



September, 2020

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President's Message

I start this newsletter off with some sad, but hopeful news. One of our past Board of Directors Members, Dave Menn, was involved in a serious accident that has left him hospitalized. At this time, there is hopeful news of minor improvements, but nonetheless a potentially long journey ahead. Below is a link to a GoFundMe account that has been set up in an effort to raise money to help with whatever expenses the family occurs. Let's all keep Dave and his family in or thoughts.

https://www.gofundme.com/mvc.php?route=homepage_norma/search&term=support%20for%20dave%20and%20teri%20menn

I hope everyone else has had an enjoyable, healthy and safe summer. It has definitely been different, and if like my department, as different as the outside world has been the workload hasn't changed. We are busy as ever looking at more pools, decks, kitchen and basement remodels than we have in a long time. We also have had to deal with modifications to schools, restaurants, nursing homes, daycares and businesses. All of this has given us all an opportunity to hopefully generate better relationships with our Fire Departments and the Fire Safety Inspectors, Plans examiners, and other Code officials, as well as a chance to reintroduce ourselves to building and business owners on what we do and why.

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September meeting via WebEx

September 16, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

Paul Kowalczyk

Code Archeology: Digging Up the Past

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There are many things happening and going on, so I encourage all of you to visit oboa.clubexpress.com, neofpa.org, and iccsafe.org to check out the calendars for continuing education classes as well as reading the other articles from our board members with information about OBAO, the Annual Conference, and NEOFPA.

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BOCONEO is offering a 2-hour class this month for all certifications taught by our own Paul Kowalczyk. You should have received an email with the link to register.

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The Board will discuss at its monthly meeting the likelihood of starting back up the round tables virtually through WebEx for more educational hours.

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I look forward to seeing all of you again for a good lunch at some point, but until then stay safe and healthy.

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1st Vice President Report

Hoping this article finds all of our members and families in good health and safe.

During this pandemic, my office in Solon has experienced the construction of residential, commercial, and industrial industries remaining steady or increasing in volume. A reminder as the pandemic continues to take a toll, remind yourself of priorities and take every precaution to use what personal protective equipment is available to protect yourself. This will pass and we want all of us to be around to share our stories.

Even though our in person monthly meetings have been suspended due COVID-19 and not knowing when such will resume, our chapter and others throughout the state have been offering multiple sites and education seminars. Please access the BOCONEO site and click the tab 'link' for other chapters websites.

The officers of BOCONEO will be having an executive meeting this month for a variety of topics for discussion. If you have any items of issue please forward comments/suggestions to BOCONEO@gmail.com.

Stay safe and stay healthy!

Russ VP

Russ Rodic
1st Vice President



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From Your Secretary

Hope this finds all members and families well through these ever changing times.

Thank you to the following for the donations to our scholarship fund:

- **Traci Bonvenuto**
- **Jack Clifford**
- **Jim Decker**
- **Monica Ferrante**
- **Laura Heilman**
- **Paul Kowalczyk**
- **NEOFPA**
- **Christopher Taneyhill**

Donations can still be sent to P.O. box, no amount is too small. The scholarship fund helps a lot of students with their education journey.

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.

As mentioned, this month's meeting will be held via WebEx. The meeting link was sent out last week. If you did not receive an invite via WebEx, please let me know. It may be that your email is not updated with us or you are not active for the 2020 year in our system.

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 mferrante@seuclid.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.

****Stay strong and shine bright!****

Monica Ferrante
Secretary



[Link to BOCONEO website](#)



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From Your Treasurer

August, 2020

Checking account beginning balance		\$15,261.07
Deposits:		
OBOA Refund		<u>580.00</u>
		\$580.00
Less:		
IAEI Golf Sponsorship		75.00
WebEx		<u>27.54</u>
		\$ 102.54
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 15,738.53</u>
Scholarship Account Beginning Balance		\$ 5,211.48
Deposits:		
Donations		\$ 100.00
Less:		
None		
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 5,311.48</u>
Money Market Account Beginning Balance		\$ 47,875.17
Plus:		
Interest	\$4.05	
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 47,879.22</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:		\$ 68,929.23



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Education Report

Paul Kowalczyk is the Building Official for the City of Pepper Pike and the Village of Moreland Hills. He is a registered architect and a past president for BOCONEO.

Code Archeology: Digging Up the Past, September 16, 2020, 1:00 p.m. via WebEx
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How often does a code official say, *“Because that’s what the code says”*? Wouldn’t it be better if the code official could explain to a designer, contractor or property owner the reasons *“why”* the code is saying what it says?

- *What occurred that required a swing door to be adjacent to a revolving door?*
- *What occurred that requires fire alarm systems to be supervised?*
- *What occurred that requires interior finishes to meet a certain classification?*

This course is designed to take the student through a historical journey through some major tragedies that ultimately resulted in changes to building and fire code safety. It will start with the Code of Hammurabi in 1760 B.C. and end with the devastating fire at the MGM Casino and Hotel in 1980.

The course will explain the importance of the ICC code development process and how participating in these proceedings will make the individual a better code official.

The goal of this course is to help the code official use the historical background of code development to make the inspection process a teachable moment rather than just a governmental citation.



David Faciana
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Fire Marshal's Report

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Ohio has a new State Fire Marshal. The position vacated by Jeff Hussey was filled by Kevin Reardon, who became Ohio's 39th State Fire Marshal on June 11th. Marshal Reardon has an extensive background in the fire service and public safety. Entering the fire service in 1981, he served with the Columbus Division of Fire rising through the ranks to the position of Battalion Chief until his retirement in 2013. In addition, he spent ten years as the military and veteran's affairs liaison for then-Senator Mike DeWine, and four years as the Homeland Security Manager for Battelle.

Marshal Reardon received a Master's degree in National Security Studies from American Military University as well as a Master's degree in Public Policy and Management from The Ohio State University. He also holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Capital University. He and his wife currently reside in Hilliard.

On Monday August 31st, Marshal Reardon appeared via WebEx at the September NEOFPA monthly meeting as our keynote speaker and spoke about some of the challenges he and his staff face including training and budget issues as they relate to COVID-19, and the filling of the currently vacant position of Deputy Fire Marshal, on hold until the Governor's hiring freeze is lifted. In addition, his Code Enforcement Division Chief spoke about the application of fire code requirements pertaining to fire drills as schools return to in-person learning as well as the aspects of the code that apply to decorative materials and interior finish as they relate to partitions and protective barriers installed in many occupancies. He also answered questions about the application of the fire code with respect to day care facilities and both officials stressed the need for fire officials to notify and work in conjunction with their local building officials. Please feel free to click on these links for additional information from the State Fire Marshal and the Dept. of Commerce:

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<https://www.com.ohio.gov/documents/TB20-002SchoolDrillsandFireSafetyDuringCovid-19Pandemic.pdf>.

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<https://www.com.ohio.gov/documents/COMBBS-SFMMemo-PandemicChildCareCenters.pdf>.

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https://www.com.ohio.gov/documents/fire_DineSafeOhio-DetailedOhioFireCodeReferences.pdf.

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The North Eastern Ohio Fire Prevention Association, like BOCONEO and other professional organizations has been meeting and offering training to its members virtually in the wake of COVID-19. Our next meeting scheduled for October 5th features speakers from Ruskin Corp. and Musson Sales and will focus on inspection, testing and maintenance of fire and smoke dampers. This course meets the requirements for 2 hours of continuing education for fire service personnel, but has not been approved for BBS hours. Please visit our website for more information.

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Past President's Report

Well, this summer has definitely been an interesting one. I hope everyone has been able to stay healthy. This pandemic situation is like nothing that any of us have experienced before. We are all trying to do our best to get through it.

Everyone should have received an email from the BBS regarding certification renewals and requirements due to the COVID crisis. Here is an excerpt from that email pertaining to the required courses:

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.

BOCONEO has acquired a WebEx account to be able to provide online virtual education classes. Many of you have participated in these classes already. The restrictions are still in place regarding gatherings and many people are cautious of being in large groups. We are going to continue using the virtual for meetings. If you are in need of hours for certification renewal, the BBS has suggested checking www.ohiobbseducation.com as an online course resource.

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

Michael Gero



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Past President



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OBOA Report

OBOA has officially 'postponed' the annual conference for a year. And, there will be no online courses this year as part of the conference. The goal is to hold this conference at the same hotel in Fairlawn as proposed for this year with Five County still being the host. The exact dates for the Fall 2021 conference have yet to be determined. By doing this, the Hotel will hold FBOA's deposit. The rotation cycles for the upcoming host chapters will be delayed one year.

At the August OBOA Board of Directors meeting, the Board requested a by-law amendment be brought forth to the members increasing the dues by \$5.00 annually. Look for a formal submission from OBOA in the near future requesting a membership vote for this by-law change.

Also, earlier this summer, the Board voted to move all future conferences to the fall of each year. In doing so, Directors seat terms will be modified accordingly.

Jim Decker

OBOA Director 2019-2021



James Decker
Past President