



September, 2019

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President's Message

Our next meeting and class will be Wednesday, September 18, 2019!

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 nominating committee has been formed and is seeking anyone who may be interested in serving in a capacity on the Executive Board. Contact Jim Decker to find out more information about serving.

The ICC Annual Conference and Public Comment Code Hearings are approaching. The conference will be held in "Clark County, Nevada" and events will commence on Sunday, October 20. Early registration for the ICC Conference concludes September 15. If you are considering attending or planning to attend, please contact one of the officers or myself.

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September 2019 Meeting

Updates of the Ohio Plumbing Code

Presented by Mario DiFranco & Rob Brown

BBS-2019-558

3 hours of continuing education for BI, BO, BPE, FPI, MPE, MI, NRIUI, PI, PPE, RBI, RBO, RIUI, RMI, RPE, RPI
1 hour - MechPE

[Register here.](#)

Electrical Roundtable

@ 10:30 AM

Plan Exam Roundtable

@ 10:30 AM

Plumbing Roundtable

@ 10:30 AM

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Building Officials Conference of North East Ohio



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I would like to comment again on our industry. I have noticed over the years that there seems to be more retirees than there are new members coming aboard. This is happening not only in the organization but also in our workplaces. There are quite a few positions open and there are not enough candidates to fill them. In the next few years, this will become an even greater issue as more of us plan to retire.

As we go about our daily business, we run into many contractors. It would be to all of our benefit if we can encourage the good contractors to consider becoming certified as an inspector. We should all be proud of the profession we chose, and we should promote it to others.

See you at the next meeting.



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From Your Secretary

Please remember that your plastic Boconeo membership/swipe card is a permanent card and to swipe in before the meetings to be sure you receive your certificate.

If you have not received a membership card or need a new card, please let me know at sign in table. Replacement cards are \$10.

If you are not receiving the monthly newsletter, please contact me and I will check that all information is correct or updated.

Please note, the meeting link for the monthly meeting is typically active at the beginning of the month on the BOCONEO website, but the newsletter may not be published at the same time.

Be sure to check the website for employment opportunities.

See you at the meeting.



Monica Ferrante
Secretary

[Link to BOCONEO website](#)



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From Your Treasurer

August, 2019

Checking account beginning balance			\$ 9,919.60
Deposits:			
		.00	
		\$.00	
Less:			
Computer/Constant Contact	268.96		
Check printing	54.50		
	\$ 323.46		
Ending Balance			\$ 9,596.14
Scholarship Account Beginning Balance			\$ 9,076.48
Deposits:			
Players and Hole Sponsors, Raffle	\$10.00		
Less:			
Prizes and golf outing expenses	0		
Ending Balance			\$ 9,086.48
Money Market Account Beginning Balance			\$ 47,681.05
Plus:			
Interest	.81		
Ending Balance			\$ 47,681.86
TOTAL ASSETS:			\$ 66,364.48



Laura Heilman
Treasurer



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Fire Marshal's Report

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Greetings members, I hope you all enjoyed your summer. For those of you that were not aware, I retired from service with the Mayfield Village Fire Department effective June 1st after 33 years of service. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with the BOCONEO B.O.D. and all of you, moving forward. This month's article continues the focus of previous articles related to the acceptance and commissioning of fire alarm systems.

During the process of commissioning a fire alarm system and conducting the final inspection, it is important to note how peripheral devices were installed. Initiation and notification devices should be installed on listed and approved work boxes. Wire connections and terminations should be made within these boxes and the work boxes should be secured to the structure by a listed and approved means. Exposed wire must be protected from damage if it is below 7' above the finished floor. Wiring that is permitted to be run in the open must be supported properly. Some of the standards for the installation of wiring for fire alarm systems can be found in the NEC, article 760, in addition to the requirements contained within NFPA 72.

The use of plastic wire ties or zip-ties is not appropriate for supporting fire alarm wire. Metal rings attached to the building structural members and/or the suspended ceiling supports or other similar means at intervals that support the cable and prevent it from dropping below the ceiling provides a more stable support system. Protecting responding firefighting personnel during interior operations from entanglement in suspended overhead wiring is paramount and this includes fire alarm cable.

Spacing of both notification and initiation devices should also be confirmed with the approved plans. It is not uncommon to find smoke detectors installed less than 3 feet from an overhead HVAC air diffuser or less than 3 feet from a ceiling fan. NFPA 72 provides that smoke detectors should be installed greater than 3 feet from sources of air movement or turbulence. This is to ensure that the air movement does not create a delay in the operation of the device. This can be a problem when HVAC equipment is installed after the fire alarm work has been completed.

Finally, it is important to ensure the fire alarm cable that was installed is the proper type and matches what was specified in the approved plans. I have run across situations where non-plenum rated, listed fire alarm cable (FPL or FPLR) was installed within a plenum ceiling where FPLP was specified and required. This resulted in the contractor removing all of the non-plenum rated cable and replacing with the proper type before the system could be accepted.

The North Eastern Ohio Fire Prevention Association in conjunction with the Pipefitters Local 120 and the Mechanical Contractors are offering a one-day training course for water-based fire protection systems. The program will be presented by experts in the field and will cover topics such as inspection, testing and maintenance, acceptance testing and commissioning, fire pumps, and underground fire mains. BBS hours for CBO, BI, and FPI have been applied for and are pending. This full day course will be held on October 9th at the Pipefitters Local 120 hall in Independence, OH. Please visit NEOFPA's web site for additional information. www.neofpa.org.



Assistant Chief Michael Girbino, Fire Marshal
Mayfield Village Fire
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Past President's Report

OBOA activity

Mr. Gerald Holland, Chairman of the Ohio Board of Building Standards has announced his retirement. His last Board meeting will be October 11, 2019. Let's all thank him for time well served.

The OBOA Board of Directors has hired ClubExpress for member management services. The services they provide include web site management, member database, member renewals and expirations, member profiles, social networking, mass e-mailing, meeting scheduling conference registration services to name a few. OBOA is in the process of setting up these services and hope to be live soon. The plan is to use ClubExpress to register for the Joint Conference in March. All OBOA members will be able to utilize their services. For more information visit clubexpress.com.

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