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## *President's Message*

This will be my last newsletter that I write as your President. I have enjoyed serving the membership as the leader over the last two years and I look forward to welcoming the new leadership that will carry on the goals of this organization. We have accomplished much in the past two years. When I was elected President, my goal was to get exposure of our organization and who we are. We had a booth to support Building Safety Month at Home Depot in Cleveland, an article ran in the Plain Dealer about the code enforcement profession, BOCONEO was highlighted in an ICC E-newsletter about our Building Safety Month event and some of our members presented to the Air Conditioning Contractors Associations and the Ohio Home Building Association about code changes and issues in the field. We are recognized around the state as a very successful building official chapter and our membership has seen an increase in our attendance from both the fire service and the architectural profession.

In order for this organization to continue to grow, we need new members to get involved. I know there is a lot of talent in our membership and we are always looking for new ideas. You can contribute an article of interest in the newsletter, solicit a vendor that might want to teach a class, develop a topic to be discussed at a roundtable, help at the golf outing or on the committee to organize the chapter conference. There are so many ways to be involved but we need you to reach out to the board and offer your time or talent. With more people being involved, there is less to do for everyone else.

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### **This Month's Meeting**

**OBC Chapter 17 - Special Inspections**  
**2 Hours for BO, MPE, BI**  
**BBS2013-313**

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### **Plumbing Roundtable**

**@ 10:30 AM**

**&**

### **Electrical Roundtable**

**@ 10:30 AM**



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When I first joined the organization I did not want to be involved. I came to the meeting, had my lunch and received my monthly training. One day I was asked if I had any interest to fill a vacated seat on the board. I was not sure if this was something I wanted to be involved with but I decided to give it a shot. Looking back now I am glad that I said yes.

### **First Vice President**

*Jerry Flanik  
Lake County Building  
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My time on the board has provided me with so many opportunities. I have met with many individuals both within code enforcement and outside of this profession and have made personal contacts that I can reach out to when I have an issue in my jurisdiction. I have fostered great relationships with members on the board and have seen what it means to truly work as a team.

### **Second Vice President**

*James Decker  
Mentor, Ohio*

### **Secretary**

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This entire experience has made me better at what I do everyday at my job. My last words of encouragement are to get involved with your chapter. You will find it to be a truly positive experience.

### **Treasurer**

*Mike Skvasik  
Village of Glenwillow*

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Since this is our last newsletter for the year, I want to wish you and your family a very safe and enjoyable holiday season.



Warmest regards,

Paul Kowalczyk  
President

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*Building Officials Conference of North East Ohio*



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**NOTICE  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2013**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of BOCONEO will be held on November 20, 2013, at 12:00 p.m., at the Normandy Party Center, 30310 Palisades Parkway, Wickliffe, Ohio.

Pursuant to the Bylaws of BOCONEO, notice is further given of the slate of candidates who are running for election for the two year term of 2014 and 2015:

For President:	Jerry Flanik
For First Vice President:	James Decker
For Second Vice President:	Laura Heilman Rob Brown James McReynolds
For Secretary:	Gregory Fort
For Treasurer:	Mike Skvasik

Further, pursuant to the Bylaws, opportunity to present further nominations from the floor will be given at the annual meeting and a vote taken.



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Further, notice is hereby given that a vote will be held to amend ARTICLE III, Section 3.09 of the Bylaws of BOCONEO. Article III, Section 3.09 – Dues is being proposed to be amended as follows:

## 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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## *First Vice President's Report*

During the past year.....

I have had the pleasure to work with our membership and the BOCONEO Board of Directors over the past year. Can you believe another year is coming to an end? Additionally, it has been almost one year since the 2013 RCO went into effect.

Around this time last year, we assembled a small group of building officials and plans examiners to focus on the changes regarding the new 2013 RCO. During the first two quarters of 2013 we met several times to evaluate some of the more difficult areas of the new code. Certain areas of the 2013 RCO were split up between the group members to focus on and "thoroughly" research changes from the 2006 RCO. The goal of each member was to evaluate how the new changes will effect 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.

Some of the outcomes included local consistency (keeps getting better) aimed at the enforcement of the 2013 RCO, the creation of the "2013 (RCO) Systems Description Form" and "2013 (RCO) Energy Compliance Declaration Form". Owner/owner agents can clearly specify the building services and energy information on these forms. The forms will facilitate faster turn-around time for plan reviews and approvals regarding electrical, mechanical, fuel gas, plumbing, and energy compliance options. These forms are available on our BOCONEO website and have been integrated into "applications for plan approval" in several jurisdictions throughout our area. Additionally, we have gone over the details concerning the new wall bracing requirements in the 2013 RCO (Section 602.10).

My goal for 2014 is to continue building consistency throughout our jurisdictions.



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In April of this year, I was given the opportunity to speak at an ACCA (Cleveland Chapter) meeting to discuss key topics regarding the 2013 RCO and 2009 IECC. Several of the items that were discussed included: Carbon monoxide alarm requirements, duct tightness (leakage testing), duct sealing and insulation, combustion air, new dryer exhaust requirements, and several new fuel gas piping changes. Many contractors were very appreciative of learning how to find mechanical and energy code information relative to their projects.

I am looking forward to working with the BOCONEO Board of Directors and the membership in 2014 to keep education as a top priority, which in turn will continue to empower the members for their success in the future.

Lastly, I would like to thank Paul Kowalczyk for his vision and leadership over the past two years as President of our fine organization. Great job Paul!



Jerry Flanik  
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## *This Months Educational Presenter*

REMINDER! The electrical and plumbing roundtables will change to a 10:30a.m. starting this month. Roundtables will run from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. with lunch starting at noon.

November's class is "2011 OBC Chapter 17: Structural Tests & Special Inspections" presented by David Breitfeller of CTL Engineering, Inc. This 2-hour class offers continuing education credit for the following certifications: BO, MPE, & BI.

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 hours 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## BOCONEO 2013 Education Report

BOCONEO once again was a leader in providing education in 2013. Throughout the year nine classes were offered for a total of 25 hours' worth of continuing education for various certifications. In addition to the main classes eight electrical and eight plumbing roundtables offered an additional 16 hours of class time. These continuing education hours included no less than 10 hours for each of the BBS certifications. Find your certifications and check the total possible con-ed hours:

BO	27
MPE	30
PPE	16
EPE	16
BI	22
FPI	15
MI	11
PI	16
NRIUI	10
ESI	12
RBO	31
RPE	26
RBI	18
RPI	16
RIUI	10

These hours only include the main classes and roundtables offered. The classes covered a full range of topics;

Building Department Investigations  
History of Smoke Detection  
Intelligibility in Emergency Communication  
2013 Residential Code of Ohio Updates  
Deck, Porch, Balcony Framing  
2009 IECC Fundamentals- Field Inspection  
Fire Door Systems for Code Compliance  
Overview of Ohio Mechanical Code  
Blower Door Duct Blaster Intro  
Structural Tests & Special Inspections

The BOCONEO code institute provided additional hours of continuing education for certifications.

The education offered by BOCONEO not only provides the continuing education hours required for BBS certifications, it also provides education that can be utilized in our profession.

Michael Gero



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## *Technically Speaking...*

This has been a great year for Boconeo. We have record number of members attending our class/meetings each month, and we continue to provide many hours of continuing education for all. The consensus I hear is the food is good, the location is great and most are happy with the direction we are taking with Boconeo.

When Paul took over as President, he had a vision to raise the bar for our local chapter, and that he did. I won't repeat the successes, they are outlined in his article this month. We received press coverage, were recognized in the ICC eMail edition, and many other accomplishments.

Since beginning service on the OBOA board and networking with the other OBOA chapters, you would not believe how other chapters look to Boconeo as a model for their chapter. We are truly lucky to have such a strong, supportive membership, and I hope you will continue to support your chapter by attending meetings and the additional trainings that we provide. Thank you Paul for your service, you did a great job and pushed us further ahead.

I am in process of updating the 2014 Boconeo membership application but waiting to finalize until after the November meeting. As you know we are voting on a dues increase and I must wait until after the meeting to post the new application. As a heads up, and once the new application is online, I am going to request that each and every one of you go to the website and **FILL OUT THE APPLICATION ONLINE** first before printing it out. Sorry, but some of you have horrible handwriting and that creates errors in your membership details. Once the application is **FILLED OUT ONLINE**, you can print and mail with your check. This will help me out a lot. There's more to come, but that's all for now as I am running out of room. See you at the meeting.



Gregory Fort  
Webmaster

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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
<b>Total cost of membership</b>	<b>\$80.00/year</b>	<b>\$200.00/year</b>	<b>\$215.00/year</b>	<b>\$174.00/year</b>	<b>\$170.00/year</b>	<b>\$230.00/year</b>	<b>\$310.00/year</b>

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.

## 2013 BOCONEO BUILDING OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2013 BOCONEO Building Official of the Year Award. The individual who will be selected has demonstrated dedication and a high standard of professionalism within the building code profession. This prestigious award will be given to recognize a Code Official for his or her commitment and contributions to the code enforcement profession and public safety.

Candidates must be regular members of BOCONEO, as defined in the by-laws. Please provide your reason for nominating this individual when submitting their name. Be as specific as possible in the space provided.

NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

JURISDICTION: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE / POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: (use separate sheet if necessary)

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Please mail, fax or email your nominations to:

Ray Sack, Past President

City of Wickliffe

28730 Ridge Road

Wickliffe, OH 44092

Phone: 440-943-7100

Fax: 440-943-7107

Email: [rsack@cityofwickliffe.com](mailto:rsack@cityofwickliffe.com)

## 2013 BOCONEO OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2013 BOCONEO Outstanding Service Award. The individual who will be selected has demonstrated dedication and a high standard of professionalism within the building code profession. This prestigious award will be given to recognize and individual for his or her commitment and contributions to the code enforcement profession and public safety.

Candidates need not be a member of BOCONEO. Please provide your reason for nominating this individual when submitting their name. Be as specific as possible in the space provided.

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