President’s Message

Our next meeting and class will be Wednesday, May 16, 2018. The registration link is active, and the Plan Examiner, Electrical and Plumbing roundtables will be held at 10:30 am. Lunch will be served at noon.

The month of May is Building Safety month. “Building Codes Saves Lives” is the theme of this year’s program. There are five specific themes, one for each week of the month. The first is “Partnering with Code Officials to Build Stronger, Safer Communities”, followed by “Advancing Resilient Communities Through Science & Technology”, “Protecting Communities from Disasters”, “Safeguarding Our Water”, & “Improving Education & Training Standards for a Safer Tomorrow”. Check the ICC website for information on promoting this program in your area.

Past President Paul Kowalczyk recently spoke to the Cuyahoga County Mayors and City Managers Association. The topic was the value that the building department brings to the community. We should all be promoting the value of the building department to our administrations.

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This Month’s Meeting

“Hoover Treated Wood IBC” BBS2018-149
This month’s scheduled class will be presented by Jim Gogolski.
The class will provide ICC preferred provider course credits and 3 hours of continuing for BI, BO, BPE, EPE, FPI, FPPE, LPE, MPE, NRIUI, PPE, RBI, RBO, REPE, RIUI, and RPE Certifications.

Click To Register Here

Electrical Roundtable
@ 10:30 AM

Plan Exam Roundtable
@ 10:30 AM

Plumbing Roundtable
@ 10:30 AM
May, 2018

If you did not receive your class certificate within 10 days of the meeting, you must let me know right away. The most common reason that you did not receive one is that you were not scanned into the class roster list. Please be sure to scan in at each meeting. If you are not on the list we will not be able to supply you with the certificate.

The planning and scheduling the continuing education classes is coming along for the upcoming year. We also want to schedule as many classes as we can for 2019 also. The classes are posted on the website. If you have any ideas or thoughts of subjects you may like to see please send them to Dave Faciana, Education Chairman, at dfaciana@olmstedtownship.org.

Remember that we all make up the organization, and we all can participate to make the organization better whether it is by serving on a committee or by assisting in the clean up after a meeting. If you have any comments or ideas, please don’t hesitate to let me or one of the officers know.

See you at the meeting,

Michael Gero
President
We have all heard it, “they don’t make me do that anywhere else”. It seems like we have heard that statement a lot lately concerning section 314.1 smoke alarms and the requirement of utilizing both photoelectric and ionization technologies. I believe this was a code change amendment effective Jan 1, 2016, and I can honestly say that my department missed this change initially.

After some research to better inform and educate our builders about the change, I learned that the UL alarm standards test uses two test scenarios. One is a “fast flame” fire test, and the other is a smoldering fire test. In testing done by the National Institute of Standards and Technologies the ionization alarms typically responded on average 50 seconds faster in the “fast flame” test than the photoelectric. In the smoldering test the photoelectric alarm responded an average of 30 minutes sooner than the ionization. These varying differences on the way these alarms responded are some of the reasoning behind the code requiring both to be utilized.

The only way I have seen to be able to tell the difference between the two types of alarms is that usually the alarm is marked with an octagon that will either have a lower case “i” for an ionization unit or “p” for the photoelectric unit in it. Unfortunately on some of the alarms this marking is not visible unless you remove the unit from its base.
Once again it’s time to remind everyone that your plastic Boconeo swipe/membership card is your permanent card. We do not issue new cards every year. That was one of the reasons for switching to the current system.

For all the new, first time members, welcome. Your Boconeo swipe/membership card will be available at the monthly meetings. Just let me know at sign-in that you need your card.

The following positions are listed as open on the website. Please let us know if any of these have been filled.

- Ashtabula County Multi-Certified Inspector III
- Ashtabula County Multi-Certified Inspector II
- Lyndhurst Building/Electrical Inspector
- North Canton Building/Plumbing/Electrical Inspector
- Brunswick Part-Time Inspector
- North Olmsted Full Time Building Inspector
- Building/Plumbing Inspector - Bedford Heights, OH
- Building Official - Bay Village, Ohio
- Electrical Safety/Building Inspector for Bay Village, OH
From Your Treasurer

April, 2018

Checking account beginning balance $16,840.65

Deposits:
- Memberships $600.00

Ending Balance $15,649.65

Less:
- Meeting Lunches $1,464.00
- Website software 247.00
- Board meeting 80.00

Ending Balance $1,791.00

Scholarship Account Beginning Balance $6,290.84

Less:
- Scholarships Awarded $4,400.00

Ending Balance $1,790.84

Money Market Account Beginning Balance $47,666.81

Plus:
- Interest .78

Ending Balance $47,669.13

TOTAL ASSETS: $65,109.62
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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 for the roundtable you plan to attend.

REMEMBER that you must “SWIPE IN” to be on the attendance roster. If you do not receive a certificate that means you are not on the roster. If you are not on roster, you will not be reported to the BBS as attending the class. It is your responsibility to be sure your attendance is recorded.

The email address you have on file with BOCONEO is used to send your certificate of attendance. If you have changed jobs or email addresses, please let us know so we can update the contact email. If you do not receive your certificate within 5 days of the class or have issues with receipt of email, please contact BOCONEO at boconeo.certificate@gmail.com