



March, 2023

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President's Message

In the month of February, BOCONEO held in-person meeting/education course presented by, Don MacBride of Dominion Energy Ohio, Technical Learning & Development Consultant, contact info email dona149@dom.com or phone 234-380-4282, in attendance approximately 165. The virtual Plans Examiner roundtable was attended by approximately 55 members, plumbing had 60 and electrical had 70.

The schedule for March is as followed, business meeting/education March 15, 2023, round tables - plan examiner March 15, plumbing March 16, and electrical March 17 all starting times at 9:00am and virtual through Webex. A reminder all three round tables are recognized for all certifications.

The new projector/audio system has been installed for our education sessions at Trevi Catering and I would like to send a BIG thank you to Ray Stack for overseeing the installment and fellow officers for support of the system.

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March 15, 2023, 1:00- 3:00

Thad Goodman

National Gypsum Company

Understanding the UL Online Directories with
Concentration on Wood-Framed Construction

BBS 2023-467

BI, BO, BPE, EPE, ESI, FPI, FPPE, MPE, MI, MechPE,
NRIUI, PI, PPE, RBI, RBO, RIUI, RMI, RPE

ROUNDTABLES via WEBEX

9:00 am

**Plans Examiner - Wednesday,
3/15/23**

Plumbing - Thursday, 3/16/23

Electrical - Friday, 3/17/23

REGISTER



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I did express a thank you to all members attending in February for renewal payment of their BOCONEO membership. I would like to express a thank you to our members supervisors & finance departments for processing the renewal membership fees.

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Any members looking to advance in obtaining certifications or any member willing to offer an hour of their experience and knowledge can attend through the BBS website roundtable every last Wednesday every other month, <http://com.ohio.gov>.

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REMINDER, BOCONEO application for membership renewal are available online. The BOCONEO fee includes your membership for OBOA, no other fee is required. If you have received an OBOA email for a reminder of membership fee due, no action is required to be taken on your behalf.

Treasurer

*Jason Pastorius
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Q. What can be broken, but is never held?

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A. A promise.

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See you at the March 2023 meeting!

Russ, President



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Treasurer Report

February 2023

First Vice President

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Checking account beginning balance-

\$9,389.19

Deposits:

Memberships \$9,800.00

Second Vice President

David Faciana
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Transfer from money Market \$ 5,000.00

Total- \$14,800.00

Secretary/Webmaster

Monica Ferrante
Mayfield Heights

Less:

Monthly Meeting \$2,400.00

OBOA Dues 1,175.00

Ohio State Charity Fee 50.00

Lunch \$260.92

Payroll .00

Post Office/PO BOX deposit .00

Treasurer

Jason Pastorius
Twinsburg

Transfer to Checking account \$100.00

Constant Contact \$ 0.00

Audio video supplies \$13,353.00

Insurance .00

Webex \$ 27.54

Total- \$17,365.54

Education Chairmen

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Cooperating Member

Mike Girbino
Mayfield Village Fire Dept.
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Ending Balance

\$6,823.65**Past President**

Daniel Spada
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Scholarship Account Beginning Balance-

\$7,840.97

Deposits:

CPA 600.00

Cash 83.00

Less:

CPA 600.00

Ending Balance

\$7,923.97

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2023 Joint Conference Banking Account

Beginning Balance

\$40.73**Second Vice President**

David Faciana
Lorain

Deposits:

Transfer From Main checking- \$0.00

Less:

Marriott Down Payment #2 \$ 0.00

Delivery service charge checks \$3.00

Secretary/Webmaster

Monica Ferrante
Mayfield Heights

Total - \$ 3.00

Treasurer

Jason Pastorius
Twinsburg

Ending Balance

\$37.73**Education Chairmen**

David Faciana
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Money Market Account

Beginning Balance-

\$ 78,081.05

Interest 2.90

Less:

Cooperating Member

Mike Girbino
Mayfield Village Fire Dept.
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Transfer to primary checking- \$5,600.00

Ending Balance

\$ 72,483.95**Past President**

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TOTAL ASSETS:

\$ 87,269.30

Jason Pastorius
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From Your Secretary

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients:

Foster Sipp

Annastasia Shannon

Kaylee Sherman

Zachary Randles

We wish you well on your educational journey.

Thanks to all who have sent in their 2023 memberships.

Membership dues are now past due for 2023, please remit asap as we would not want anyone to lose out on certifications. Application can be found on our website.

Reminder that our meetings will now be held at Trevi Catering, 29717 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, OH 44092. The venue will need our number of participants a week before the meeting, so please register asap as registration will close a week before the meeting. The registration link for the meeting is typically posted on the BOCONEO website before the newsletter is published to give you time to plan your schedule.

If you have a job posting for our website, please send the post to me in a WORD DOC format, ferrantemonica297@gmail.com. Also, if you have filled a job, please let me know so the post can be removed.



Monica Ferrante
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Education Report

If you have any ICC Code books that coincide with 2015, 2018, or 2021 ICC exams, that you no longer need and would be willing to part with, please email me, Dan Perno at dperno5252@gmail.com. **Please see below for books for sale and contact.**

If there are any other study resource suggestions out there that I missed, again please email me, Dan Perno at dperno5252@gmail.com and I will add them to the posted list in the monthly newsletter.

Study Resource Suggestions: (In no particular order)

1. Ohio Board of Building Standards – www.ohio.gov
2. ICC - www.iccsafe.org
3. England Training Division LLC - www.ibcode.com
4. West Coast Code Consultants - www.wc-3.com
5. Building Code Masters - www.buildingcodemasters.com
6. Thompson Learning Center - www.passicexam.com
7. Building Code Trainer - www.buildingcodetrainer.com



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Fire Marshal's Report

As winter fades into spring many of us begin to look forward to those warm weather activities we've missed so much the past few months. One warm weather pastime I enjoy is grabbing a bite to eat at my favorite restaurants that offer outdoor dining. It seems that more and more dining establishments have expanded existing outdoor dining spaces, or have added or plan to add outdoor eating and entertainment areas. Due to our relatively short summer season and cool spring and fall evenings, a popular amenity many of these outdoor venues share are fire places or "pits" offering both warmth and ambience.

Local fire officials should be consulted when an existing place of assembly wishes to install any open flame device whether the location is within the building itself, or outside the structure in an adjacent outdoor gathering space. The fire code contains several requirements applicable to the location, installation, operation, and type of fuel used with of this type of apparatus both within and outside of the structure. For example, within an assembly space, 308.3 specifies that gas fueled heat producing equipment shall be installed in accordance with rule 6 of the Administrative Code, and that adequate precautions satisfactory to the fire code official are taken to prevent ignition of combustible materials. 308.3.1 further requires that the flame of open-flame decorative devices of this type be enclosed to prevent ignition of combustible materials in proximity to the flame. 603.1 requires the application of the IFGC for the installation of non-portable gas appliances and systems. 307.4.2.1 restricts the operation of outdoor gas-fired pits (recreational fire by definition) to no closer than 15 feet from a structure or combustible materials. 307.5 requires recreational fires to be constantly attended and a minimum 4A rated fire extinguisher be available for immediate use.

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The local fire official has some authority under the Fire Code to determine what constitutes a safe installation of gas fired open flame decorative equipment within a building. These devices when installed within a building have the potential for creating burn hazards to patrons and may also provide a fuel source that could potentially create additional hazards to occupants and first responders in the event of a building fire. For example, a fire starts within the structure causing the activation of the fire sprinkler system and subsequent activation of the fire evacuation alarm. The sprinklers control the fire and, in the process also extinguish the gas-fueled flame from the indoor fire pit. Without additional equipment, raw gas could now potentially flow within the structure creating an increased risk of a secondary fire and explosion. In my opinion, such devices should be viewed with the same lens as open flame gas fired kitchen cooking equipment. The appliance should be fitted with an automatic valve that will shut off the supply of gas when either the sprinkler or fire alarm activate. In addition, this apparatus should be designed and installed in such a manner that occupants are protected from contact with the open flame and the apparatus should be located in such a manner that it does not interfere with occupants exiting the facility. Be aware of local establishments enclosing existing outdoor spaces by using rolling curtains or shades which allow them to increase their interior floor area in the colder months. Once these outdoor spaces are enclosed and are accessible from and part of the indoor assembly space, the open flame apparatus that was approved for use outside may no longer comply with the code requirements for indoor use. Other important things to consider are the materials used to enclose the formerly outdoor space, whether the means of egress fire protection and fire alarm systems have been adversely affected.

In summary, both fire and building officials should be aware of the proliferation of open flame decorative devices in commercial assembly spaces and work together to ensure their safe installation and operation.

Happy Spring!

Be well, stay safe!



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