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President's Message

Happy New Year 2014!

Happy New Year everyone....I hope everyone had a nice holiday season. As I am writing this article the temperature outside is a warm 77° F in Miami Beach. However, I'm still shivering in Cleveland, Ohio at a balmy 18° F. Wish I was in Miami.

I would like to thank Paul Kowalsyczk for his fine leadership and professionalism over the past few years. Great job Paul! After serving "many" years on our Executive Board Dave Hocevar has stepped down from his post as Secretary. {Dave, we will always save a seat at the table for you as your presence, knowledge and experience will be missed. Don't worry Dave...we think we know how to find you if we need you (*we believe he will be spending more time at the casinos*).} Thanks for your commitment and many years of service.

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This Month's Meeting

Wood Use In The IBC & Recognition Of
Fire-Retardant Treated Wood
3 Hours for BO, MPE, PPE, EPE, BI,
FPI, NRIUI, RBO, RPE, RBI, RIUI
BBS2014-033

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Plumbing Roundtable

@ 10:30 AM

&

Electrical Roundtable

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I am honored and look forward to serving as President of BOCONEO this year and working with the BOCONEO Board of Directors to continue making education a major priority of our organization. Additionally, we will continue reaching out to other organizations in order to promote uniformity and consistency in our departments.

Just yesterday, I received a call from an OHBA member requesting Jim Decker and I to speak (sometime in February) with their members regarding how builders and building departments performed one year after working with the 2013 RCO. Also, we will discuss the 2014 requirements on the subject of the OHBA Alternative Energy Code Option as it relates to blower door tests and duct leakage (tightness) testing. This will be a great opportunity to get the participants engaged in the building code and to better communicate with code officials.

Last month I had the opportunity to teach some courses in Phoenix, Arizona and spent some time with our long lost member Dave Smith. We had dinner one night at an Italian restaurant in the desert. Dave misses everyone and stated "BOCONEO is a very strong organization compared to some of the others out here". Somehow I don't think he wants to come back to the Cleveland area with snow and temperatures around 18° F.





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First Vice President's Report

In conclusion, please remember to pay your membership dues for 2014. Also, Paul Kowalczyk will be providing some information at this month's meeting for members to get involved in many areas of our fine organization. Lastly, I encourage all members to register (www.boconeo.org) for the Officers Installation Dinner that will be held at Normandy Party Center this coming Saturday, January 11, 2014. This is a great opportunity to socialize and get to know other members of our organization. Hope to see you there!



Jerry Flanik
President - Elect



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Second Vice President's Report

Another holiday season has come and gone. I hope it was a happy enjoyable time with friends and family. Now it's time to get back to work.

I wanted to thank Mr. Kowalczyk for his time and efforts running BOCONEO for the last two years. He did a fantastic job.

I look forward to working along side Mr. Flanik for the next two years. He is dedicated to making sure our education needs are met. That has been his primary topic of discussions at our board of directors meetings.

The education side of BOCONEO is well covered by Mr. Flanik, Mr. Gero and the past experiences of Mr. McReynolds. As such, I want to continue with the ground work laid by past Presidents' in bringing the views of other organizations such as the Home Builders Association, Northeast Ohio Fire Protection Association and others to BOCONEO and vice versa.

In fact, I will be accompanying Mr. Flanik as he is the presenter at an educational seminar on the 2013 RCO mechanical updates to the Air Conditioning Contractors of America Greater Cleveland chapter. When I attended a recent NEOFPA luncheon, I became aware of their political stance on smoke detectors.

I believe it is important for BOCONEO to understand the views and opinions of these other organizations especially when they impact code enforcement.



James Decker
Second Vice President



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This Months Educational Presenter

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

January's class is "Wood Use In The IBC & Recognition Of Fire-Retardant Treated Wood", BBS2014-033, presented by Jim Gogolski of Hoover Treated Wood Products. This 3-hour class offers continuing education credit for the following certifications: BO, MPE, PPE, EPE, BI, FPI, NRIUI, RBO, RPE, RBI, RIUI.

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...

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you had a great holiday season. As we begin a new year at work, we also begin a new year at BOCONEO. This coming Saturday we kick off the new year with the installation of our newly elected officers. So far, 40-50 people have registered for the event. This will be an enjoyable night out to socialize with fellow members and their guests. The night includes a full dinner and open bar. If you have not registered yet, time is getting short. Hope to see you all there this Saturday evening.

Per our By-Laws your membership dues are due January 1st. Because many jurisdictions do not pay for memberships until their fiscal year begins, we have always allowed a grace period to get your membership dues paid. We would like to see the majority of applications submitted by the end of the month, but no later than February. If memberships are not received by March 1st, you will need to pay for the membership yourself and get reimbursed by your jurisdiction.

The membership form is on the website and is designed to be filled in ONLINE and then printed out for mailing. PLEASE, PLEASE fill the application out online FIRST. This helps to eliminate mistakes. Also, please use your work address, phone number and email address unless you want your private phone and email listed instead.

At the OBOA level, we are closing in on this year's Joint Conference to be held in Columbus February 23-25. The early sign up link is now live at:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=4tjzvhob&oeidk=a07e887c982183792d4>



Gregory Fort
Webmaster