



# BBS Newsletter

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## Getting Mechanical—Debbie Ohler, P.E.

The Board of Building Standards (BBS) has received several inquiries regarding whether the current building codes allow the use of Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing (CSST) for fuel gas line installations within buildings. CSST is a flexible, stainless steel tubing that is covered with a plastic outer coating. The exterior coating is usually yellow or sometimes black with yellow writing, depending upon the manufacturer. CSST is often times the preferred fuel gas delivery method over the traditional rigid black iron pipe because of its ease of installation: Its light weight allows it to be installed with fewer workers and in less time; its flexibility allows it to be used more easily in geographic areas prone to seismic events, allowing it to be more easily routed around fixed barriers; and its continuous long runs allow for fewer joints which means fewer chances for leaks.

There are reports that lightning strikes may have caused arcing that may have resulted in perforation of the CSST installed in some structures. As a result of gas leaks and fires caused by the perforation of the CSST, all manufacturers of CSST have revised their manufacturer's installation instructions to require direct bonding of the CSST system to the electrical system grounding system. This manufacturer's requirement supersedes the code requirements which currently allow bonding via connection to an appliance that is connected to the equipment grounding conductor of the circuit supplying the appliance. The following link will allow you to view the direct bonding technical bulletin issued by Titeflex, the manufacturer of Gastite CSST piping: [http://www.gastite.com/include/languages/english/downloads/pdfs/TB2007\\_01.pdf](http://www.gastite.com/include/languages/english/downloads/pdfs/TB2007_01.pdf)

The 2006 Residential Code of Ohio (RCO) section G2414.5.3 provides that CSST is permitted for fuel gas piping in all new one-, two-, and three- family dwellings. All CSST piping is required to be tested and listed in compliance with ANSI LC 1/CSA 6.26. The CSST must be installed in accordance with the code, its listing, and the manufacturer's installation instructions. According to RCO section G2408, where a code provision is less restrictive than the conditions of the listing of the equipment or the manufacturer's installation instructions, the conditions of the listing and the manufacturer's installation instructions shall apply. RCO section G2410 and G2411 address the electrical and bonding requirements for all gas piping. In addition, each manufacturer has specific requirements for bonding of the CSST that need to be strictly adhered to. It is my understanding that the sale of CSST materials is restricted and only individuals who have been specifically trained and certified by the manufacturer are allowed to purchase and install CSST systems.

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## BBS Updates—Billy Phillips



### **E DUCATION UPDATE**

On October 8, 2008, the Board of Building Standards (BBS) sent letters to all students eligible to attend the next Ohio Building Code Academy (OBCA). Due to a change in the way that the Board contracts for educational services, it was necessary to move the date of the OBCA to January 2009. The exact date in January has not yet been determined, but each student will receive a letter with the updated information. If your one year period to attend the OBCA expires before January, you will automatically be granted an extension until the January date. Students who are not close to the one year requirement may still choose to attend the April OBCA. More information is available on the BBS Web Page.

### **Board Approves Funding For Regional Education Conferences**

BBS has approved funding for three regional education conferences to be held throughout the state. Funding in the amount of \$24,750.00 was approved for the Building Officials Conference of Northeast Ohio/Ohio Building Official Association Annual Joint Education Conference. The conference will be held in Cleveland at the Crowne Plaza Cleveland-City Centre February 1- 3, 2009. The conference will offer all certified building department personnel the opportunity to obtain continuing education and training. A total of approximately 102 hours of continuing education credits will be offered at the conference.

Funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 was approved for the Ohio Chapter – International Association of Electrical Inspectors Education Conference. The conference will be held in Richfield at the Quality Inn & Suites on May 3-6, 2009. The conference will offer electrical safety inspectors and plan examiners the opportunity to obtain continuing education and training. Training will be offered on NFPA 70, the National Electric Code.

Funding in the amount of \$6,500.00 was approved for the Ohio Association of Plumbing Inspectors Education Conference. The conference will be held in Dublin at the Embassy Suites on February 23- 25, 2009. The conference will offer plumbing inspectors, building officials, and plan examiners the opportunity to obtain continuing education and training. Training will be offered on the Ohio Plumbing Code.

If you are looking for some continuing education hours and some quality training, please plan to attend one of these education conferences.

### **BBS Required Training**

November 18th is the make-up date for the mandatory Building Official training and Publication Distribution. Letters were mailed on October 21, 2008 detailing the session. It will be held at the Commerce East facility in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Only those building officials that receive an invitation and registration form from BBS should plan on attending, and must attend this mandatory training to receive the publications. Certified building officials who are not the primary building official of a jurisdiction may attend and receive continuing education credit, but will not receive the publications. This mandatory training for building officials includes a review of current issues facing building officials and building departments' operations.

Starting at the end of January, BBS staff will provide mandatory training on RCO Chapter 1 Administration provisions. BBS is working with the regional code groups to provide this training within the different regions of the state. This mandatory training is for all residential categories.

Other mandatory training will include a full day of training on the Residential Code of Ohio, and a half day training on the 2006 IECC with Ohio modifications and will take place in the spring of 2009. These classes will be mandatory for all residential categories. The Residential Code of Ohio training will be a six hour class, and the 2006 IECC with Ohio modifications training will be a four hour class. The BBS training will be conducted in the seven regional locations throughout the state. You will receive additional information in the near future regarding this training. BBS will cover the cost of the training and instructional materials utilizing the 3% and 1% funds. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

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**BBS Authorized Testing Agencies**

BBS often receives questions regarding BBS authorized testing agencies. BBS has approved the National Certification Program for Construction Code Inspectors (NCPCCI) and the International Code Council, National Certification Services (NCS) as testing agencies permitted to administer the examinations for all of the BBS approved certification categories. The only exception to this is the building official examination modules which can only be administered by the International Code Council, National Certification Services (NCS).

You can review the examination requirements by going to the BBS Web Page at [www.com.state.oh.us/dic/Documents](http://www.com.state.oh.us/dic/Documents). Select documents # 100 & 150, the “Certified Building Department Personnel Experience & Exam Requirements Matrix” for non residential and residential building department personnel. They provide a list of the required exams, and all of the information you need to help you decide in what testing program you would like to participate.

BBS only approves NCPCCI and ICC/NCS to administer BBS required examinations. BBS does not administer any examinations and all contact should be directly with NCPCCI or ICC/NCS.

BBS has no control over scheduling of exams, location of exams, appeals, examination fees, or any other administrative issues dealing the examination process. You must contact NCPCCI and ICC/NCS directly to start the process to take any of their exams.

In closing, BBS staff often gets this question: “Can you tell which one of the testing agencies is best and which one would you recommend”? The answer is that both NCPCCI and ICC/NCS are equally qualified to administer the exams. BBS would not have approved them to provide the exams without the proper credentials and experience. If you have any questions regarding which exams are best for you, please do your homework by

**Ohio Board of Building Standards’ Calendar**

DECEMBER 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**7 Dec**—Pearl Harbor Day

**12 Dec**—BBS Conference Meeting

**21 Dec**—Winter Begins

**25 Dec**—Christmas Day



## Getting Mechanical continued...

Similarly, CSST is permitted in section 403.5.4 of the 2006 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) which is adopted by reference through the 2007 Ohio Mechanical Code section 301.3 for non-residential construction. The bonding requirements are found in section 310 of the 2006 IFGC.

The codes and standards making organizations that address fuel gas piping bonding issues (NFPA and ICC) have just recently approved code change proposals to specifically address the CSST concern. Just last month, the ICC membership approved adding a definition of “bonding jumper” to the 2009 IFGC. Similarly, NFPA, through its development of the 2009 National Fuel Gas Code (NFPA 54), has approved language that will specifically address CSST. The IFGC code development process is different from that of all of the other “I-codes”. There are certain sections of the IFGC that are automatically changed when the NFPA 54 standard is changed. As a result, when published, the 2009 IFGC will include the revised 2009 NFPA 54 language, even though there were no formal code change proposals shown in the ICC proposed changes document. Now that the 2009 IFGC language is finalized, you can expect to see the following 2009 NFPA 54 text in the 2009 IFGC: “CSST gas piping systems shall be bonded to the electrical service grounding electrode system at the point where the gas service enters the building. The bonding jumper shall not be smaller than 6 AWG copper wire or equivalent.”

BBS will most likely adopt this new 2009 model code text during the next code update cycle, expected to be effective sometime in 2010. Until the code language is changed, remember that the manufacturer’s installation instructions specific to the product will supersede any general code requirements applicable to all other gas lines.

For more information, please see the report published by the National Home Builders Association (NAHB) research center at [http://www.gastite.com/include/languages/english/downloads/pdfs/NAHB\\_Report.pdf](http://www.gastite.com/include/languages/english/downloads/pdfs/NAHB_Report.pdf)

Fortunately for many existing homeowner’s concerned about the CSST installed in their home, under the agreement of a settlement reached as a result of a class action lawsuit, certain owner’s of existing homes having installed CSST, were provided the opportunity to defray costs for mitigating the hazard by making the bonding and grounding connections to the electrical system in the home. However, the deadline to enter a claim under the CSST settlement has already passed. View the following website to learn more about the settlement: <http://www.pddocs.com/csst/default.aspx>

Unfortunately, as a result of news stories, many people have already drawn the conclusion that lightning and flexible gas lines do not mix. Keep in mind that all metallic gas lines, whether rigid or flexible, are susceptible to lightning strikes. When reviewing a proposed gas line installation, just remember that it is most important to verify that the CSST or gas piping is bonded in accordance with the applicable codes and the manufacturer’s installation instructions.

## Around the Code World with Mike Brady



### PERMITS? WHAT PERMITS?

For some time now, we’ve been hearing that some building departments are issuing permits for items such as replacement siding, replacement windows, and re-roofing without requiring applicants to go through the plan approval process described in the Residential Code of Ohio (RCO). In many cases, this process appears to be a continuation of past practices when jurisdictions administered their own, locally adopted residential building codes.

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## Around the Code World continued ...

The difference between a plan approval and a permit is that plan approvals require the submittal of construction documents in accordance with section 106 of the RCO. Construction documents are defined in RCO Chapter 2 as the “written, graphic and pictorial documents prepared or assembled for describing the design, location and physical characteristics of the elements of a project necessary for obtaining an approval. Technically, there are no provisions in the RCO for “permits”. Permits are typically an extra layer added by building departments to control when and where owners and contractors can proceed with their work. Except for a few instances, a permit should never be issued without first requiring a plan approval.

Unless the work is exempt under the scoping provisions of RCO Section 101.2, or the work is exempt from approval provisions in RCO section 105.2, applicants are required to obtain a plan approval per RCO section 106. In addition, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) sections 3781.06 and 3791.04(A) require the owner to submit plans and specifications for such work to the building department for approval. This problem doesn't seem to be limited to siding and roofing. Some are ignoring the plan approval process altogether, and instead are issuing “permits” for a lot of other things. Each building department needs to review their current practices, identify those places where their plan approval process is being short-circuited in favor of permits, and make the necessary changes.

There are requirements for exterior siding in RCO section R703, for windows and flashing in RCO sections R613 and R703, and for roof coverings in RCO section R905. Since this work is within the scope of the residential code, building departments should be requiring owners to obtain approval in the way the code requires.

Siding, windows and roofing can be shown on construction documents because they can be written, graphic and pictorial documents necessary to describe the work in order to obtain approval. If a written description can be accepted by the building department, then why not use that? Are complete floor plans and elevations required in these cases? Not necessarily. Only an adequate description is required. Some details from the window or roofing manufacturer can also be included to show how the flashing will be installed around openings or how the roofing will intersect with penetrations and other materials.

This subject is addressed in more detail, including example submittal forms, on the BBS Web page. Look for the BBS Web Document Catalogue and select document #260—a commentary on RCO Section 106.

The plan approval process need not become a burden for the homeowner or the building department. The purpose of the plan approval process is to make sure that adequate documentation of the approved work becomes a part of the building department's records. Another purpose for having approved construction documents is to show the scope of work to the building inspector and to protect the homeowner from arbitrary enforcement.

Approved plans for the building inspector to follow are necessary for the inspector to know the extent of the work. With approved construction documents, the homeowner and the inspector are protected because they both know what the limits of the project. The owner has obtained what the Revised Code calls a “license” to build what has been approved by the building department. Without that license, the owner has no right to build.

As always, if you need more information, you can call BBS (614) 644-2613 or send an email to [www.com.state.oh.us/dic/dicbbs.htm](http://www.com.state.oh.us/dic/dicbbs.htm) and click on “contacts.” Also, you can view the building codes online at [www.ecodes.biz](http://www.ecodes.biz) and click on the button marked “free codes” or try our website at [www.com.state.oh.us/dic/dicbbs.htm](http://www.com.state.oh.us/dic/dicbbs.htm) and click on “Ohio E Codes.”

## Making it Understandable - Jan Sokolnicki



### Park Trailers, Park Homes, Recreational Park Trailers, Park Models, Camp Models, Etc.

Over the past ten years or so, a portion of the recreational vehicle industry has grown much faster than others. This segment builds a unit that does not have a motor (it has to be pulled), usually will be between 320-400 square feet in area, and will be mounted/attached to a steel frame/chassis with wheels permanently affixed. These units have cooking equipment, small refrigerators, small bathrooms, and areas for sleeping, eating and sitting.

The industry chose to self regulate and worked to create their own ANSI standard for design and assembly. The standard, a 32 page document (ANSI A119.5) provides the entire set of provisions that by which this industry regulates itself. The standard defines the wheeled trailer units as “primarily designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or seasonal use.” The way it was initially explained to me, “these are no different than an RV someone puts on their land and uses for hunting.” However, there is no government oversight or regulatory enforcement of this industry. And now, these units to are being sold to owners of resort areas, marinas, campgrounds, parks, and forested areas to replace aging cabins or expand their rental capacity. In the some case, owners of multiple units have cut off the wheels and axels and turned them into permanent structures without any consideration being given to the most basic elements of the commercial or residential building codes.

When used for private, recreational purposes, and while remaining mobile, these units are considered vehicles. But when they cease being moveable, they are no longer vehicles and become buildings comprised of closed construction (not approved as Industrialized Units) and required to comply with the code related to the use intended (either commercial or residential).

### RCAC Appointments



Shown are seven members of the RCAC, Director Kimberly Zurz, Superintendent Gary Schaffer, & Billy Phillips, BBS.

House Bill 175 was passed by the Ohio Senate on May 27th, 2005. The bill created the Residential Construction Advisory Committee in the section of the ORC enabling language for the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board. BBS staff has supported the RCAC in its deliberations and the Director of the Dept. of Commerce is the appointing authority.

Department of Commerce Director Zurz announced the members of the Ohio RCAC for terms ending June 24, 2008 as:

A. Bailey Stanbery, Toledo, General Contractor; James Zengel, Dayton, General Contractor; John Pavlis, North Canton, General Contractor; Michael Boeckermann, Cincinnati, Fire Official; John Senhauser, Cincinnati, Architect; Dale White, Cincinnati, Residential Contractor; Gerald L. Stoke, Fairfield, Building Official ; David Hocesvar, Chesterland, Building Official, and Mayor David Anderson, Whilloughby (11/28/08).



## OBOA Updates

### From The President

First, I would like to thank all Ohio Building Official Members who attended the Code Change Hearings in Minneapolis. I was thoroughly disappointed that I was not able to attend as your president; however, OBOA does not pay my bills. In as much as I regretted not attending, we were well represented from the Ohio contingency.

This leads to the next matter. PICK RICK! I understand Rick ran a great race, however, was not successful at the first attempt at the ICC Board of Directors. I do not consider this as a loss but rather a minor setback until 2009 when the PICK RICK campaign begins again with full support of the Ohio Building Officials. It is hard to believe that with all the support and supporting letters submitted, nominations did not see the ringer of the race. On the other side of this, ICC loss is OBOA'S gain. Rick will be in our presence for another year and we will be preparing for 2009.

By the time you read this, OBOA will have been on the road again visiting the membership of FBOA on October 10, 2008. As always, it is an honor to visit the OBOA Chapters to listen and learn from the membership. November 14, 2008, OBOA Directors, Past Presidents, and members interested will gather at the Board of Building Standards in Reynoldsburg to conduct a short directors meeting, then adjourn to the annual Strategic Planning Meeting. The De-

ember meeting will be at the Code Academy at Polaris. Next thing is the New Year, then the Annual Joint Conference with OBOA/BOCONEO in Cleveland.

Speaking of the joint conference, I am requesting that all chapters submit names for all available scholarships and awards. The committee's job is much easier with numerous requests rather than one or two in each category. In addition, I am sure that many of you have thought about stepping up to the plate and running for the OBOA Board of Directors. Your first commitment is to your local chapter. This places you at the board meetings as a Director at Large. This is then your opportunity to run for a directors position. OBOA is here for you, the membership. Be the one to get involved, not the one that sits back and says, as we always hear, what does OBOA do for us!

In closing, I would like to thank the OBOA Board of Directors for all they do and to all the chapter members of the OBOA Association for their involvement and commitment at all levels. Wishing all a pleasant and safe Thanksgiving Holiday, not only the membership but also their family and loved ones.

Bruce Wholf,  
President,  
Ohio Building Officials Association

## OBOA Treasurer's Report

August 2008

### Expenditures:

Maumee Bay - OBOA/	
Past President Meeting	\$ 4,933.90
Maumee Bay -Golf	
Outing	\$ 185.49
Shumsky - Promotion	
(Tape Measures)	\$ 341.99
Amy Madison -	
Web Site Repair	\$ 50.00
Golf Hole Sponsor -	
NWOBOA	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,561.38</b>

### Deposits/Revenue:

NWOBOA - 2008	
Joint Conf. Proceeds	\$ 1,469.81
NWOBOA - 08 Dues	\$ 727.50
MVOBOC - 08 Dues	\$ 285.00
Cash ( Billy Phillips -	
Lunch & Dinner )	\$ 32.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,514.31</b>

CD'S	\$15,540.78
(Interest rate at 1.88 % matures 9-17-	
2008)	\$ 6,419.61
(Interest rate at 3.15 % matures 3-19-	
2009)	\$12,787.12
(Interest rate at 1.69 % matures 5-20-	
2009)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,747.51</b>

Checking account	
balance 8-5-2008	
\$21,658.85	
Minus Expenditures	\$
(5,561.38)	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$16,097.47</b>
Plus Deposits/Revenue	\$
2,514.31	
Checking account	
balance 9-5-2008	\$18,611.78
<b>CD Total's</b>	<b>\$34,747.51</b>
<b>Total OBOA</b>	
<b>accounts balance</b>	<b>\$53,359.29</b>

Respectfully submitted by

Guy M Fursdon, OBOA Treasurer



## SWOBOA



### Educational opportunities:

#### September 25, 2008:

- Flashings, Windows & Doors. 1.5 hrs. (RBO, RPE, RBI)
- Preventing and Solving Wet Attics, Basements and Ice Dams. 1.5 hrs (RBO, RPE, RBI) Instructor: Steven Bostwick.

#### October 23, 2008

- IBC- Special & Mixed Occupancies 6.0 hrs. (ALL CATEGORIES) ICC Class

#### November 13, 2008

- Smoke Control Systems 1.0 hrs (BO, MPE, BI, MI, EPE)
- Fire & Smoke Damper Code Requirements 1.5 hrs. (BO, MPE, BI, MI, NRIUI,) Instructor: Debra Ohler

SWOBOA's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing and Scholarship Fundraiser rewarded 104 golfers with great weather, a great day, and great friendships. Many door prizes and golf awards were given out.

**Just For Fun:** The Annual SWOBOA Dinner and Officer Installation meeting December 5, 2008 at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Join us and share a great evening of food, music and surprises.

## FBOA



Education Report- October is going to be on October 10<sup>th</sup> at Tangiers, 1:00PM-4:00PM OBOA Board of Directors meeting. At 4:30 PM ES Evaluation Services will give a program for BO, RBO, MPE, and RPE. Mike Brady will then present a program for all venues. November is Fire theme as we are inviting the fire officials. Mark is talking to Billy Phillips. We will also have nominations and election of officers at that meeting. December is the Christmas Social. January is installa-

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## MVBOC



### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OF NOTE

- November 21, 2008 MVBOC is hosting a ICC Creating a Hazard Mitigation and Emergency Management Plan seminar at the Greene County Country Club
- The Education committee has started to schedule next years classes that will soon be available on the MVBOC website.
- A committee was formed to put together a Golf outing with the proceeds being used to fund MVBOC scholarships.

### MVBOC OUTREACH

Plans for 2009 included:  
MVBOC has put together a Joint

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## NWOBOA



## NCOBOA



The first meeting was held on Thursday, 18 September at Deluca's Place in the Park in Lorain. Along with our monthly meetings, we will be hosting two, half day seminars on Wednesday, 19 November. The presenter will be Bob Schutz from the ICC and he will be speaking on 2006 IMC Update. Those who attend will receive 3-hours of continuing education credits toward their BBS certificates. This is open to all inspectors and contractors. Check out our web site [www.ncoboa.org](http://www.ncoboa.org) for further information.

We had a great golf outing this past August and to all of you that did not make it you missed a great time, excellent food and everyone walked away with a gift.

Vice-President Tim Golden and I attended the ICC National Code Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This was Tim's first time. With all the forums and

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## BOCONEO



Summer is nearly over already and we are all following school busses on our way to work again. At the same time BOCONEO is poised to begin a new chapter in its long and distinguished history. After nearly 10 yrs at the Richmond Heights facility, we began a tenure of monthly meetings in September at the City of Independence Civic Center, just off of Brecksville Road in Independence. With an occupancy of only about 150 people in Richmond Heights, we simply outgrew that facility, and when our plans to use the Wickliffe facility hit a snag, member Tony Bontempo came through for us by interceding with Mayor Gregory Kurtz to arrange our meetings there. It is a very nice, modern facility with a maximum occupancy of about 250 and plenty of room for BOCONEO to grow again over the next few years. When you see Tony give him a well-deserved pat on the back.

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## ODPCA



We were intent on holding our annual (10) week code course starting September 3 this year. However we had to cancel the course this fall due to a lack of enough registrations needed to put on the course. The ODPCA board has decided to wait until Mid January to hold the course but start advertizing in November. We did have more applications that arrived after the cut off date and will talk to Certified Building Departments regarding staffing and work loads in January & February. We have reduced the courses to (8) weeks and lowered the costs to reflect the economy.

ICC has offered to provide a course that we can use for a General Meeting (Mid November). The topics we are interested in are on fire resistance ratings, Bob Schutz to confirm availability and timing.

Architects and Engineers have seen a dramatic decrease in residential and light commercial projects. The larger Commercial and Institutional projects are continuing, but may slow as loans and bonds become more expensive. This could be a good time to work on certified courses and obtain certifications while the work remains slow.

End of Report Oct. 3, 2008.

Robert Smith  
SchooleyCaldwell Associates

## COCOA



COCOA's **Annual Meeting and Holiday Party** is scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Confluence Park, 679 W. Spring St., Columbus. Appetizers and bar service will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and events to follow at 6:30 p.m.

The event will include the election of the 2008-2009 Board of Directors. The offices of president, first and second vice president, secretary, treasurer and three directors at large will be on the ballot. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, Oct. 3.

Awards also will be given in the following categories: Code Official of the Year; Fire Official of the Year; and Assoc. Member of the Year.

Nominations for both officers and awards may be submitted to Jack W. Pryor, Building Code Department,

675 Price Road, Newark, OH 43055. E-mail submissions should be sent to [ksickels@newarkohio.net](mailto:ksickels@newarkohio.net). Cost for the event is \$15 per person or \$30 for a member and a guest. Reservations are due Nov. 12, but the sooner they are made, the better. Contact Sharon Myers at [sharon.myers@com.state.oh.us](mailto:sharon.myers@com.state.oh.us), (614) 644-2829 (phone) or (614) 222-2352 (fax) to make reservations. Payment is due at the event.

COCOA's **Annual Golf Outing** was held Monday, Sept. 8, at Champions Golf Course in Columbus. Forty-eight people competed in the four-person scramble. The team of Keith Wagenknecht, CBO for Columbus, won the event. Proceeds benefited COCOA's Members Scholarship.

## SWOFSC

By the time this letter gets published the ICC Code Hearings will be done. Of particular interest, to a lot of people in the fire service, is the IRC dealing with residential sprinklers.

Since the last time it was on the floor in Rochester a lot of work has been done by both the fire service and sprinkler organizations to make Minneapolis the "final stand". I am much reminded of attending the NFPA when Standard 1710, four fire fighters on a fire engine, was presented to vote. Unions made the membership swell and all thought that their vote was the final answer in the matter. It wasn't.

When the residential sprinkler article comes to a floor vote I feel it will pass. But I urge all involved that it will not be the final answer we are looking for and it

will not be embraced like we, in the fire service, think it should be.



I see a lot of shortcomings in the residential article and don't think it will fit in all areas of the State of Ohio. I also know that other organizations will put up a hard fight to see that Ohio does not adopt the language, but rather will take it out of the Ohio Building Code. It also does not have the support of our fellow Building Code Officials which I think is because they are not convinced in its merits as we our.

When the time comes for adoption in Ohio it will be essential that the fire officials, building officials, BBS, water purveyors and interested parties keep open minds and assess the facts in whether this residential sprinkler code is good for Ohio.

Sincerely,  
Craig A. Best, President



## OBOA Info./Chapter Reports (Cont.)

### COCOA



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COCOA's **permit technician group** has scheduled its quarterly meeting for 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at the City of Gahanna offices, 200 S. Hamilton Road, Gahanna. The group will be looking at Gahanna's redevelopment of Olde Gahanna and the Creekside development. For more information, contact Margie Badurina in the Grove City Building Division at (614) 277-3075.

Members of the permit tech group also will address the BBS Personnel and Education Committee Oct. 2 to encourage the recognition of ICC's permit technician certification as an optional certification as classified under "additional staff."

Currently, the Board is not permitted to certify anyone in an administrative role.

Members of the group also are scheduled to speak to representatives of FBOA on Oct. 10 and BOCONEO on Nov. 19.

Finally, a training session on legal aspects and ethics is scheduled for the permit tech group Nov. 20 at the BBS, 6606 Tussing Road, Reynoldsburg.

COCOA sponsors monthly **code consistency meetings** beginning at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month, focusing on a variety of topics. The next meeting is scheduled Wednesday, Oct. 15.

All meetings are held at the ICC offices, 1245 Sunbury Road, Suite 100, in Westerville.

For more information, call Greg Keeler at the City of Newark at (740) 349-6893.

Check [www.cocoaonline.org](http://www.cocoaonline.org) for updates and educational opportunities.

### MVBOC



conference committee to prepare for the 2010 conference with OBOA. Our hotel committee is close on closing a deal with that location. Our board of director will meet to help prepare a budget and sub-committees to make 2010 conference a success.

To supply our membership with training with credit hours for at least eight regularly scheduled meetings.

#### **RECOGNITION**

A special thank you to Renee' Snodgrass for putting together an MVBOC members team to help with a habit for humanity house. Thanks to all who participated.



Thanks to Roy Beavers for volunteering to be chairperson for the 2010 MVBOC/OBOA joint conference and Bob Reynolds for chairing our scholarship golf outing committee.

Our nominations committee will meet in October to prepare for our next generation of officers and Board members. We will hold elections our December meeting when all the important State and National officials will hopefully be present.

### BOCONEO



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Our planning for the Joint Conference is going well. Many educational classes are already arranged with many more in the middle of

the process. By the time Education Chairman Jim McReynolds gets the dozens of classes for the Conference lined up he will be able to arrange the few BOCONEO monthly meeting classes in his sleep. We think that everyone will be pleased with the offerings. Classes for next year's meetings are quickly filling up, so if you have any specific requests be sure to contact Jim soon.

BOCONEO has never had much of a relationship with the Cleveland Homebuilders Association, but with your help that is about to change. I have met several times recently with newly appointed Executive Director Joe Race, of the Cleveland HBA, and we both think that a BOCONEO committee would be very helpful in promoting educational opportunities with his member builders as well as disseminating new code information. It is no understatement that the builders around the State were upset with recent changes to the Electrical and Energy Codes, and we believe that closer ties to BOCONEO will help to keep his members better informed and educated. I would like the help and input of our membership in the formation of this new committee. If there are two or three members who might have an above-average interest in the RCO, please let me know so that I can seat a committee with members that will be active and interested. One or two HBA member builders will also help to staff the committee.

Ray Sack and I were absent from the September meeting, since we both attended the ICC Annual Conference in Minneapolis that week. There are usually free registrations for the conference available through BOCONEO, and there are even small reimbursements available through OBOA from time to time for active partici-



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pation in the Code Hearings. I hope that in the future we can encourage others in our organization to travel to the hearings and take part. We have had good participation in the past, but recently, with tight budgets and the current depression in the home building industry, interest has seemed to taper off. Give participation in these hearings some thought. Next year's Spring Code Hearings will be held in New Orleans, while the Fall Annual Conference will be held during the first week of November in Baltimore. Try to budget your departmental funds so that you can attend one of these hearings.

Last but not least, we are getting close to the time of the year when everyone will be expected to renew memberships. Dan Kaczor will have the revised membership application on the website during the month of October. Now that we have the room for expansion, let's give some thought to those members of our staff who do not belong to BOCONEO, as well as those designers and industry reps that we have contact with that may benefit from membership in our organization. BOCONEO is one of the oldest – if not THE oldest – organization of its kind in Ohio, and we should continue to be the leader in our field. Invite those who are not already members to join, and let's keep our Chapter strong.

Enjoy the rest of the nice, summer weather and take care.

Kindest regards,  
Phil Seyboldt

### FBOA



tion of new officers and a program on Wood Trusses. February is the OBOA seminar in Cleveland with BOCONEO hosting. March is a Stone Veneer program.

There were nominations for officers from the board as follows:

President	Nickolas Montan
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	Mark Watson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.	John Cheatham
Treasure	Richard Nelson
Secretary	Roger Houpt
Dir. at Large:	Pete Marchese
Dir. at Large	Vacant
Dir. at Large	Vacant

The Christmas Social will be Dec. 14, 2008 at the Civic Theater, seeing the show Christmas Spectacular, and then dinner at the Brewing Company in downtown Akron. A motion to accept this was made by Roger Houpt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sinatra Scott with FBOA picking up 50% of cost as has been done in the past. Motion Passed. A motion to rename FBOA was made to become First Building Officials Association. The membership will have to vote on this. FBOA was started in 1956 as the Tri-County Building Officials Association and has progressed to where we are today serving approximately 14 counties.

New Business- Roger Houpt made a motion to submit an add to BOCONEO for \$300.00, a full page add, same as last year with the addition of the new time we are starting at 5:30 PM. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Watson. Motion Passed. Roger H. is to fill out form and send in add with check to BOCONEO. Roger Houpt brought up about changing the Board of Directors meeting date, as to allow directors a chance to go to BOCONEO's education meeting if hours are needed. It is to be brought up again at the first of the year.

OBOA Update-Charles H. reported in the FOCUS on the last OBOA meeting. BBS is looking for rooms

to hold their mandatory training in the area if possible. There were some suggestions made and are being looked into.

ICC Update- Roger H. and Charles H. submitted receipts for reimbursements for their participation in the Final Action Code Hearings in Minneapolis. A motion to pay Charles H. was made by Rito A. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete M. passed. A motion to pay Roger H. was made by Pete M. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sinatra S. passed. Charles H. Gave a brief run down on what had happened at that conference. Charles H. will submit form for chapter benefits to ICC.

Secretary  
Roger Houpt

### NCOBOA



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events, including the hours and hours of hearing, Tim was exhausted. Tim and I, along with others, are spearheading a fund raiser to bring NCOBOA members to the 2009 Conference, and to support our friend and past president of OBOA for ICC Board of Directors. We are currently working with our web master on an online forum page. This is where anyone can pose a question and or comment on code related items. Our goal is to be better informed, more connected with other code officials and to work with our friends in the building industry. This site should be up by the middle of October.

Remember; check our web site at [www.ncoboa.org](http://www.ncoboa.org) for the latest on our education, meetings, and upcoming events.

Tom Carleton, President



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