



President's Message

February, 2014

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Education and Certification

The ICC has implemented a Preferred Provider Program in order to establish partnerships with other organizations for the benefit of providing education in the many areas of construction, code and standard administration where quality training is needed. Below is an excerpt of user benefits from Section 1.5 of the ICC Preferred Provider Manual.

1.5.1 Provided with a comprehensive listing of available and relevant educational programs.

Expanded topics and access to educational offerings will be available, both on-site and online, and are identified through a live training schedule located on the ICC Preferred Provider website. See Section 5.0 for definitions of on-site and online.

1.5.2 Opportunity to learn about products and services of PP. Users will have access to information about products, educational offerings, and other services of Preferred Providers and be able to develop new relationships and networking opportunities.

1.5.3 Utilize the Provider educational programs to gain ICC CEUs toward renewal of ICC certifications. ICC certificate holders are required to obtain a specified number of CEUs every three years in order to maintain their certifications. A portion of these CEUs must be obtained through Preferred Provider or ICC training, or both. Increased opportunities to gain the necessary CEUs are available to ICC certificate holders.

1.5.4 Guaranteed compliance of training for ICC CEUs. Those using the Preferred Provider Network for training are conveniently assured without any further research that the training they participated in qualifies for ICC CEUs.

Continued...

This Month's Meeting
"Good Service Is Good Code Business"
BBS2015-162: 3 Hours for all certifications
Instructor: Bob Schutz

[Click To Register Here](#)

Plumbing Roundtable
@ 10:30 AM
&
Electrical Roundtable
@ 10:30 AM



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What does this mean to you if you maintain ICC certifications?

Beginning in 2015, 20 percent of CEUs must be earned from training by ICC or ICC's Preferred Provider Network (PNN).

From January through June 2016, 40 percent of the total amount of required CEUs must be earned from training by ICC or PPN.

On July 1, 2016 and after, 50 percent of the total amount of required CEUs must be earned from training by ICC or PPN.

Click on link below to view the ICC Preferred Provider Manual.

http://www.iccsafe.org/Chapters/Documents/Preferred_Provider_Manual.pdf

At the OBOA meeting on December 19, 2014, we voted to have OBOA become an ICC Preferred Provider. I have been in contact with Mike Boso (OBOA President) regarding how our Chapter can benefit from this. Mike is currently submitting courses to the ICC Preferred Provider Network for review and approval for the Joint Conference. He will then begin to work with all Chapters regarding submittals for future courses that can be utilized for our monthly education as PPN in addition to receiving OBBS credit.

More Information Coming Soon! **2015 BOCONEO Educational Institute**

This year's Institute will feature an Architectural Track and Fire Protection Track.

Back by popular demand is Debbie Ohler, P.E. from the Ohio Board of Building Standards presenting her "Plans Examination 101" course.

We currently are putting together some other outstanding educational offerings for the 2015 BOCONEO Educational Institute to be held on **April 10, 2015** at the Normandy Party Center in Wickliffe, Ohio. (**More information on registration and courses coming soon**)

This is a great opportunity for you to reach out to people outside of your departments in order to encourage good working relationships through education. Please consider inviting Architects, Engineers, Contractors, Home Builders, and others to attend our 2015 Educational Institute.

Let's build good communication and consistency throughout our jurisdictions. Plan for some great education, food, and fellowship!

Jerry Flanik, President





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First Vice President's Report

As a reminder, the 2015, 25th annual OBOA/COCOA Joint Conference will be held March 8th, 9th and 10th at the Embassy Suites in Dublin. Visit OBOA.org for conference registration and hotel reservations.

As a reminder BOCONEO will be the joint host for the conference in 2016. I will be organizing a committee in the next few months.



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First Vice President



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Second Vice President's Report

Alternatives for Lateral Bracing

In our jurisdiction we use the 2013 RCO. This code requires that a deck connected to a structure shall be "positively anchored to the primary structure and designed for both vertical and lateral loads as applicable."

It appears that this requirement is being enforced inconsistently in our area of North East Ohio. Very few jurisdictions require the code-specified bracket, or even an engineered solution. Some building departments simply ask for 'something reasonable,' or ignore this requirement completely.

The IRC does not quantify lateral load requirements. Rather the code offers up a single solution with a specific design capacity. You are permitted to install two (2) Simpson Strong-Tie DTT2s connected by a threaded rod, with one strap fastened to a deck joist and the other to a house joist. Two (2) of these straps must be installed regardless of the size and shape of the deck. Each must resist 1500 pounds of force.

Installing these devices presents many problems, especially on existing structures. It is a labor intensive project, and may be even unnecessary for many decks. It also may be impossible to verify that the subfloor attachment meets required provisions unless the finished flooring is removed.

The RCO permits alternative methods of lateral-load anchoring, but does not offer any alternatives itself.

One alternative lateral-load anchor might be described as follows: a double 2 X 10 diagonal brace anchored to the deck framing with ½ inch pass through bolts and to the foundation wall with a substantial 6-inch by 4-inch by 12-inch long L-bracket made of 3/8 steel. A contractor's in-house engineer approved this method. Would you jurisdiction approve this? Would you require an engineer's stamp before approval? It seems reasonable to accept engineered solutions as alternatives to the lateral-load anchoring provision shown in RCO figure 502.2.2.3. If it has an engineer's stamp on the solution, I see no reason not to accept this method as an alternative.

We certainly need to be aware of this requirement for anchoring, and also to be reasonable in accepting alternative methods to achieve the same result.

James McReynolds, Second Vice President





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From Your Secretary

We have received over half the annual membership applications and fee's for 2016. Please follow up with your jurisdiction to make sure that your dues are paid by March 1, 2005 as required by our bylaws.

I have begun the process of updating individual contact information shown on the Boconeo website.

This is how the updates to the database are being handled. When the applications are received in the PO box, they are recorded in the BOCONEO online spreadsheet as paid and are also updated for contact information as well.

I update the applications from A to Z on the website. I'm still in the "B" last name list so please bear with me. It's a lot of work.

If you see contact or employment information that is wrong, please wait until after April 1st to send me correction emails.



Gregory Fort
Secretary



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This Months Educational Presenter

The BBS has gone to an electronic submittal of the class rosters. The information provided when you register for a class is electronically sent down to the BBS. Therefore in order for you to receive proper credit, please double check your name and BBS ID number when registering. Any incomplete information will not be accepted by the BBS.

BOCONEO is also moving toward an electronic distribution of class certificates. We are planning a beta test of this process with the roundtables for February's meeting. We will be using the email address provided when you register for the class. Please be sure it is correct.

February's class will be presented by Robert "Bob" Schutz. Bob's classes are always interesting. The title of the class is "Good Service Is Good Code Business". This class, BBS 2015-162, is approved for 3 hours of credit for certifications, BO, MPE, PPE, EPE, BI, FPI, MI, PI, NRIUI, ESI, RBO, RPE, RBI, RMI, RPI, and RIUI.

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

All classes require a distinctive sign in sheet. The BBS requires attendees to sign in within 15 minutes of the class beginning. You must remain for the entire class to receive credit. Certificates of attendance are distributed after completion of the class. The attendance roster 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 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,
Co-Educational Chairman





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The following members have still not received their membership cards. Please see me at the Boconeo meeting registration desk if you or someone in your office is on this list.

Nicholas	Angie	Wickliffe
John	Armeni	Mahoning County
Amandeep Singh	Bali	CSA Group
Donald	Bastian	Cleveland
Tony	Biondillo	Strongsville
David	Blagg	Parma
Charles	Boshane	Solon
Sheila	Brown	Cleveland
Cheryl	Camp	Cleveland
John	Cheatham	Safebuilt - Bay Village
Daniel	Dachtler	Cleveland
Bob	DeLorenzo	Parma Heights
Anthony	Dizdar	East Cleveland
Joseph	Dominick	Willowick
Ayonna	Donald	Cleveland
Charlotte	Ellick	Warrensville Heights
Robert	Finney	Ravenna
Alan	Fodor	ACF471, LLC
Irene	Fomby	Cleveland
Keith	Foulkes	Strongsville
Edward	Franks	GPD Group
Bill	Gallagher	CT Consulatants
Denis	Garcia	Cleveland
Robert	Green	DLZ Architecture
Emily	Hanson	Broadview Heights
Lavelle	Hatcher	Warrensville Heights
Zachary	Hayek	University Heights
Brian	Headen	Warrensville Heights

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Ronald	Kluchin	Self
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Selwyn	Kulesar	Fairview Park
Thomas	Kunz	Retired
David	Lawrence	Wickliffe
Bernard	Leatherman	Retired
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Melvin	Lester	Warrensville Heights
Valerie	Madarasz	CSA Group
Daniel	Marinucci	NC eXperts
Roy	Mason	Ashtabula County
Robert	McLaughlin	Olmsted Falls
Robert	Miller	Retired
Michael	Molinski	Lakewood
Dennis	Niedermyer	Retired
Michelle	Nochta	Lakewood
Thomas	Ockington	Retired
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Alan	Wrana	Retired
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The following positions are still listed as open on the website. Click the hyperlink to be redirected to the original post.

[Full-Time Lake County Certified Building / Electrical Inspector](#)

[Cleveland Heights Building Commissioner/Official](#)

[Bedford Building & Electrical Inspector](#)

[Medina County Building Department Electrical Safety Inspector](#)

[Richmond Heights Part-Time Fire Inspector](#)



Gregory Fort
Webmaster

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