



May, 2022

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President's Message

In the month of April, BOCONEO held a virtual meeting/education course presented by Susan Willeke. Ms. Willeke is an accomplished government-relations professional with the Ohio Ethics Commission. She spoke of The Ohio Ethics Law; her contact information is 614-466-7090 or susan.willeke@ethics.ohio.gov. Attendance for the meeting was approximately 200 members. Also, approximately 57 members attended the virtual Plans Examiner roundtable and 35 members in attendance for the plumbing roundtable. The May business meeting/educational class will be held on May 18, in-person at the Normandy Catering facility at 30310 Palisades Pkwy, Wickliffe 44092. Please remember to register early for this month's class. Registration will close on Thursday, May 12th in order to allow Normandy to plan for the number attending for lunch.

With returning in-person meetings, I would like to ask all our members to wipe off the dust of their membership cards to have ready for service. Please be patient when 'signing in' and signing out' before and after our education class.

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May 18, 2022, Meeting - 1:00 - 3:00 PM,
lunch at 12:00 pm

Greg Wujcik, Simpson Strong-Tie

BBS2022-387, Meeting Braced Wall Requirements:
A New Portal Frame Solution, 1 hour - BI, BO, BPE,
MPE, RBI, RBO, RPE

BBS2022-390, Sill Plate Anchorage Solutions for
Wood-Frame Construction, 1 hour - BI, BO, BPE,
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ROUNDTABLES VIA WEBEX

Plans Examiner Roundtable -
Wednesday, May 18, 9:00 AM

Plumbing Roundtable -
Thursday, May 19, 9:00 AM

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The BOCONEO officers are touring and having discussion with facilities in the Northeast area in regards to hosting the 2023 joint conference meeting. If interested in being a member of the joint conference committee, please call or email me at 440-370-5192 or rrodic@safebuilt.com respectively.

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Pop quiz

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Q. If solving word puzzles is one of things at which you are proficient, see if can think of a 9-letter word that contains only one vowel?

A. Strengths.

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Stay safe and stay healthy for 2022!

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See you at the May meeting!

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Treasurer Report

April 2022

Checking account beginning balance	\$17,342.94
Deposits:	
Memberships	\$ 1,100.00
Less:	
Membership Refund	\$100.00
OBOA Conference AD	300.00
Postage	29.00
Webex	27.54
Total	\$456.54
Ending Balance	\$ 17,986.40
Scholarship Account Beginning Balance	\$ 3581.25
Deposits:	
None	
Less:	
None	
Ending Balance	\$3,581.25
Money Market Account	
Beginning Balance	\$ 82,954.02
Interest	1.36
Ending Balance	\$ 82,955.38
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$104,523.03



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From Your Secretary

With the May meeting will be in person at the Normandy party center, appreciate your patience with check in since it has been so long since an in-person meeting. Lunch will be at 12:00 with meeting following at 1:00.

Please remember that registration for the class will close on Thursday, May 12, as we need to give Normandy a few days notice on our number for lunch.

A reminder that your BOCONEO card will be used to sign in for in person meetings. Appreciate your effort in finding your card. We can still sign you in if you do not have your card.

If you are a new member, you will receive your card whenever you are able to attend in person. If you cannot locate your card, a new card is \$10.

The roundtables will remain virtual in order that members can attend more than 1 as they are held on different days. Roundtable schedule will be in newsletter and invites will be sent out accordingly as in the past.

Peace and good health to all!



Monica Ferrante
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May Meeting

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Greg Wujcik, Territory Manager, Simpson Strong-Tie

Greg Wujcik is the Territory Manager for the state of Ohio for Simpson Strong-Tie - a company that for more than 50 years has developed structural products to help people build safer and stronger buildings, homes and decks. Greg has been with Simpson Strong-Tie since 2000, and has given numerous presentations to design professionals, building officials, builders, contractors, and dealers. Greg also works with these same groups educating them on the proper use and installation of Simpson Strong-Tie products in order to provide economic solutions to satisfy building code requirements. Greg earned a B.A. from Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio in 2000.

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Greetings Members, I hope this finds you in good health and good spirits! Please allow me to wish you all an early welcome back to Normandy Party Center! Like many of you, I am really looking forward to getting together in fellowship for a good meal and some relevant education and training. I would guess most of you would agree that it has been a long and difficult road, but we made it back. See you all there!

After returning to fire inspection and prevention after nearly three years, I have run into some issues with fire protection systems I thought, in our capacity as fire code officials were long behind us and thought you might find this information interesting, if not helpful.

As you may recall, in 2001 Central Sprinkler, then an affiliate of Tyco Fire Products LP in conjunction with the Consumer Products Safety Commission instituted a voluntary recall involving around 35 million sprinklers manufactured from the mid 1970's to 2001. The sprinklers varied in style, type, and orientation and were manufactured under multiple brand names such as Central, Gem, and Star. The manufacturer provided support for those affected, assistance with identification and free replacement sprinklers. In addition, they covered the labor costs associated with the process of replacement. Benefits under the recall program were offered through August of 2007. The cause of the recall centered around those sprinklers that used a rubber O-ring seal in the assembly. The seal could potentially fail causing an obstruction that could prevent the sprinkler from operating during a fire. Many of these sprinklers were installed in high-risk occupancies such as skilled nursing facilities, hotels, hospitals, and schools.

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In 2013 Honeywell Fire Systems, a division of Honeywell International instituted a recall of their very popular model BG-10 manual pull station. The device was manufactured from 1992 through 2010, however most of the devices subject to the recall were made between 1992 and 2000. The reason for the recall was an issue with a seal installed around the alarm switch within the enclosure. The seal could deteriorate over time preventing the switch from signaling an alarm when the pull station is operated. I have witnessed this occur during routine fire alarm testing. The fix is a simple and quick change-out to a new updated model. These devices were marketed under several brands including Fire-Lite, ADT, Notifier, and Johnson Controls.

Surprisingly, I have stumbled upon both of these recalled life safety devices in two different high hazard occupancies. One occupancy had both recalled sprinklers and pull stations. The failure of these devices to perform to their design parameters during a fire could end in tragedy, but together we can help to make sure this potential disaster is avoided.

It is imperative for fire code officials to closely review inspection reports and documentation provided by fire protection service providers, who typically document deficiencies in their reports of regular, required periodic inspection and testing. When these issues are noted, we can then follow up with the responsible party. Those of us who are charged with conducting inspections of occupancies triggered by work, modifications and repairs performed on fire alarm and sprinkler systems need to be mindful and aware when they are on site. A good time to catch recalled components is when plans are submitted for system repairs and upgrades due to changes in use and occupancy. As a condition of final approval, we as code officials can ask for an evaluation of the current fire protection system and request special attention be given to recalled components. Here are some useful links where you can access additional information:

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<https://buildings.honeywell.com/content/dam/hbtbt/en/documents/downloads/HFS%20BG-10%20Series%20Letter%20April%202013.pdf>

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https://www.sprinklerreplacement.com/images/Bro_Cent_Comm.pdf

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<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2001/cpsc-central-sprinkler-company-announce-voluntary-recall-to-replace-o-ring-fire>

<https://www.iaff.org/safety-alerts/central-fire-sprinklers-recalled/>

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Recently, recalls have been issued for Edwards brand mechanical heat detectors as well as Universal Security Instruments' combination smoke and CO alarms. The former was recalled because the device could fail to operate when exposed to heat, the latter for failure to alarm after detecting high levels of carbon monoxide. For more information regarding these two devices, please visit www.neofpa.org. In addition, you can follow the links below to the CPSC website:

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<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Edwards-Recalls-Mechanical-Heat-Detectors-Due-to-Failure-to-Alert-to-Fire>

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<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2022/Universal-Security-Instruments-Recalls-Combination-Photoelectric-Smoke-Carbon-Monoxide-Alarms-Due-to-Risk-of-Failure-to-Alert-Consumers-to-Hazardous-Levels-of-Carbon-Monoxide>

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Thank you for all you do. Be well, stay safe!



Assistant Chief Michael Girbino, Fire Marshal
Mayfield Village Fire, Retired
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