Briarwood Golf Club

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT JOHN KORINEK MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Briarwood Golf Club
2737 Edgerton Road
Broadview Heights
440-237-5271

Shotgun Start 11:30A.M.
Registration 9:30-11:30 A.M.
Lunch served 10:00-11:30 A.M.

Scramble Format - Team Skin Game

Practice Green - Free Range Balls - Cash Prizes & More

\$70.00 per player includes: green fees, cart, lunch (Italian sausage), dinner (strip steak)

\$35.00 Dinner only per person

Beverage cart on course during round **NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE**

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE RESERVE TEES FOR FOLLOWING PLAYERS @ \$70.00 PER PLAYER

NAMES (PLEASE PRINT)

COMPANY OR AFFILIATION

CONTACT NAME _____ PHONE _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE JULY 22, 2011

Make checks payable to BOCONEO for entire foursome:

Mail to: BOCONEO GOLF
P.O. BOX 311098
INDEPENDENCE OHIO 44131

Player Questions call Bob Berteau at 440-526-6864

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**SPONSOR FORM
INDICATE SIGN COPY BELOW**

Company Name _____

CONTACT NAME _____ PHONE _____

SPONSOR DEADLINE JULY 22, 2011

HOLE SPONSOR \$50 PER HOLE, INCLUDES SIGN PLACED ON TEE

Number of holes sponsored _____ Total check enclosed \$ _____

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