

**B.O.C.O.N.E.O.**

Building Officials Conference of North East Ohio



January, 2015

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**Happy New Year 2015!**

**This Month's Meeting**

**"Maintaining the Integrity of Fire-Rated Construction"**

**BBS2015-196: 3 Hours for all certifications**

**Instructor: Jeff Molchan, INTEK**

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**Plumbing Roundtable**

**@ 10:30 AM**

**&**

**Electrical Roundtable**

**@ 10:30 AM**



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## President's Message

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Happy New Year everyone. I hope everyone had a nice holiday season.

Last year our BOCONEO Annual Golf Outing was held at Grandview Golf Club. Thanks to all of the hard work from the Golf Committee, hole sponsors, and participants we had a great turnout and the weather was an outstanding 85° bright sunny day. The proceeds of our annual outing go to the John Korinek Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Board of Directors would like to congratulate the following individuals receiving the 2015 John Korinek Memorial Scholarships:

Daniel Balogh (Robert Balogh-Father)  
Biology, Pre-Med, Walsh University

Nick Beck (Richard Beck-Grandfather)  
Sports Science, Mercyhurst University

Mackenzie Bonvenuto (Traci Gallagher-Bonvenuto-Mother)  
Education, John Carroll University

Brian Keller (Darryl Keller-Father)  
Business/Accounting, Walsh University

Jacob Kowalczyk (Paul Kowalczyk-Father)  
Business Finance, Ohio State University

Mackenzie Maynard (Walter Maynard-Father)  
Nursing, Edinboro University

Mikayla Menn (Dave Menn-Father)  
Athletic Training, University of Mount Union

David Skvasik (Mike Skvasik-Father)  
Chemistry/Chemical Engineering, Notre Dame College

John Vrhovnik (John Marrelli-Step Father)  
Visual Communication, Kent State University

Additionally, we would like to invite the Scholarship recipients and their member-relatives to join us for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on January 21, 2015 at the Normandy Party Center. After lunch the Board of Directors will present the Scholarships to the recipients.

Jerry Flanik  
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## *Secretary's Report*

Thank you to everyone that have submitted their annual membership applications and filled them out ONLINE prior to printing them. It makes it much easier to read and keep the information accurate.

For those of you who have not yet renewed you membership, please submit your renewals to your jurisdiction for payment ASAP. We know jurisdictions can be slow, so the sooner you start, the sooner we can register you as a current member. March 1 is the deadline by our current bylaws so please help us out.

Did you see how many scholarships were awarded this year by BOCONEO? Nine...That's a lot of help you provided to fellow members. I don't remember ever seeing this many awarded in one year. We have an awesome group of inspectors in NE Ohio.



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## *Technically Speaking...*

I was sent this link from my insurance agent. It's a nifty little free program to keep track of home inventory in case a claim is needed. During the sign up a few things are wrong. Where it says Enter City, enter your zip code instead. I found it easier to sign up on the Android app then go to the site to add rooms and categories. I'll add the photos by tablet later. Hope you like it and never need it.

### **KNOW YOUR STUFF® MOBILE APPS**

**You never know when a disaster may strike—but you can be prepared with a home inventory.**

Download the new Know Your Stuff® — Home Inventory app to your iPhone. It is available in the [iTunes App Store](#) (or search for "Home Inventory").

Information about your belongings, including adding rooms, items and photos, can be entered either through the iPhone app or through the Web-based software and your data will automatically synchronize between the two. All of your information will be kept in your personal, password protected account, on Amazon secure servers. And, like the online version, the Know Your Stuff® app is easy to use and free of charge.

Website link: <http://www.knowyourstuff.org/>



Gregory Fort  
Webmaster

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## *This Months Educational Presenter*

BOCONEO is starting off the New Year with a class good for all certifications. This month Jeff Molchan of INTEK will be presenting "Maintaining the Integrity of Fire-Rated Construction". This class, BBS 2015-196, is approved for 3 hours of credit for all certifications, BO, MPE, PPE, EPE, BI, FPI, MI, PI, NRIUI, ESI, RBO, RPE, RBI, RMI, RPI, and RIUI.

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



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## *Past President's Report*

Often times when performing a plan review, I will come across a situation that falls into that "grey" area in the code. I usually end up calling another plans examination colleague to discuss the issue and then render my decision. Many times I find that these situations could be valuable discussions among other plans examiners.

I would like to reach out to the other plans examiners to see if there would be any interest in having a plans examination roundtable at the BOCONEO meeting. Just like the monthly electrical and plumbing roundtables, I would like to start one for the plans examiners (MPE, EPE, Mech.PE, and PPE). Before going down that road, I would need to see if there is enough interest among the group. In order to get credit from the Ohio Board of Building Standards, I would be required to submit a detailed request along with other pertinent information for the Board to review. If there is sufficient interest among the group, I will compile the information for submission to the Board.

Please email me at [pkowalczyk@seuclid.com](mailto:pkowalczyk@seuclid.com) if you would be interested in participating in this type of roundtable.



Paul Kowalczyk  
Past-President