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Building Officials Conference of North East Ohio



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“NOTICE”

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING &
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Business Meeting & Elections of Officers of BOCONEO will be held on November 18, 2015, at 12:30 p.m., at the Normandy Party Center, 30310 Palisades Parkway, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092.

****Lunch will be served at 11:35 a.m. immediately after the Roundtables****

The slate of candidates will be sent to all members at least seven days prior to the annual meeting. All Board of Directors terms are for a period of two-years.

Jerry Flanik, President

This Month's Meeting

**“Precast Concrete Foundations & the RCO”
3 Hours for BO, MPE, BI RBO, RPE, and RBI.
Presented by Ed Helderman of Superior Walls.**

[Click To Register Here](#)

**Electrical Roundtable
@ 10:30 AM**

**Plan Exam Roundtable
@ 10:30 AM**

**Plumbing Roundtable
@ 10:30 AM**



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President's Report

I must say that it has been an honor to serve as your President over the last two years. BOCONEO is the largest OBOA Chapter in Ohio. We continue to be leaders and innovators throughout the State of Ohio in preparing and presenting quality education for our members. In order to keep this momentum going strong in the future, we need your input. Please consider helping your organization by being involved in one of our committees, moderating a roundtable discussion, or even running for an office on the Board of Directors.

I would like to thank all of the instructors and participants for another successful BOCONEO Educational Institute. These special educational venues could not happen without the countless hours put in by our Educational Institute Committee. Thanks for your commitment (Great Job!).

Throughout the past year the BOCONEO Board of Directors and I have reached out to many groups by developing and delivering educational presentations to forge a better understanding of building codes and standards while promoting uniformity throughout Ohio. The following groups have benefitted from our efforts: All OBOA Chapters (Inspector Skills Training), ACCA/PHCC (Cleveland), and HBA 2015 (Cleveland/Painesville). This past summer, we met with Board members of the Associated General Contractors of Ohio to open a channel of communication regarding the approval and inspection process within the State of Ohio. Additionally, we must continue to work on building consistency within our own departments, within our region and within our local Chapter regarding the administration of building codes and standards.

The BOCONEO Annual Golf Outing was held again at Grandview Golf Club. Thanks to all of the hard work from the Golf Committee we had another great turnout. Additionally, we would like to thank all of the hole sponsors and participants that made this another successful event. Proceeds from the outing go to the John Korinek Memorial Scholarship Fund. Scholarship applications will be available on our website and must be received by December 31, 2015.



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President's Report (cont.)

I feel very privileged to have worked with such a fine group of talented individuals on the BOCONEO Board of Directors over the past several years. As our new Board of Directors take office in January 2016, I am confident that they will provide the dedication, continued excellent leadership, and outstanding education in the future for all of our members.

Sincerely,

Jerry Flanik, President



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First Vice President's Report

In an effort to promote our organization to others organizations I have attended meetings of NEOFPA, Air Conditioning Contractors Association, taught a mechanical code class (created by President Flanik) to the local plumbing and HVAC contractors conference and met with a group called the Construction Employers Association.

I have attended many educational classes brought forth through BOCONEO and the OBOA annual conference.

I have attended BOCONEO directors meeting and OBOA directors meetings on behalf of President Flanik.

I have been acting as co-chair for the OBOA/BOCONEO Joint Conference to be held in March.

I had great fun at the annual golf outing.



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First Vice President's Article

As I stated a year ago in the November newsletter, the BOCONEO by-laws discuss one of the purposes of our organization is "to foster closer cooperation and exchange of information among its members, governmental agencies and other building official organizations." With respect to exchange of information, the following is offered:

-The Board of Building Standards recently issued draft code language addressing school lock down door hardware. The code language can be found at:

http://www.com.ohio.gov/documents/dico_HB64OBCRulesStakeholderMeetingNovember2015.pdf

There will be a stakeholders meeting at the board office on November 16, 2015 to hear comments and respond to questions.

-The planning for the OBOA/BOCONEO Joint Conference continues and is well underway. Co-chair Phil Seyboldt and the education planning group are initiating contacts with a solid selection of educational providers. Ray Sack has made several contacts with vendors and exhibitors. Richard Beck and Russ Rodic are selecting gifts and door prizes. Phil and myself are detailing the Opening Ceremonies and Banquet. As a reminder, the conference is March 6, 7 and 8 in Dublin.

-President Flanik has been discussing the need to recruit more people into our industry. As I mentioned last month, please make an attempt to contact your local high school guidance counselors to reach out to students who may show interest in architecture/engineering careers and the plumbing, electrical and HVAC trades.



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Second Vice President's Report

As I come to the end of my two-year term as 2nd vice-president, I took time to reflect on BOCONEO's accomplishments over the past year.

We've continued to adhere to our commitment to continuing education by offering insightful and pertinent classes for our members every educational month.

We continue to offer plumbing and electrical roundtables, so that folks with those certifications are easily able to obtain plumbing and electrical hours for recertification.

Our annual golf outing continues to be successful in helping us to raise funds for our scholarship program, which itself has been expanded.

I am proud of the manner in which the Board of Directors work tirelessly with past presidents of BOCONEO to continually improve our chapter. I would like to especially thank our past presidents: Ray Sack, Paul Kowalczyk, Dave Hocevar and Phil Seyboldt for their continued support and contributions to our chapter.

You can believe me when I tell you that a lot of work goes into every meeting we schedule, every educational seminar, and for the upcoming Joint Conference as well.

Now we are planning for the new year's offerings at our monthly meetings and working toward host the Joint Conference to be held in Dublin March 6th, 7th, and 8th of 2016. Make sure you plan your budgets to be at the Embassy Suites with your brothers in BOCONEO for another great conference.

We are still accepting volunteers to help with the conference. Please see one of the officers or past presidents to put your name in to help us make this conference a grand success!

Make sure to keep checking our website for upcoming classes and other news of value to our members (including the announcement of a 3-hour class in December on kitchen hoods-good for all certifications).

James McReynolds
Second Vice President





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Secretary's Report

Boconeo Membership Totals

| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Associate | 12 | 6 | 4 |
| Cooperating | 12 | 30 | 20 |
| Regular | 344 | 274 | 263 |
| Retired | 21 | 30 | 38 |
| Total | 389 | 340 | 325 |

The above table shows the membership totals for each category over the past three years. I think we can group the Associate and Cooperating members together as they sometimes get miscategorized. There was a drop off of almost 50 members from 2013 to 2014. Some of these members may have left for other chapters. We lost another 15 members this year. As you can see, the retirement numbers keep going up. This does show that our membership is shrinking and that reflects the concerns of the International Code Council that recruitment of new code officials is necessary.



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Treasurer's Report

The financial position of BOCONEO remains strong. We must continue to be active in recruiting new members while retaining existing members. Our monthly meetings and periodic code classes continue to be the most economical source of continuing education in Ohio. Please continue to support our organization by attendance at the code classes and with your annual membership dues.

2014 compared to 2015 saw a slight decrease in revenue of approximately \$2,500 attributable to a decrease in membership. Most notable was a decrease in membership registrations from the City of Cleveland.

Expenses year to year have remained almost the same, with slightly higher meal costs and onetime expense for improvements to the Normandy sound system in 2015 offset by the timing of an insurance payment which will be made later this year.

The current general checking account balance is \$17,485. Scholarship account balance is \$5,857. Certificates of Deposit total \$24,015. This for total of \$47,357.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Skvasik, Treasurer



Mike Skvasik
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Education Report

BOCONEO once again was a leader in providing education in 2015. Throughout the year, nine classes were offered for a total of 28 hours worth of continuing education for various certifications. In addition to the main classes, nine electrical, nine plumbing, and six plan examiners roundtables offered an additional 24 hours of class time. These continuing education hours provided no less than 25 hours for each of the BBS certifications. Two newly created certifications a minimum of 11 hours. Find your certifications and check the total possible con-ed hours:

| | |
|-------|----|
| BO | 36 |
| MPE | 36 |
| PPE | 30 |
| EPE | 36 |
| MePE | 11 |
| BI | 28 |
| FPI | 25 |
| MI | 25 |
| PI | 30 |
| NRIUI | 33 |
| ESI | 30 |
| RBO | 36 |
| RPE | 36 |
| RBI | 28 |
| RMI | 22 |
| RPI | 30 |
| RIUI | 33 |

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



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Co-Educational Chairman



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Education Report (cont.)

Maintaining the Integrity of Fire-Rated Construction

Good Service Is Good Code Business

Enforcement of the Code

OBC Chap. 1 & 17 Verification Bodies & Special Inspections

Ohio Ethics Law

Inspector Skills

Complaints, Investigations & Building Department Support

Condensed Study of Fireplaces, Wood & Coal Heaters

Precast Concrete Foundations & the RCO

The 2015 BOCONEO Educational Institute provided additional hours of continuing education for certifications. BOCONEO is also offering a special additional class on December 4, 2015 as an ICC Chapter Benefit program which provides three hours for all BBS 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.



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This Months Educational Presenter

This month's scheduled class is "Precast Concrete Foundations & the RCO" presented by Ed Helderman of Superior Walls. This class is approved for 3 hours of credit for certifications, BO, MPE, BI RBO, RPE, and RBI.

The electrical, plumbing and plan examiner 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. In order to receive a credit and a certificate you must scan in for each class. The BBS requires attendees to sign in within 15 minutes of the class beginning. You must remain for the entire class to receive credit. 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.

Certificates of attendance will be distributed electronically after completion of the class. We use the email address provided when you register for the class. You must sign in for each class to receive a certificate, which will be via email, 3 to 5 days after the class. If you do not receive your certificate within 5 days of the class or have an issue with your receipt of the email, please let us know at boconeo.certificate@gmail.com.

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.



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Past President's Message

In 2010 and 2011, I had the opportunity to host a roundtable in South Euclid for administrative personnel in building and housing departments. We had a great turn out and good discussion on the processes used among the different departments. This networking opportunity afforded the participants to share and collect information that could be taken back and used in their departments. We discussed permit fees, collection of deposits, rental and foreclosure programs and issues with contraction registrations. Since our last meeting in 2011, I have received calls from those who attended these roundtables and have been asked if we were ever going to do these again.

On Wednesday, December 2nd, the City of South Euclid Building and Housing Department will host a third roundtable. I would encourage you to send your administrative staff for just a few hours that morning. This is an opportunity to share what your department is doing and possibly find out what tools other departments have in place to manage the processes we all have to administer in the daily course of the day at the permit counter.

See attached flyer for additional information.



Paul Kowalczyk
Past-President

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**City of South Euclid
Building & Housing Department
Administrative Roundtable**

**Wednesday – December 2, 2015
8:30am – 10:00am**



**City of South Euclid Municipal Complex
Community Room – 2nd Floor
1349 South Green Road
South Euclid, Ohio 44121**

The purpose of this roundtable is to acquaint the administrative staff members of various building and housing departments and share ideas about administrative procedures.

**If you have any questions, contact
Paul Kowalczyk, Building Commissioner at 216-381-0400.**

**Please forward an email confirmation to
mferrante@seuclid.com no later than November 25th
if you plan to attend.**