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## President's Message

During the fall season people begin planning for events such as haunted houses. Many times building officials are approached by charity groups and other people looking to temporarily occupy an existing building or tenant space for a haunted house.

Some initial key points are to first, gather all the details about the previous occupancy of the proposed building. Second, realize that most existing buildings were not designed and/or occupied as special amusement buildings. Third, the characteristics of this occupancy are low lighting levels, participants are unfamiliar with their location (while being frightened and scared beyond scared), and obscure paths of egress travel to exits.

I would recommend reaching out to the applicant (prior to submitting) by setting up a meeting with the interested parties and your local fire official in order to discuss their concept and the requirements of OBC Section 411 "Special Amusement Buildings" along with submittal documentation for review and approvals. Note: Section 411.1 gives two separate paths based upon occupant loads of 50 or more and less than 50 occupants.

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

**RCO 502.14 Fire Resistance of Floors & Equivalent  
Protection Options**  
**BBS2014-136: 1 Hour (BO, MPE, BI, RBO, RPE, RBI)**

**Tall Wall Seminar**  
**BBS2014-043: 2 Hours (BO, MPE, BI, RBO, RPE, RBI)**  
**Jason Shumaker, Weyerhaeuser**

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**Plumbing Roundtable**  
**"Miscellaneous Topics"**  
**@ 10:30 AM**  
**&**  
**Electrical Roundtable**  
**"Prep for 2014 NEC"**  
**@ 10:30 AM**

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Building Officials Conference of North East Ohio



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Additionally, Ohio has added a second exception (Exception 2) to Section 411.4 regarding automatic sprinkler systems not required when the existing building meets the following conditions: Area is less than 5,000 square feet, travel distance to any exit is less than 50 feet, and finally the opinion of the building official regarding additional means of egress during hours of operation that may include fire watches, reduced occupant loads, etc. Lastly, discuss submittal of documents for approvals, required inspections, and conditions that may be included on the certificate of occupancy.

Good Luck!



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President



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## *First Vice President's Report*

In 2016, BOCONEO will be the co-host of the 26<sup>th</sup> annual OBOA Conference to be held in Columbus (usually in late February, early March). At the conference, the OBOA annual meeting is held, educational programs are provided, vendors are present to tote their products, and entertainment is provided in the evening. Since BOCONEO is the co-host, volunteers from BOCONEO will be needed to help with organizing this conference.

On Monday October 6, 2014, I attended the Northeast Ohio Fire Prevention Association monthly meeting. Their educational topic was Enacting and Enforcing Local Ordinances. The thrust of this topic is their efforts to endorse the use of photoelectric smoke alarms through local code amendments. They also are pursuing a change in the code through the Board of Building Standards.

Lastly, membership cards have been (and still are) being distributed. If you lose your membership card, the BOCONEO board has determined a \$10 replacement fee is warranted.



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First Vice President



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## *Second Vice President's Report*

### Notes from the IAEL Western Section Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Western Section of the IAEL was held recently here in Ohio, in the Cleveland area. Attendees from Wyoming, Kansas, Colorado, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, and Nebraska were present along with participating members from Ohio. Many fine educational programs were presented, each dealing with certain facets of the new 2014 edition of the National Electric Code.

One point stressed at the meeting is that we need to encourage our lawmakers here in Ohio to adopt the 2014 NEC. Many states have already adopted this code, and are enforcing it. My hope is that Ohio will adopt the new code by January of 2015, but this is not yet written in stone. To any BOCONEO members who have the ear of our representatives in Columbus: encourage our lawmakers to move quickly to adopt the new version of the code, as there are many new safety issues addressed differently from the 2011 NEC.

For example, a new section dealing with electric vehicle energy management systems has been added. The code now recognizes the fact that electric vehicles are entering the workplace and the homestead, and we now have to deal with charging stations, some of which may be located at the home. The new code requires a dedicated circuit for garage vehicle charging.

A new chapter has been added which deals with low voltage lighting systems. As these systems become more popular, the NEC now addresses their installation in a new section. You may find low voltage lighting systems being installed in commercial applications quite routinely now.

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A very popular class dealt with the reuse of salvaged equipment. It is big business now for a company to salvage electrical panels, cable trays, and other equipment and resell these items, sometimes after refurbishing the items. The problem is that in many cases, the refurbished equipment is not inspected to any standard, as it was originally. Inspectors have to ask how the used equipment was inspected or certified for the intended application.

We are now seeing many retrofit kits for lighting being installed. It is becoming popular to refit existing parking lot lighting, with lower consumption cost LED lighting. As inspectors, we have to be mindful of the fact that these kits are usually sold as a system, and parts may not be interchangeable with other parts from different manufacturers.



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## *From Your Secretary*

Felecia Jackson from the OBBS sent the following email out on August 5.

The Board of Building Standards is developing upgrades to the BBS Electronic Tracking System (BETS) database, which maintains records for certified personnel. Currently, the Board tracks completion of continuing education by paper certificates submitted by the certified person at renewal time. After Go Live and full implementation of the BETS continuing education upgrades, sponsors will submit course rosters electronically by uploading the data. Attendees will be credited with the approved hours automatically and will be able to track their completed course transcripts electronically. Sponsors will also be able to view online all of their Board-approved courses.

To prepare for this transition, sponsors will need to begin submitting attendance rosters electronically in the format of the attached document. Upon completion of a course, the course roster should be emailed to Vicky Williams at Vicky.Williams@com.ohio.gov. Please familiarize yourself with using, saving, and submitting the roster on the approved/required template.

The procedures for course submission and approval will remain unchanged. The course application can be retrieved from

[http://www.com.ohio.gov/documents/dico\\_216.pdf](http://www.com.ohio.gov/documents/dico_216.pdf)

After the training is completed, sponsors will still be responsible for providing each participant with a paper certificate of completion. (Requirements for the certificate can be found within the course application directions).

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## *From Your Secretary*

### Submitting the Course Roster

Sponsors will now need to submit all attendance rosters by email to Vicky Williams on the attached Excel spreadsheet template. Eventually, sponsors will be responsible for uploading the roster to the database. For now, you will submit the template to our office. This template will gather the simplest information: course number, course date, and attendee certification number and name. Provided below are the step-by-step directions on how to save and submit the attendee roster to our office.

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The database that is being designed for check in/out is being designed around the state submission requirements. Progress is being made, but we are still a little ways off from completion. We're hoping to start testing by years end.



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## *This Months Educational Presenter*

This month our main education is actually two classes. Jason Shumaker of Weyerhaeuser will present both classes. The classes are BBS2014-136 "RCO 502.14 Fire Resistance of Floors & Equivalent Protection Options", 1 hour of credit for BO, MPE, BI, RBO, RPE, RBI; and BBS2014-043 "Tall Wall Seminar", 2 hours of credit for BO, MPE, BI, RBO, RPE, and RBI. There will be a separate sign in sheet for each class.

The electrical and plumbing roundtables have a 10:30 a.m. starting time. Roundtables will run from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. with lunch starting at noon. Please sign up only for the roundtable you plan to attend.

The roundtable classes are separate classes from the main class. Each class requires a distinctive sign in sheet. The BBS requires attendees to sign in within 15 minutes of the class beginning. Certificates of attendance are distributed at the end of the class. The attendance rooster is submitted to BBS by BOCONEO. Your certificate is required to be submitted to the BBS by you when you renew your certifications.

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  
Co-Educational Chairman