



March, 2021

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President's Message

As some of the restrictions are slowly lifted and more and more individuals are being vaccinated, I feel there is light at the end of the tunnel. But for now, our next WebEx meeting and class will be Wednesday, March 17, 2020! The class will be taught by Chip Updyke. The registration link is active, and the Plan Examiner, Plumbing and Electrical roundtables will be held at 9:00 am on Wednesday for Plans Examiner, Thursday for Plumbing, and Friday for Electrical.

Another reminder that Dues are due! The application for renewal and new membership can be found at the BOCONEO website. An application needs to be submitted each year for all types of membership, including retired. Dues are due January 1st and considered late on March 1st. Please get your dues submitted as soon as possible. If membership is not current, you will not be able to attend any of the classes, so make sure you are current.

The planning and scheduling of the continuing education classes for 2021 continues. If you have any ideas or thoughts of subjects you may like to see please send them to Dave Faciana, Education Chairman, at dfaciana@olmstedtownship.org. Remember that we all make up the organization, and we all can participate to make the organization better whether it is by serving on a committee or by assisting in the clean up after a meeting. If you have any comments or ideas, please don't hesitate to let me or one of the officers know.

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March 17, 2021, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Chip Updyke
Chief Elevator Inspector for the State of Ohio
Elevator Overview for Building Departments

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Roundtables via WebEx

Plans Examiner Roundtable
March 17, 2021- 9:00 a.m.

Plumbing Roundtable
March 18, 2021- 9:00 a.m.

Electrical Roundtable
March 19, 2021-9:00 a.m.

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Building Officials Conference of North East Ohio



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Now is the time to consider planning something for ICC's sponsored Building Safety Month in May. There are sample resolutions your community can adopt, events that can be held to educate and inform the public, and many other ideas and materials that can be found on the ICC website for the month. Doing anything related to Building Safety Month also scores BOCONEO reward points for next year's chapter report. Check out the website and see if there is anything that is of interest.



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Treasurer Report

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Checking account beginning balance		\$21,675.34
Deposits:		
Memberships		3,800.00
	\$	3,800.00
Less:		
WebEx and Website fees		36.30
	\$	36.30
Transfer to Money Market Account	\$	<u>15,000.00</u>
		15,036.30
Ending Balance		\$ <u>10,439.04</u>
Scholarship Account Beginning Balance		\$ 5,561.48
Deposits:		
None		
Less:		
None		
Ending Balance		\$ 5,561.48
Money Market Account		
Beginning Balance		\$ 47,895.19
Plus:		
Transfer from Main Checking Account	\$15,000.00	
Interest	\$ 4.21	
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 62,903.47</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:		\$ 79,003.99



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From Your Secretary

Happy Almost Spring!

Membership fees and applications were due January 1 and considered late after March 1. Please submit asap if you have not yet, as we do not want members to miss out on continuing education classes due to non-payment. We do 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.

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. When registering for classes through WebEx be sure your email address is accurate to ensure you receive your certificate.

The 2021 BOCONEO Scholarship application is posted on the BOCONEO website. Deadline for submittals is March 31, 2021.

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 ferrante_monica297@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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2nd Vice President Report Education Chair

This month's class will be held on March 17, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Elevator Overview for Building Departments

Charles (Chip) UpDyke - Current Chief Elevator Inspector for the State of Ohio, Chip has been with the State of Ohio for over twenty-one years and in a supervisory and leadership position for over eleven years. He has shown his professional and technical skills and exceptional ability with interpersonal interactions and relations with staff and customers. Chip is a key manager, leader, and previous field supervisor and inspector within the divisions Operations and Maintenance Elevator Inspection program. He is an innovative manager and an exceptional contributor with his extensive leadership, communications background, home office and field operations experience. He is exceptional in working with multiple commercial businesses and associations across the nation, including an active membership in NAESA International and ASME Regulatory Advisory Council.



Dave Faciana
2nd Vice-President
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Past President's Report

Maintaining your certifications is crucial to your position. Without a current certification, you cannot perform the duties associated with that certification. The pandemic has created a different atmosphere in which we must function. Please do not forget to renew your certifications and do not wait until the last minute or month to check your classes for renewal.

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

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.

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.

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There have been many classes offered via online formats. Obtaining your con-ed hours should not be difficult at this time. 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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Fire Marshal's Report

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As winter recedes into another spring and the last of the snow melts away, signs of life begin to return to Northeast Ohio. Typically, springtime summons thoughts of the warmer days to come, and all the good things those days bring. This year, for me more than anything springtime fosters feelings of optimism.

The pandemic has exacted a toll on us all, forcing us to change how we go about everything from socializing and learning to shopping and working and everything in between. But in the wake of what last March seemed like an insurmountable hurdle, we are all reminded how resilient and adaptable we all truly are.

I am fortunate to have been involved in the current vaccine rollout in Cuyahoga County through my part-time work with Mayfield Village Fire as one of the many mass vaccination PODS (Points of Dispensing) is located within our community. As vaccine supply increases and additional vaccines receive emergency use authorization from the FDA the PODS, many of which have been operating since mid-December of 2020 are positioned, experienced and ready to maximize distribution to the public. I'm optimistic that with widespread vaccine distribution, warmer weather, and the continuation of other common-sense measures like masking in public and social distancing especially indoors we are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel (if we squint really hard).

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One of the things I have been tasked with during the operation of the POD is Safety. In our community the POD is located at our high school, a 500,000 square foot complex on a large piece of property with ample parking and access. For me, the process of maintaining scene safety during the operational period is not much different than conducting a fire safety inspection, except some aspects of the inspection are ongoing and repeated throughout the operational period. This includes verifying that the occupant load is not exceeded, the means of egress remain unobstructed and navigable (including snow and ice removal), fire protection systems are operational, fire extinguishers are available as required and remain accessible, and the fire lanes remain clear, all while ensuring the occupants follow COVID-19 safety guidelines. On my initial rounds, I also checked the installed AED units and Stop the Bleed kits that are installed throughout the facility. In the event of an emergency that would necessitate evacuation of the occupants, I would assist POD staff in directing occupants to the nearest appropriate exit safely.

I look forward to the time in the not-so distant future when we can once again meet in person, have face to face conversations (mask free) and share a meal together as we take in some quality training.

Be Well, Stay Safe!



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