

BOCONEO

BUILDING OFFICIALS CONFERENCE OF NORTH EAST OHIO



JANUARY, 2026

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President's Message

BOCONEO Members,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Holiday Season.

Two years have passed, and this will be my last newsletter as BOCONEO President. One of my favorite quotes by Jim Rohn is *Life is not just the passing of time. Life is the collection of experiences and their intensity.* It has been an enjoyable and memorable experience serving as your president. I can't thank the BOCONEO board of directors, and all our members enough for their help and support.

At our first in person meeting January 21, 2026, we will be swearing in our new BOCONEO officers and passing the gavel to President Jim Urankar. I would like to congratulate the BOCONEO Board of Directors for 2026-2027 President Jim Urankar: 1st Vice President Dan Perno: 2nd Vice President Mark Patterson: Secretary/Webmaster Monica Ferrante: Treasurer Jim Decker. The President will need to appoint an Education Chairman and a Co-operating member. 2026 will be another great year for BOCONEO! In addition to our scheduled education meetings and our roundtables, the Board of Directors and many member helpers have already started planning several key events.

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**Wednesday, January 21, 1:00-4:00
lunch at noon, followed by installation
of new officers and passing of the
gavel**

**Roundtable with members of staff
from OHIO BBS**

REGISTER

**ROUNDTABLES via WEBEX
9:00 am (1 hour)**

Tuesday, 1/20, Building Official

Wednesday, 1/21, Plans Examiner

Thursday, 1/22, Plumbing

Friday, 1/23, Electric



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Scholarship Applications for 2026 are available on our website; please make sure applications are post marked by the January 31, 2026, deadline.

Membership applications for 2026 need to be completed by each member. Monica sent out an email on Sunday, December 21 that covered various ways to renew or sign up for membership.

BOCONEO's Official Mission Statement is *Advancing Building Safety Through Ongoing Education and Professional Collaboration*. I like the mission statement for two reasons; if you don't know who we or what BOCONEO is, it explains that we are building safety with education first focus. If you are a BOCONEO member you fully understand professional collaboration and the help and support that we all give to one another.

2025 Building Department yearly operational reports need to be filed with the Ohio BBS. Please make sure you review the email sent out by Pamela Butts from BBS. It contains fillable forms as well as some noted required changes to file your report.

See everyone at the meeting!

Dale Steppenbaker
BOCONEO President
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Treasurer Report

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*Report will be sent to all members at a later date as
Mr. Decker is on vacation.*

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Secretary Report

happy new year!

BOCONEO Members:

The 2026 membership renewal application is now available. Renewals are due by March 1, 2026. BOCONEO membership dues are \$140: \$105 goes to BOCONEO and \$35 goes to OBOA. Each member must be registered individually; memberships may not be shared within a company.

There are two methods to renew:

1. Log in to your Club Express account at obo.clubexpress.com. Once you log in, a renewal notification bubble should appear. Go through the process. You can pay by credit card or you can print an invoice and pay via check. Send checks to the BOCONEO P.O. Box below.
2. You can complete the membership application form found at bocone.org and mail a check to BOCONEO.

Checks should be mailed to: BOCONEO, P.O. Box 18, Aurora, OH 44202

Also, if you are a retired member and wish to maintain your membership, please complete the application found at bocone.org and mail to the P.O. Box, email to bocone@ gmail.com, or log into Club Express and renew.

Any questions, please email me at ferrantemonica297@gmail.com.

Thank you.



Monica Ferrante
Secretary

[LINK TO BOCONEO WEBSITE](http://bocone.org)



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Education Report

January 21, 2026 - 12:00 - 4:00, Trevi's

Lunch followed by BOCONEO Officer installation and passing of the gavel.

Presentation:

Roundtable with Amy Jones & Meg Foley from OHIO BBS: a short presentation on the new certification rules/LPI and a Q&A. After, they will also be available to assist members in logging into LPI.

Jay Richards will be available to field any code questions as well.

[LINK TO REGISTRATION](#)



Dan Perno
Education Chair