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President's Message

In this month's newsletter you will find the proposed by-law changes regarding membership dues. As I explained in the September newsletter and during the business portion of the September meeting, there has not been a dues increase in over five years. We have been able to provide you with information that shows even with the increase in dues, BOCONEO is still providing you with the best value for continuing education in Ohio for your membership dollars.

We strongly seek your support because the Executive Board does not want to restructure the fees where the meal expenses are charged separately from the membership dues as done in most of the other code official organizations. The Board would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Although October's class is limited for certification to only RBO and RBI, the blower door education could not have come at a better time. On new home construction, based on the energy compliance path, you may have already encountered this test in the field.

If you have not, all new homes will be subjected to the blower door test starting January 1, 2014. It is important as inspectors that we are familiar with this process and this class should provide us with a good understanding of this new code requirement.

Continued...

This Month's Meeting

Blower Door Duct Blaster Introduction
3 Hours for RBO, RBI
BBS2013-233

[Click To Register Here](#)

[Download PDF for the class](#)

Plumbing Roundtable
@ 10:15 AM
&
Electrical Roundtable
@ 10:15 AM



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Do not forget that we are coming to the end of the calendar year. If you have not already completed your mandatory training on the 2013 Residential Code of Ohio, your time is fast approaching an end. There are eight training modules to be completed. If you have any questions regarding the training, contact the Board of Building Standards.

Since this is an election year for new officers, we will be having an installation dinner in January. The last event in 2012 was a success and we hope to get even more individuals to attend this one. It will be held at the Normandy Party Center on Saturday, January 11, 2014. We are currently finalizing the specifics on the event but wanted you to "save the date." It will be a great way to start the year and welcome the new officers.

Please remember to show lunch line etiquette when going through the food line. The kitchen staff prepares meal portions based on our reservation counts. Our meals are not intended to be "all you can eat." The kitchen staff explained to me that quite a few people were "stacking" their plates and a few individuals did not receive food at the September meeting. Go through the line and take a single serving size. Once everyone is served, if there is additional food left, you can return to the line.

Lastly, applications are available online for the annual scholarship. Forward the applications to my attention. In order to be eligible, your application must be received by November 20, 2013.



Warmest regards,

Paul Kowalczyk
President

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Building Officials Conference of North East Ohio



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Organization	BOCONEO	COCOA	FBOA	MVBOC	NCOBOA	NWBOBA	SWOBOA
	Building Officials Conference of Northeast Ohio	Central Ohio Code Officials Association	Five County Building Officials Association	Miami Valley Building Officials Council	North Central Ohio Building Officials Association	Northwest Ohio Building Officials Association	Southwest Ohio Building Officials Association
Annual Membership Fee	\$80.00/year	\$60.00/year	\$55.00/year	\$30.00/year	\$50.00/year	\$30.00/year	\$35.00/year
Additional meeting or meal expense		Member receives 2 free classes a year, the other 4 classes are charged at \$10/credit plus \$5 refreshment cost (Avg. 3 hr class is \$35)	Plus \$20.00/mtg to cover the meal cost	Plus your meal cost at various restaurants (\$12 avg.). Different restaurant is selected for each meeting.	Plus \$15.00/mtg. to cover the meal cost.	Plus \$25.00/mtg. to cover the meal cost.	Plus \$25.00/mtg. to cover the meal cost.
Additional charges			Plus \$5.00 late fee with no reservation				
# of meetings per year	9 meetings / year	6 meetings/year	8 meetings/year	12 meetings/year	8 meetings/year	8 meetings/year	11 meetings/year
Total cost of membership	\$80.00/year	\$200.00/year	\$215.00/year	\$174.00/year	\$170.00/year	\$230.00/year	\$310.00/year

These fees and charges listed above are the current 2013 chapter rates.

The other chapters have discussed raising their membership fees for 2014 to accommodate the OBOA due increase.



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ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Section 3.09 – Dues

Any change in dues shall be recommended by the Board of Directors to the general membership at the regular meeting prior to the Annual Business Meeting. Such recommendation shall be included in the mailing to members prior to the Annual Business Meeting. A two-thirds majority of voting members shall be required to adopt such recommendation, and the minutes shall be appended to the by-laws. Such vote shall be taken at the Annual Business Meeting.

- (A) For Regular and Associate Membership ~~\$80.00~~ **\$100.00** per year includes OBOA joint membership.
- (B) For Cooperative Membership ~~\$95.00~~ **\$100.00** per year. ~~\$90.00 per year if a Member of a professional, trade, or construction chapter.~~ Includes OBOA joint membership.
- (C) Honorary Members are exempt from paying dues. Includes OBOA joint membership.
- (D) Retired Members are exempt from paying dues. Includes OBOA joint membership. **A meal cost will be charged for each meeting and the cost will be set by the Executive Board.**
- (E) Student Membership \$25.00 per year. BOCONEO membership only.
- (F) Dues shall be payable immediately upon acceptance for membership and thereafter upon the first day of January of each year. Dues paid by new members joining the Conference on or after ~~October~~ **November** 1st, will apply to the forthcoming year
- (G) **Non-members may attend any meeting at a cost to be determined by the Executive Board.**



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Second Vice President's Report

On Saturday morning July 20, I learned a lot of rain had fallen overnight and I set out to perform inspections. I came across 14 condominiums in northeast Mentor with flood waters on their first floors. The great flood of 2013 had hit from Euclid to Painesville. I also knew the week to follow would be a tough one.

The first thing Monday morning the phones were ringing off the hook. Owners of homes where sanitary sewer and storm water basement flooding occurred were calling. They were not happy. This would be the third flood since July 27, 2006.

A conference call was organized by the Lake County Emergency Management Agency for 10:00 am Monday morning. The scope of the disaster became apparent. Public works vehicles were loaned to hard hit Wickliffe and Willowick where cleanup needs were the worse. The contents of people's basements were lying at the curb throughout Lake County.

We also learned during the conference call the criteria for a federal disaster declaration: 25 majorly damaged homes, 40 percent of them uninsured. Majorly damaged is either destroyed or floodwaters reaching the receptacles on the main floor level. Building departments throughout Lake County were working with Lake County EMA and the Red Cross disaster response teams to identify damaged properties. Twelve of the fourteen condominiums mentioned earlier were declared majorly damaged. Two other homes in Mentor were declared destroyed. It was apparent in subsequent conference calls the disaster declaration threshold countywide would not be met. Still, the cleanup and phone calls continued.

Whenever disaster strikes, try not to take the complaints personally. The residents are just simply mad, not at you, but at your municipality. They become upset when their lives are thrown into disarray. I hope an event like this never happens again.



James Decker
Second Vice President



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From Your Secretary

Slate of Candidates

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	Rob Brown
	James McReynolds
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This Months Educational Presenter

October's class is "Blower Door Duct Blaster Introduction" presented by Terry Smith of MaGrann Associates" This 3-hour class offers continuing education credit for the following certifications: RBO, RBI. This class should provide valuable information for compliance with the 2013 RCO.

This year BOCONEO will offer classes totaling 25 hours of continuing education. Not included in this total are the Electrical and Plumbing roundtables that provide an additional hour of con-ed. Although not every class provides hours for each certification, we do try to maximize the certifications that receive hours. Please let us know if there is a class you would like to have throughout the year.

Just a couple of housekeeping reminders; if you would like a vegetarian type of lunch please email your request to boconeo@gmail.com when you register so arrangements can be made for special diets. We will make every attempt to accommodate the requests.

Also, if you have registered for the class and find that you will not be able to attend, please send an email to boconeo@gmail.com with that information so we can adjust the attendance count. We understand that schedules can change so we ask you to help us control some of the expenses with the courtesy of a cancellation notice. Thank you.



Michael Gero
Educational Chairman



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Technically Speaking...

Please download the PDF for this months presentation. It's rather large at 74 pages. Because of it's size, we will not be able to provide them at the meeting. Print it out at work and bring a copy with you to follow along.

I have scrubbed our email list numerous times to get our members email addresses correct. It is as close as I can get with members changing positions or retirement or moving. From this point forward, if an email comes back as non-deliverable, you will be required to send an email to me at boconeo@gmail.com so I am sure the email address is correct. Once I receive it I can then update the master spreadsheet and the Constant Contact list.



Gregory Fort
Webmaster