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President's Message

Happy New Year to Everyone.

I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing end of the year. As I reach the halfway point of my term as President of BOCONEO, I reflect back at what this board has had to deal with this past year and look back in admiration of the adjustments that they have made, the decisions that they decided on, and am appreciative of the dedication and commitment of each of our board members. They all have the best interest of BOCONEO and our members in every discussion and decision that they have and make. I know I look forward to eventually getting back to in person meetings, holding our annual golf outing, and working on new ideas with the board. Hopefully Covid feels the same way.

I want to remind everyone to renew their membership if you have not done so yet.

Best wishes to a happy and healthy 2021



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From Your Treasurer

DECEMBER 2020

Checking account beginning balance		\$17,127.24
Deposits:		
Memberships		<u>700.00</u>
		\$700.00
Less:		
WebEx		27.54
Secretary/Webmaster/Treasurer Fees		<u>750.00</u>
		\$777.54
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 17,049.70</u>
Scholarship Account Beginning Balance		\$ 5,561.48
Deposits:		
None		
Less:		
None		
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 5,561.48</u>
Money Market Account Beginning Balance		\$ 47,887.20
Plus:		
Interest	\$4.06	
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 47,895.19</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:		\$ 70,505.37



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From Your Secretary

Happy New Year to all members and families!

Membership applications and dues for 2021 are now due. We need an application from all members to, including retirees, to keep our database updated.

Please remember that by paying dues to BOCONEO, this also covers your dues for OBOA.

Thank you to **Tom Jamieson** and **Dave Hocevar** for donations to the scholarship fund.

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 ferranemonica297@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!

Stay strong and shine bright!



Monica Ferrante
Secretary

[Link to BOCONEO website](#)



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Fire Marshal's Report

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I'd like to take a moment to wish you all peaceful and healthful new year. I can only imagine it will be better than the last.

The state of Ohio began administering COVID-19 vaccines the middle of last month. Frontline healthcare workers were among the first to receive the Pfizer vaccine along with personnel and patients of skilled nursing facilities, while first responders began receiving the Moderna vaccine. In Cuyahoga County, several hundred fire department and EMS personnel received their first dose of the Moderna Vaccine through the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, with the assistance of local fire department staff during the last week of December. Three drive-through points of dispensing or PODs were established at local fire departments and operated during the period. The locations were Independence, Westlake and Shaker Heights. The process overall went smoothly. Vaccinations should proceed using an established priority system based on vaccine supplies.

NEOFPA held their first joint monthly meeting with NEOSEN (North East Ohio Safety Educators Network) on January 6th. Our guest speaker was Ms. Brene Duggins of Holly Grove Fire Dept. NC. Her very timely topic was "Tips, Tricks, and Tools for a Virtual World". Ms. Duggins spoke for about an hour and provided a wealth of information designed to help with improving virtual presentations and training events. This was our first virtual meeting using the Microsoft Teams format.

The positions of both Vice President and Secretary were up for re-election. Both current officers Mike Kocab and I were nominated and ultimately re-elected. I am proud to carry on in my position of Secretary for another term.

Be Well, Stay Safe.



Assistant Chief Michael Girbino, Fire Marshal
Mayfield Village Fire, Retired
BOCONEO Cooperating Member



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Happy New Year everyone!

The BBS had recently sent an email regarding the subject of certification renewal;

Certifications expiring between March 9, 2020 between April 1, 2021:

Full building department certifications expiring on June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020 have until July 1, 2021 to submit your renewal application. Fire protection system designer certifications expiring during this time period have until July 1, 2021 to submit your renewal application. However, if you have completed your continuing education requirements you are encouraged to renew on time as this extension does not change the date of your next renewal.

If you have not yet completed 30 hours of continuing education required to renew your full building department personnel certification, please contact the Board office for information on online continuing education training opportunities.

Interim and trainee certifications expiring between December 31, 2019 through June 30, 2021:

In April 2020, the Board approved extensions of interim and trainee certifications expiring December 31, 2019 through June 30, 2021 until December 31, 2021.

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Full building department personnel certifications expiring on June 30, 2021 and after:

In April 2020, the Board delayed the implementation of the code administration, existing buildings, and ethics mandatory training required to renew building department personnel certifications to begin with certifications expiring on June 30, 2021. Certification renewals due on June 30, 2021 and after must include certificates of completion of mandatory code administration (3 hrs), existing buildings (3 hrs), and ethics (1 hr) mandatory training as part of the 30 hours of required continuing education. If your certification expires on June 30, 2021 and you have not yet completed the mandatory training, please contact the Board office for information on how to access these trainings online.

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,

Mike Gero



Michael Gero
Past President