



February, 2020

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## President's Message

Our next meeting and class will be Wednesday, February 19, 2020!

The registration link is active, and the Plan Examiner, Electrical and Plumbing roundtables will be held at 10:30 am. Lunch will be served at noon. The class will be instructed by Dave Molnar.

Dues are due! The application for renewal and new membership can be found at the BOCONEO website. An application need 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.

The 2020 OBOA/FBOA Joint Conference is scheduled for March 15-17, 2020 in Fairlawn, Ohio. This year's conference will have some interesting speakers and offer continuing education hours. Check out the website, [oba.clubexpress.com](http://oba.clubexpress.com).

"As some of you may or may not know, OBOA.org is no longer OBOA's web site. Although it is still active, please start using [oba.clubexpress.com](http://oba.clubexpress.com). OBOA is migrating to this site."

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### February 2020, Meeting

#### David Molnar

#### What is it? Classifying Use and Occupancy

BBS2020-496

3 hours of continuing education:

BI, BO, BPE, EPE, FPI, FPPE, LPE, MPE, MI, MCPE, NRIUI, PI, PPE, RBI,  
RBO, REPE, RIUI, RMI, RPE, RPI

[Register here.](#)

#### Electrical Roundtable

@ 10:30 AM

#### Plan Exam Roundtable

@ 10:30 AM

#### Plumbing Roundtable

@ 10:30 AM

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Building Officials Conference of North East Ohio



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Please remember, if you did not receive your class certificate within 10 days of the meeting, you must let me know right away. The most common reason that you did not receive one is that you were not scanned into the class roster list.

### **First Vice President**

*Russell Rodic*

Please be sure to scan in at each meeting. If you are not on the list, we will not be able to supply you with the certificate.

### **Second Vice President**

*David Faciana  
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The planning and scheduling of the continuing education classes for 2020 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](mailto: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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See you at the meeting,

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## *From Your Secretary*

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.

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.

Please remember to swipe in for each meeting as this is how your certificates are generated. If you attend a roundtable and plan to attend the general afternoon session, you must swipe in again for the second portion.

If you have not received a membership card or need a new card, please let me know at sign in table. Replacement cards are \$10.



Monica Ferrante  
Secretary

[Link to BOCONEO website](#)



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## From Your Treasurer

January, 2020

|  |              |                     |
|--|--------------|---------------------|
| Checking account beginning balance     |              | \$ 4,348.73         |
| Deposits:                              |              |                     |
| Raffle                                 | 119.00       |                     |
| Installation Dinner                    | 1,020.00     |                     |
| Membership                             | 9,400.00     |                     |
|  | \$ 10,539.00 |                     |
| Less:                                  |              |                     |
| Executive Board Meeting                | 88.00        |                     |
| Awards                                 | 945.93       |                     |
| Installation Dinner                    | 1,587.60     |                     |
| Monthly Meeting                        | 1,920.00     |                     |
|  | \$ 4,541.53  |                     |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>                  |              | <b>\$ 10,346.20</b> |
| Scholarship Account Beginning Balance  |              | \$ 9,386.48         |
| Deposits:                              |              |                     |
| None                                   |              |                     |
| Less:                                  |              |                     |
| None                                   |              |                     |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>                  |              | <b>\$ 9,386.48</b>  |
| Money Market Account Beginning Balance |              | \$ 47,764.08        |
| Plus:                                  |              |                     |
| Interest                               | 20.23        |                     |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>                  |              | <b>\$ 47,784.31</b> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>                   |              | <b>\$ 67,516.99</b> |



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## *This month's educational presenter*

Instructor: David Molnar

Class: What is it? Classifying Use and Occupancy

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Mr. Molnar is the Chief Building Official for the Medina County Building Department. He was previously the Chief Building Official for the City of Canton in charge of the Building Department overseeing the Zoning, Code Enforcement and Building Inspection from 2013 to 2018.

Mr. Molnar holds a Bachelor of Architecture from Kent State University and is a licensed Architect in the State of Ohio. He is a member of the International Code Council (ICC), is a Director for the Ohio Building Officials Association (OBOA) and the current President for the Five County Building Officials Association (FBOA). David holds certificates from the Ohio Board of Building Appeals and the ICC for Master Plans Examiner, Building Official and Residential Building Official as well as certifications from FEMA for Disaster response.



David Faciana  
Education Chairman





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## *Fire Marshal's Report*

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After having served on the Board of Directors for the past two years at the request of then outgoing President Jim Decker and newly elected President Mike Gero I have learned a great deal and have enjoyed working and collaborating with my fellow board members. I look forward to serving with our newly elected officers in the months ahead.

Some of you may not be aware that I also serve on the BOD of the North Eastern Ohio Fire Prevention Association in the elected position of Secretary. I have served on the board since 2009 and have held my current position for the past 2 years. As building officials, you are as integral a part of public safety as fire officials and I invite you to consider joining our organization. Our regular meetings are held on the first Monday of every month, except holidays and the months of July and August when we observe summer recess. Our mission is similar to BOCONEO's in that we provide quality training that meets the needs of our core membership of fire code officials. Like the training BOCONEO offers to its members, the training provided by NEOFPA is designed and tailored to meet the recertification needs of its members, however unlike building officials the con-ed requirements for fire code officials is managed by the ODPS/Division of EMS in accordance with 4765 of the Ohio Administrative Code. This chapter outlines in detail among other requirements what types of training is required, who can offer the training and how many hours are needed for recertification. In Ohio fire and EMS certifications run in 3-year cycles similar to BBS and ICC certifications. Fire inspectors must obtain a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education as specified in OAC 4765 which recognizes the following 10 categories:

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1) The theory of fire code enforcement, 2) enforcement of the fire codes, 3) building life safety systems, 4) the safe use and maintenance of facilities, buildings, and uses which are subject to the fire code, 5) the safe handling of materials which pose a fire hazard, 6) fire code administration, 7) legal method of code enforcement, 8) legal rights of tenants and landlords under federal, state and local laws, 9) the application, installation, use and interpretation of NFPA standards, and finally; 10) other training directly related to the performance of fire safety inspection duties. The statute requires the training to be approved by the director of a chartered training program or the applicant's Fire Chief. As the statute allows fire inspector training to be provided by recognized non-profit organizations such as NEOFPA, final approval of the training we provide must be accepted and approved by the attendees Fire Chief in order for it to be considered by the Division of EMS towards meeting the applicant's recertification requirements. Like building officials, Fire inspectors are also required to attend specialized training offered when the code is updated.

As you can see, there are some marked differences in how ongoing education for building and fire code officials is mandated, regulated, and managed. It is our goal at NEOFPA to work towards offering more training directed at both building and fire code officials and that will provide continuing education hours recognized by both the BBS and ODPS/Division of EMS. Last October we offered a day-long fire sprinkler training seminar that offered 5.5 hours of BBS credits. This year we have begun working together with the BOCONEO Board of Directors on two possible day-long seminars with topics of shared interest.

Please take a moment to visit the NEOFPA website and check out what we are about. I look forward to seeing more of you at our monthly meetings.

[www.neofpa.org](http://www.neofpa.org).



Assistant Chief Michael Girbino, Fire Marshal  
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## ***Past President's Report***

Now that January is completed and we move through February, spring will be just around the corner. However, we have been very fortunate that the weather has not been too brutal, in fact it has been fairly nice. I know that the nice weather has caused my department to not experience the typical winter slow down. Projects have continued to keep coming in and my department has been steady busy.

There are a few departments that are currently searching for inspectors and other Building Department Personnel. Unfortunately, the numbers of qualified candidates are few. Those of us that are currently in the Building Inspection field must promote our profession to persons that may be interested in joining our profession. As we all grow older and move closer to retirement, we need to look for the next generation of professionals so the safe built environment can be maintained.

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.

See you at the meeting,

Michael Gero



Michael Gero  
Past President