



May, 2020

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President's Message

Well, here we are another month into our adventure, hopefully everyone and their families are safe and healthy. It finally appears that things might be heading back to some resemblance of normal. Businesses, gyms, daycares, and camps are starting to open, but there is still a lot to be figured out and planned when it comes to mass gatherings.

As you all are aware, BOCONEO has had to cancel the last couple meetings. There still is no word as to when we may be able to have a meeting at Normandy or how it would even go. The Board was discussing ways to get the education that we had scheduled out to our members, but an issue that we were having was the platform in which we would get continuing education out. We were limited to size of attendees, how to monitor who was in attendance, and who was hosting, just to name a few of the hurdles. So the Board discussed our options and has decided to get a WebEx account to be able to host a continuing education webinar that would allow all of our members to attend. We will be aiming to have the June continuing education offered as planned. There still are things that have to be worked out, but that is our goal. Stay tuned and look for emails to direct you on how to sign up for the education.

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May meeting canceled.

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Building Officials Conference of North East Ohio



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The Board has also agreed to go ahead with this year's Golf Outing. BOCONEO's annual golf outing to benefit the John Korinek Memorial Scholarship Fund will be on July 24th at the Rolling Green Golf Club in Huntsburg, Ohio. Registration and Hole sponsor forms will be on our website soon. One hundred percent of the Hole sponsorship proceeds benefit the John Korinek Memorial Scholarship Fund. BOCONEO has been able to help many kids through the years with monetary scholarships. If you or someone you know has received one of these, return the favor and support the Memorial Fund. Hole Sponsors are \$50.00 and include a sign placed at the tee, (there can be multiple signs at each tee). A Hole Sponsor can be a business, a company, a person, in memory of someone, a dedication to someone, a vet, active military, or just you. We have had a great turn out in the number of golfers and the number of Hole sponsors the past couple of years and look forward to another successful outing.



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From Your Treasurer

April, 2020

Checking account beginning balance		<u>\$22,727.85</u>
Deposits:		
Membership		100.00
		\$ 100.00
Less:		
Sunshine		100.00
OBOA dues		<u>5,740.00</u>
		\$ 5,840.00
Ending Balance		<u>\$16,987.85</u>
Scholarship Account Beginning Balance		\$ 4,636.48
Deposits:		
None		
Less:		
None		
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 4,636.48</u>
Money Market Account Beginning Balance		<u>\$ 47,823.48</u>
Plus:		
Interest		19.60
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 47,843.08</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:		<u>\$ 69,466.81</u>



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Recently, the North Eastern Ohio Fire Prevention Association entered into a cooperative relationship with the North East Ohio Safety Educators Network (NEOSEN). NEOSEN is a new organization, the brainchild of Angela Potter, Fire Safety Educator for the Division of the State Fire Marshal. NEOSEN's goal is to support fire and life safety educators across the state through networking, data sharing, and education and training. Angela and some of the NEOSEN committee members are also members of NEOFPA. The NEOFPA BOD has been working closely with NEOSEN since last fall and continues to work to integrate the two organizations. The NEOFPA executive board determined that our organization was lacking a strong fire and life safety educator component and believes NEOSEN will help fill that void, eventually expanding our members training and networking opportunities. NEOFPA's website is now host to NEOSEN's web page which can be accessed on our top menu. It is a work in progress but we hope to have it completed very soon.

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The Covid-19 pandemic has changed how we all live and work. Most of you have been working from home and attending training online in order to obtain your necessary CEU's. Earlier this year BOCONEO and NEOFPA announced our first joint training event for both fire and building code officials. The topic, construction site fire safety was to be presented by Philip Oakes and held later this month. Over the past several weeks both the BOCONEO and NEOFPA boards of directors seriously considered offering this 6-hour program via webinar but ultimately decided to postpone the event until after the state of emergency has been rescinded. Both boards concluded that both the length of the presentation and the content was better suited to an in-person format.

As our state begins to reboot from our stay at home orders and businesses begin to reopen, fire and building officials need to work together closely to assist businesses with complying with the state's orders and guidelines, particularly the guideline for occupancy reduction. While the administrative code clearly places the authority to determine occupant load on the building official, it also places authority to enforce the established occupant load on the fire code official. As many businesses may be reaching out to you in the coming weeks for guidance it is imperative both building and fire officials are on the same page and in agreement with the adjusted reduced loads.

Be Well, Stay Safe.

<https://www.nfpa.org/Codes-and-Standards/Resources/Standards-in-action/NFPA-responds-to-the-coronavirus>

www.neofpa.org.



Assistant Chief Michael Girbino, Fire Marshal
Mayfield Village Fire, Retired
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Past President's Report

Well, another month has gone by. Some of the restrictions imposed by the Governor are being loosened. Hopefully everything will go well regarding getting back to some form of normal.

Everyone should have received an email from the BBS regarding certification renewals and requirements due to the COVID crisis. Here is an excerpt from that email pertaining to the required courses:

Implementation of the code administration, existing buildings, and ethics mandatory training required to renew certifications has been delayed and will begin with certifications expiring on June 30, 2021. Therefore, renewals submitted for certifications expiring June 30, 2020 or December 31, 2020 are not required to include continuing education hours in these areas. However, completion of at least 30 hours of Board-approved continuing education is still required to renew your certification.

Should you have any specific questions, please contact the BBS directly.

Since the March, April, and May BOCONEO meetings have been cancelled, we are looking into other options to provide education for our members. If you are in need of hours for certification renewal, the BBS has suggested checking www.ohiobbseducation.com as an online course resource.

Please stay safe and healthy,

Michael Gero



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OBOA Report

OBOA would like all members to edit their profiles at Club Express.

Go to oboa.clubexpress.com. In the upper right hand corner click member login. Hover over your name and a window will appear. Click profile and you should see several boxes. The Personal Info box contains the majority of items to be updated. While you are logged in, explore the website to get a feel of its capabilities.

Have fun!!!

Jim



James Decker
Past President