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President's Message

Vice President Dave Smith has moved onto a warmer climate. At last months meeting, Dave announced his departure from the Cleveland area to accept a position with the city of Goodyear, Arizona. I want to personally thank Dave for his time and commitment on the executive board and to wish him well on his new endeavor out west.

With Dave's departure, Jerry Flanik will move into the position of first Vice President. The open seat of second Vice President will be filled by James Decker for the remainder of this years term. James is a plans examiner for the City of Mentor and we look forward to his addition on the board.

Please remember to fill out your membership applications for this year. According to the bylaws, all membership dues are required to be paid by March 1st. If your membership is not paid by then, you will be required to cover the monthly cost of each meeting. Your membership fee covers the monthly meal costs, OBOA dues and operating expenses.

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This Month's Meeting **Siemens Building Technologies**

Intelligibility in Emergency Communication

BBS2012-270 1 hour credit
BO, MPE, BI, FPI, RBO, RBI, ESI

History of Smoke Detection

BBS2012-272 1 hour credit
BO, MPE, BI, FPI, RBO, RBI, ESI

[Click To Register Here](#)

Plumbing Roundtable

@ 10:15 am

Electrical Roundtable

@ 10:15 am



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Next month is the OBOA joint conference being hosted by Five County Building Officials Association in Akron. The registration is available online at www.fboa.org. Educational offerings will be available starting on Sunday afternoon, March 10th with the remainder of the conference on March 11th and 12th.

FBOA has combined their efforts with The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) and is looking to provide a host of vendors from the construction industry at the conference. In addition to the education, social events are planned along with a field trip to some buildings in the Akron area.

Your departments should have received an email regarding the mandatory training on the new edition of the residential code. The BBS learned some lessons from last years online training and has selected a new vendor to make this training more user friendly. I would strongly encourage you to begin your training as soon as possible.

There are many changes that went into effect at the beginning of the year that you are required to enforce. Jerry Flanik has put together a Residential Focus Group made up of some members where we have been reviewing many of the changes in this new code cycle.

It has been the attempt of this focus group to get these significant changes out to the members so that we can all be consistent in our enforcement. The focus group is also looking at some standard forms you could utilize in your departments.



Warmest regards,

Paul Kowalczyk
President



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First Vice President's Report

Dave Smith has moved on to greener pastures in Goodyear, Arizona. Wait a minute! Greener pastures? Arizona is a desert with tumble weed and temperatures over 100 degrees in the summer. Hmmmmm, this does sound pretty good today as I look out the window and see six inches of snow with a balmy temperature of 15 degrees.

I would like to thank Dave for his dependability on the Executive Board along with his leadership and guidance in developing our first BOCONEO Educational Institute just a few years ago. Good luck Dave!

A Residential Focus Group was created back in October of 2012 to work on developing cohesive-uniformity regarding the requirements of the new 2013 Residential Code of Ohio (RCO). This small group of building officials and plans examiners is functioning to first, build uniformity among the group itself.

Secondly, promote and advocate uniformity throughout our BOCONEO jurisdictions. Thirdly, build a uniform line of communication between everyone involved in the building process. A big "Thank You" goes out to the following Focus Group members whom have continued to volunteer their time, expertise, and energy pertaining to the ongoing analysis and research of the new 2013 RCO:

- Paul Kowalczyk
- Ray Sack
- Richard Smith
- Dave Strichko
- Fred Wyss

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Over the past months we have met several times. Certain areas of the 2013 RCO were split up between the group members to focus on “thoroughly” researching changes from the 2006 RCO. The goal of each member is to evaluate how the new changes will affect plan review from submittal to the issuance of approvals, as well as providing feedback on how field inspections will be handled based upon the new changes. Initially, we have developed some standard forms in order to obtain relevant information from applicants that can be utilized in your departments regarding plan reviews.

The following forms are currently are going through a final draft review and will be available towards the end of this month.

- “2013 (RCO) Systems Description Form”
- “2013 (RCO) Energy Compliance Declaration Form.”

Also, I hope to provide the membership with some feedback from the Focus Group next month regarding an energy compliance item that has been overlooked by many of us for years, “full height uncompressed insulation over the wall top plate at eaves.” Additionally, we are going over all the details concerning the new wall bracing requirements in the 2013 RCO Section 602.10.

Plan for some great education, food, and fellowship! Spring is right around the corner and the Executive Board is looking at mid-late April to kick off our Annual BOCONEO Educational Institute.



Jerry Flanik
First Vice President

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Building Officials Conference of North East Ohio



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From Your Secretary

Memberships due by March 1, 2013

The 2013 Boconeo membership application is available online at:

[Online Boconeo 2013 Membership Application](#)

We would appreciate if you would fill out the membership application online, THEN print out a copy to send in or bring with you to the meeting. The typed information is MUCH easier to read.

If you have any questions about your 2013 membership you can contact me at: hocevar@southrussel.com



Dave Hocevar
Secretary



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This Months Educational Presenter

This month's education consists of two classes. Because of this there will be two sign in sheets and two certificates distributed. You are required to sign in on each attendance sheet to receive credit for each class.

As a reminder the sign-in attendance sheets will be picked up 10 minutes after the class starts. This does include the roundtables. It is your responsibility to be sure you signed in for the class.

The value of the education offered far outweighs the cost of BOCONEO membership. Remember to get your 2013 membership submitted by March 1st.

From Rob Brown:

The Libb Company will be doing a presentation at this months **Plumbing Roundtable** event. They will be discussing ZurnPex. Zurn has long been a forerunner in providing cutting edge technology for the plumbing and heating industry.

Our Zurn PEX Plumbing Systems are in high demand as more and more homeowners realize the problems with copper and CPVC and the advantages of Zurn. Zurn PEX Radiant Heat Systems are growing in popularity World-Wide.

The training class will focus on proper installation practices for pex tubing in residential and commercial applications. We will also cover the upcoming code changes regarding lead free fittings used in pex plumbing systems.



Michael Gero
Educational Chairman



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Technically Speaking...

Please remember to bring your registration ticket to the meeting. You will need to redeem it to receive a plate for the lunch line. If you forget your ticket you will need to get a replacement ticket at the front desk and go to the back of the line. We really need to keep an accurate count so we don't over/under pay our caterers.

As I write this on February 6, we have 153 of 359 members that have renewed their membership for 2013. Please get your renewals in by the end of the month. Dave and Mike will be cross-checking the membership roster for the March meeting. You will need to be current by then or pay the \$12 cost for individual lunches.



Gregory Fort
Webmaster