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President's Message

There is no meeting in December!!!

Our next meeting and class will be Wednesday, January 15, 2020!

With the New Year brings a new slate of officers. These officers will be installed Friday, January 10, 2020 at 6pm at Normandy Party Center. The installation event includes dinner, cash bar, and presentations. The cost is \$30 per person. Call or email Secretary, Monica Ferrante, 216-691-4242, mferrante@seuclid.com, to place your reservation. Come out to support the new officers and have some fellowship.

As my tenure comes to an end, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who have supported me over the last two years. It has been my pleasure to serve this organization as President. Thank you. I look forward to BOCONEO continuing to be the premier building official organization in Ohio.

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No meeting this month.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful holiday season!

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Remember that a 2020 BOCONEO membership application needs to be completed by each member for the new year. Dues should be submitted with those applications, which are due by March 1. As quickly as this summer went by, the new year will be here in no time.

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See you at the next meeting,

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First Vice President's Report

As I come to the end of my two year term on the BOCONEO board, I reflect back to not only think about what BOCONEO has accomplished, but my experience on the board. Like many of you, two years ago I was a member of BOCONEO sitting at a table enjoying my lunch catching up with fellow building officials. Not truly realizing how important and helpful the work that our board members do is to all of us. It wasn't until I was approached by then outgoing President Mr. Decker about stepping into a position on the board that I ever thought about what our board does.

We all have been very lucky that every individual on this board and past boards have kept us informed and educated on our industries news. They have all worked to keep BOCONEO the best chapter in Ohio and probably the region. We have all benefitted from it. And although we are all individuals, not one thing gets done without the support of everyone on the board or past boards. I was concerned about the amount of time I would have to commit to such a position but once on quickly realized that we are all in the same position and that it is a group of people who enjoy our line of work and help support anyone who needs it and helps the organization continue to be a great asset to us all.

I encourage all of you to get involved. It is a rewarding experience that makes you a better code official. This is a great organization with great people and the organization needs you just as much as you need the organization. As I move into my new position on the board I look forward to continuing to work with the board and ask of you to do the same.



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From Your Secretary

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!

Thank you to those who have sent in their 2020 dues and applications. Please remember that we do need an application for all members and dues are due by March 1, 2020.

Please check the website for job postings. If you need a posting put on website, please send to me in a word doc, mferrante@seuclid.com.

Thank you for the honor of serving on the BOCONEO board.



Monica Ferrante
Secretary

[Link to BOCONEO website](#)



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From Your Treasurer

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Checking account beginning balance		\$ 3,874.20
Deposits:		
Raffle	164.00	
Membership card replacements	20.00	
Membership	2,100.00	
	\$ 2,284.00	
Less:		
Sunshine	100.00	
Executive Board Meeting	75.00	
Secretary/Webmaster/Treasurer Fees	750.00	
Monthly Meeting Lunches	2,280.00	
ICC Conference Reimbursements	1,942.85	
	\$ 5,147.85	
Ending Balance		\$ 1,010.35
Scholarship Account Beginning Balance		\$ 9,286.48
Deposits:		
In memory of Bob Barclay	\$ 100.00	
Less:		
None		
Ending Balance		\$ 9,386.48
Money Market Account Beginning Balance		\$ 47,724.20
Plus:		
Interest	19.61	
Ending Balance		\$ 47,743.81
TOTAL ASSETS:		\$ 58,140.64



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Fire Marshal's Report

Happy Holidays and Season's Greetings to all! As the holidays draw nearer many of us have been or will be preparing for the holidays by decorating our homes with festive greenery, lighting, and other decorations. Here are some reminders to help keep you safe this holiday season:

If you prefer cut trees for decoration, keep them well watered and consider cutting your own. Pre-cut trees are often cut down weeks before they are sold locally. A fresh cut tree will stay hydrated better and will typically last longer than a pre-cut tree. A well hydrated tree will not burn as readily. Click on this link to see a side-by-side demonstration conducted by NIST.

<https://www.nist.gov/video/christmas-tree-fire-watered-tree-vs-dry-tree>.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, more than a third of home fires involving holiday decorations are started by candles. Good quality flameless electronic candles are a great alternative. I have several bearing the Luminara brand that I use regularly in my home. They are very realistic and easy to use. They are battery operated and are equipped with a timer switch that allows both constant and timed operation. Please click on this link for more information: <http://luminara.com>. If you do use candles, be sure to keep them a safe distance from combustible decorations and furnishings while they are burning and put them out before retiring for the evening or stepping out for some holiday cheer!

120-volt holiday lighting should be inspected for damage and replaced if found faulty before use. If extension cords are used, they should also be inspected for damage and replaced if needed prior to use. When stringing lights together and using extension cords, be sure not to exceed the recommended number of strings, and that the extension cord is of the appropriate length and sufficient gauge to accommodate the load safely. Make sure cords and lights used outdoors are listed for outdoor use.

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This is also a good time to check your smoke alarms. The NFPA recommends installing smoke alarms at a minimum on each level of your home, including basements, in every sleeping room and outside the sleeping rooms, such as in a common hallway. Smoke alarm that are interconnected so that when one detects smoke, all interconnected alarms activate may provide additional escape time, especially when the fire occurs in a remote area of your home while you are asleep. If you will be purchasing new smoke alarms, look for those that meet the new UL 217, 8th edition standard.

<https://www.ul.com/news/ul-releases-new-requirements-smoke-alarm-standards-opens-new-test-lab>.

If you don't have an escape plan, now is a good time to develop one and practice it.

When decorating, be sure not to block doors and windows that would or could be used as an exit.

For additional information, please check out this from the National Fire Protection Association:

https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/Winter_Holiday_Safety.ashx

Have a safe and happy holiday season!



Assistant Chief Michael Girbino, Fire Marshal
Mayfield Village Fire
B.O.C.O.N.E.O. Ad-Hoc Executive Board Member