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## *President's Message*

As always, I hope this newsletter finds every member healthy. The meeting this month will be our Annual business meeting. We will hold this before our education presentation. This meeting is required per our By-laws and requires reports to be read by our officers. As this will be a first for another Virtual meeting I ask that all members in attendance be patient with the process.

This month's education will be presented by Jerry Flanik, Former President of BOCONEO and active member. The class will be "2017 Ohio Mechanical Code & 2015 IFGC Combustion Air & Venting 2.0", OBBS #BBS2020-597. Good for 2-hours for: (BI, BO, BPE, EPE, FPI, FPPE, LPE, MPE, MI, MechPE, NRIUI, PI, PPE, RBI, RBO, REPE, RIUI, RMI, RPE, RPI).

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### **November 18, 2020, Meeting**

**Jerry Flanik**

**"2017 Ohio Mechanical Code & 2015 IFGC Combustion Air & Venting 2.0"**

**OBBS #BBS2020-597: 2-hours (BI, BO, BPE, EPE, FPI, FPPE, LPE, MPE, MI, MechPE, NRIUI, PI, PPE, RBI, RBO, REPE, RIUI, RMI, RPE, RPI)**

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Remember that a 2021 BOCONEO membership application needs to be completed by each member for the New Year. The form can be found on our website. Dues should be submitted with those applications, which are due by March 1. PLEASE, make payment to BOCONEO, your OBOA dues will be forwarded.

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See you at our next meeting

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## *1st Vice President Report*

Hoping as we draw to conclude the 2020 calendar year that all are members and families are experiencing good health and continuing to be safe.

On behalf of all BOCONEO board of directors, we would like to thank you for your support of our organization and your officers as we manifest through an unprecedented crisis. A thank you to all our members who chose to continue to serve the essential tasks of code enforcements, code plan reviews and code inspections in order to support our economy.

Stay safe and stay healthy see all in 2021!

Russ VP

Russ Rodic  
1st Vice President



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## *From Your Secretary*

Donations are still welcome for the scholarship fund, no amount is too small. The scholarship fund helps a lot of students with their education journey.

The 2021 Membership application is available on the website. We will need an application from all members, even if retired to keep your status active. The email you provide on your membership application is where you will receive newsletter and certificates, please be sure to keep us updated of any changes.

Please check the website for job postings. If you need a posting put on website, please send it to me in a **Word Doc**, to [ferrantemonica297@gmail.com](mailto:ferrantemonica297@gmail.com). Also, if you have a post on the website and the job has been filled, please let me know, so I can update the site.

Wishing you all peace and good health!



Monica Ferrante  
Secretary

[Link to BOCONEO website](#)



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## From Your Treasurer

October, 2020

Checking account beginning balance		\$14,993.78
Deposits:		
Memberships		<u>700.00</u>
		\$700.00
Less:		
Insurance		739.00
WebEx		<u>27.54</u>
		\$ 766.54
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b><u>\$ 14,927.24</u></b>
Scholarship Account Beginning Balance		\$ 5,511.48
Deposits:		
None		
Less:		
None		
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b><u>\$ 5,511.48</u></b>
Money Market Account Beginning Balance		\$ 47,883.14
Plus:		
Interest	\$4.06	
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b><u>\$ 47,887.20</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>		<b><u>\$ 68,325.92</u></b>



Laura Heilman  
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## *Fire Marshal's Report*

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I recently participated in the con-ed portion of the Board of Building Standard's virtual Code Academy on Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup>, attending the courses on both Chapters 1 and 34. While spending an entire day let alone multiple days in front of a computer can be difficult even for the most attentive, the good folks at the BBS did a great job in making the event beyond tolerable, even pleasant. The speakers were both interesting and knowledgeable and did a great job in communicating critical information to the attendees, and the entire program was extremely well organized and well run. Kudos to Regina Hanshaw, Debbie Ohler, Steve Regoli, and everyone else down at the BBS for a fine job.

The North Eastern Ohio Fire Prevention Association Executive Board has officially cancelled its annual event scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> featuring Gordon Graham of Lexipol due to concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19. The board looks forward to hosting Mr. Graham in the near future. NEOFPA plans to conduct our regular business meeting in the month of December and is hoping to feature Paul Kowalczyk as our featured guest speaker for an hour-long presentation. The board is currently working with Paul to nail down a date.

The holidays are upon us and, while our celebrations will most likely be fewer in number and the gatherings smaller in size for many of us, I'm hoping not to let it dampen my holiday spirit. That said, here are some reminders and tips to help keep you safe during the holidays:

- Keep Natural cut trees watered daily. Fresh cut trees will generally last longer and take on more water in the first few days. Dry trees burn readily. Check out this video from NIST: <https://www.nist.gov/video/christmas-tree-fire-watered-tree-vs-dry-tree>
- Keep candles away from combustibles, drapes, and decorations. Don't forget to put them out before leaving your home or retiring for the night. According to NFPA, December is the peak time of year for home candle fires. In December, 12% of home candle fires began with decorations compared to 4% the rest of the year. Click on this link for more information: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Top-fire-causes/Candles>

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- Avoid placing decorations where they could interfere with exits.
- Avoid using nails, staples, tacks or other sharp metal fasteners when hanging temporary decorative electric lighting. Use special plastic clips or hangers.
- Check light strings, extension cords and other electrical equipment for damage before use.
- When deep fat-frying a turkey or other food using a large gas fired fryer, make sure the turkey is fully thawed prior to placing it in the hot oil. A frozen bird can cause the hot oil to spill over as the bird thaws in the hot oil. Only use the fryer outdoors and keep it at least 10' away from the house. Inspect your equipment prior to use. Here is some additional information from the U.S. Fire Administration:  
[https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/turkey\\_fryers\\_flyer.pdf](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/turkey_fryers_flyer.pdf)
- Check out this short video from the CPSC  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HYvMWlvghnQ>
- Check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. If you have battery operated alarms and did not get a change to change your batteries with the recent time change, now would be a good time. Test your alarms for proper operation by pressing the test button. Check the manufacture or install dates. Any alarms that are 10 or more years old should be replaced. The NFPA recommends installing smoke alarms on every level of your home including basements, in every sleeping space and outside the sleeping area like a common hallway. I recommend using multi-criteria smoke alarms for the most comprehensive protection. These alarms employ multiple detection technologies in order to sense fires regardless of its stage of progression, in addition to the presence of carbon monoxide. For example, the NEST Protect is equipped with a split spectrum optical smoke sensor capable of sensing both small and large particles of combustion as well as thermal sensor and an electromechanical carbon monoxide sensor. The Nest Protect is Wi-Fi compatible and comes with a smart phone app that lets you monitor the status of your system. The alarms interconnect so they all alarm together and utilize voice notification to alert you to the origin of the alarm. They can also connect with a Nest thermostat and shut down your HVAC system when smoke and CO are detected. For more information, follow this link: [https://store.google.com/us/product/nest\\_protect\\_2nd\\_gen](https://store.google.com/us/product/nest_protect_2nd_gen)

Be Well and Stay Safe. Happy Holidays!



Assistant Chief Michael Girbino, Fire Marshal  
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## *Past President's Report*

Fall is here, the election is or should be over, but we are still dealing with COVID19. I want to commend the BOCONEO Board of Directors for the outstanding job they are doing. They have improvised, adapted and overcome the issue of providing classes and roundtables during this pandemic.

The BBS has provided a path to allow anyone to attend the Code Academy via WebEx. Last week the required classes were presented in that format. Although the BBS has granted an extension for the required courses, those that attended virtually, have met the requirement. The BBS had sent an email regarding this subject;

*Implementation of the code administration, existing buildings, and ethics mandatory training required to renew certifications has been delayed and will begin with certifications expiring on June 30, 2021. Therefore, renewals submitted for certifications expiring June 30, 2020 or December 31, 2020 are not required to include continuing education hours in these areas. However, completion of at least 30 hours of Board-approved continuing education is still required to renew your certification.*

Should you have any specific questions, please contact the BBS directly.

Should you "attend" a BOCONEO WebEx class and are logged in on a phone or someone else's name, be sure to notify Secretary, Monica Ferrante so we can be sure to send you your certificate. **REMEMBER, it is your responsibility to be sure you are on the attendance roster and the BOCONEO has a valid email for you.**

Please stay safe and healthy until we all are able to fellowship and gather again,

Michael Gero

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## ***OBOA Report***

OBOA will be holding their annual meeting on November 20, 2020 at 10:00 am. All BOCONEO members are encouraged to attend the meeting. If you did not receive or have lost the email sent by OBOA, please visit [ooba.clubexpress.com](http://ooba.clubexpress.com) to find the link to the meeting. The meeting will be hosted through WebEx.

One of the agenda items at the annual meeting is a by-law change. The by-law change if approved, will increase OBOA dues from \$20 to \$25 for the majority of members. Another change in the by-laws allows for the Board of Directors to accept votes of changes to the constitution or by-laws via electronic means.

Every member of OBOA, which includes BOCONEO members, has an account at [ooba.clubexpress.com](http://ooba.clubexpress.com). A temporary password was sent to all members in March 2019. If you have lost that password email or have become a member since, there is a method for resetting your password at the website. You are encouraged to visit your account, update your profile and enjoy the amenities provided.

Jim Decker – OBOA Director 2020



James Decker  
Past President/OBOA Director