

BBS Newsletter



Ted Strickland
Governor
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Chairman

John Brant to Retire

After thirty years, since John Brant started with the Department of Industrial Relations as department legal council, John's name has become synonymous with the Ohio Board of Building Standards. In his *Legally Speaking* column in this edition of the *BBS Newsletter*, John reflects on the accomplishments of the Board during his tenure. It is a long list of significant changes that many now take for granted but which could have not happened where it not for the dedicated efforts of many people committed to improving the lot of building departments and their staffs. John recalls those events and, while not mentioning his contributions, was a part of these important steps. John has been an avid proponent of understanding the legislature's charge to the Board and following that charge as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code when promulgating the Board's rules,

responding to inquiries, and when working with other administrative agencies. That approach has shaped most of the work of the Board's staff in developing the rules that have become the Ohio Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, Fuel Gas, Boiler, Energy, and Elevator Codes.

John's numerous awards and recognitions reflect the appreciation of the state's enforcement community for the consistency and fairness upon which they could rely when addressing issues and problems these groups faced.

At its March 30th meeting, John notified the Board of Building Standards that he would retire at the end of his current term on the 30th of April of this year.

We are sure that you, along with the Board and its staff, will want to wish John best wishes in his new endeavors. ▲

BBS Welcomes New Staff Member



Liz Exline began with the Board of Building Standards on March 19, 2007 as the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Secretary. She will be handling non-residential department and personnel certification duties such as maintaining your personnel records, receiving applications, and answering certification questions. She will also be assisting the Executive Secretary at Board meetings and in rule promulgation.

Liz has over twenty six years of state service. Liz has worked for the Department of Commerce over the past eight years, most recently as the administrative assistant to the Superintendent of the Division of Real Estate & Professional Licensing. Prior to the Department of Commerce, Liz worked for the Secretary of State's office. Liz has a Toy Rat Terrier named Hunter and two cats named Sophie and Abigail. ▲

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Training News—Billy Phillips

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOGNIZES THE OHIO BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS, OHIO BUILDING OFFICIALS, AND THE OHIO BUILDING CODE ACADEMY.

During his recent key note speech at the Ohio Building Officials Association/North Central Ohio Building Officials Association Joint Annual Conference, Rick Weiland, Chief Executive Officer of the International Code Council (ICC), recognized all Ohio Code Officials. In his opening remarks to the nearly four hundred code officials and design professionals attending the conference, he began his speech with the following comment: "What you do every day makes our family, friends and neighbors safe". He also recognized code official's efforts in their "work that helps to prevent and ease the damage caused by disasters and to encourage safe construction, consistent code enforcement, better building products, and more".

Weiland stated that "My job – and yours – is to keep advancing building and fire safety in your communities throughout Ohio, across the country, and around the world". He also thanked Ohio for their support of the International Codes and code education and stated that, "I know all of you, along with the Board of Building Standards, take building safety very seriously. Not only does Ohio have high standards for its building departments and personnel, but the state provides the support needed to achieve those high standards".

Weiland made a special point to recognize the partnership that exists between the Ohio Board of Building Standards, Ohio Building Officials, and the International Code Council in the development of the

Ohio Building Code Academy. He commented that, "The Ohio Building Code Academy is an outstanding program for continuing education, one that I would like to see other states use as a Best Practice. One of the problems we're finding is that building departments are struggling to find qualified candidates to fill their code official and inspector positions. Imagine if all states offered free training to anyone wanting to become a certified professional in the fields of building safety and code enforcement. The Ohio Building Code Academy does just that, and hopefully you are already reaping the benefits of this comprehensive training program".

Weiland also challenged all the code officials present, "It's up to each of you to educate your local officials, mayors, council members, county commissioners – and especially the public – on the vital role building and fire codes play in saving lives and protecting property".

In closing, Weiland stated that ICC... "Is committed in its efforts to continue to elevate the credibility of code officials and help the public understand *who you are and what you do*. You are the professionals who have given us the highest public safety standards in the world.

"You are the experts who continue to discover new and smarter ways to build. You are the public servants who protect us where we live, work, play, and send our children to school".

I think that we should be very proud of what we have accomplished with the Ohio Building Code Academy.

I continue to get inquiries from around the country about the Code Academy and how it was developed. I explain that the OBCA would not have been possible without the partnership between the Ohio Board of Building Standards, Ohio Building Officials Association, Education Ad Hoc Committee, and the International Code

Council. This partnership is also a model that could be used by other code officials around the country.


OHIO BUILDING CODE ACADEMY STILL HAS OPENINGS

The next Ohio Building Code Academy (OBCA) will be held at the Polaris Business Center from April 16 thru April 20, 2007. The OBCA can accommodate 120 students and we currently have 72 registered to attend the full week. If you would like to attend the full week OBCA or if you would like to attend a single course and receive continuing education credit, please contact Vicky Williams as soon as possible. If you would like to register please call 614-644-2613. There is no cost for those who attend the OBCA. credit.

TRANSITIONING FROM INTERIM TO FULL CERTIFICATION STATUS

The Board has recently received a number of inquiries regarding the following question..."What is the process to go from interim certification status to full certification status?" The process is as follows:

- Fill out the Application for Full Certification
- Pay \$30.00 application fee
- Provide OBCA Certificate of Completion
- Provide proof of passing the required examinations

Once the application and additional information are received by the Board and it is determined the information provided meets the requirements for a full certification, the applicant will receive full certification approval. The full certification is good for three years from the date of issuance at which time a renewal form must be submitted. The thirty hours of continuing education required for renewal begins on the date of the full certification approval. The Board does not recognize any continuing education that was obtained during the two-year interim certification period. If you have any questions, please contact our office. 



Getting Mechanical—Debbie Ohler, P.E.

Integrated Building Control & Fire Alarm Systems

tems - I recently had an inquiry from a Fire Alarm System Designer certified by the board of building standards (BBS) asking whether he was permitted to submit construction documents under his signature for a delayed egress system, as described in the Ohio Building Code (OBC) section 1008.1.8.6, to the building department for approval.

The following is my response to him, provided to the readers in hopes that others will benefit from the information:

"I am familiar with the delayed egress systems that you refer to. In my opinion, these are not to be considered fire alarm systems as defined in Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4101:2-87, the rules governing the certification of Fire Protection System Designers. As you know, the fire protection system designer certification in Ohio started out as the Automatic Sprinkler System Designer (ASSD) certification. Later, the fire protection industry lobbied to expand the certification to fire alarm systems and special hazards systems. The scope of these certifications is defined in our rules which were meant to apply to stand-alone type fire protection systems. When other systems are required to be tied into or interlocked with a fire alarm system such as for elevator recall, fire door closers, HVAC fan shutdown, etc., the fire alarm system designer is required to coordinate with the other disciplines in the design of the interconnections. That's where the BBS fire alarm system designer's authority ends. We are aware that many building systems are being integrated now and that architects and engineers are specifying combination fire alarm/building control systems more and more frequently. This does not, how-

ever, in my opinion, automatically qualify a BBS certified fire alarm system designer to design these sometimes very complex integrated systems such as smoke control systems, delayed egress systems, environmental control systems, etc. In my opinion, these integrated designs are required to be a coordinated effort between the building design professionals. The only time a BBS certified fire alarm system designer would be authorized to design the system would be when a stand-alone fire alarm system panel is involved. The authority of the certified fire alarm system designer does not extend to the design of security systems, egress systems, HVAC systems, or any other ancillary system.

If the building official determines that technical design analysis is involved in the design of the system in question, then I believe that the building official has every right to ask that the drawings bear the seal of a registered design professional. I do believe that it would be inappropriate for the building official to accept the fire alarm system designer certification for the design of delayed egress system plans.

There currently are no certifications required by the state for the designers of security systems. In fact, the OBC section 105.2 (Electrical #4) does not even require an approval from the building department for "Electrical wiring, devices, appliance, apparatus or equipment operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy, *unless specifically addressed in this code*". This means that a typical stand-alone type security system would not require an

approval. However, when the security system is specifically mentioned in the code such as the delayed egress system that you are inquiring about, an approval is required. According to OBC section 106.3.4.1 the design of the system, like any other system in the building requiring technical design analysis, is the responsibility of a registered design professional (a registered architect or a professional engineer). OBC section 106.3.4.1, exception #3 does not apply because as I already explained, the delayed egress system, as required in OBC section 1008 is not a fire alarm system as defined in OAC chapter 4101:2-87, the rules applicable to the fire protection system designer certification".

If you have further questions or need clarification, as always, feel free to contact me at (614)644-2613 or dohler@com.state.oh.us.



**NEW
CODES
EFFECTIVE
JULY 1ST!**

JUST A REMINDER:

The 2007 Ohio Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, Fuel Gas, Energy, Boiler, and Elevator Codes will become effective July 1st, 2007. Date of Plan Review Application should be used to establish the cut-off date for the use of the current code for compliance. There will be no transition period for the use of either code. After July 1st, the new code is effective.

Legally Speaking—John Brant, Esq.



Recently, several members of the Board of Building Standards' staff were asked questions about the Board's educational program. This discussion led to a reflection on some of the accomplishments of the Board during the last thirty years. The first major accomplishment of the Board was a shift from the Board's own code to that of a national model code. The change was initially approved by the Board on October 1, 1978 and went into effect on July 1, 1979. The Board was lobbied by the building construction industry and the OBOA to change to the model code. The Board decided to go with the BOCA Building Code. Eventually, with the creation of ICC, the Board adopted the International Codes—Building, Mechanical, and Plumbing, as the basis for its Ohio Building Code.

Probably, the single most important change in how building codes are enforced in Ohio occurred in 1984 when the General Assembly enacted H. B. # 300, which required the Board to certify all building department personnel. The Board's staff worked with the OBOA to achieve the enactment of this law. The Board was authorized to establish experience requirements and especially to mandate an examination that was administered and accepted by national model code organizations. H. B. # 300 also required that every certified person would have to complete at least thirty hours of continuing education every three years. The Board implemented this program in 1985 by adopting rules establishing experience requirements for each position, mandating the use of the National Certification Program for Construction Code Inspectors and the CABO examination for building officials, and by implementing a thirty hour

continuing education program which continues today. In addition, the Board's staff grandfathered in over 2,000 individuals who were active in enforcing the state building code on the effective date of the act, September 25, 1985.

About this time, the Board's staff also worked with an Ohio House of Representatives subcommittee to create local boards of building appeals. The enactment of Section 3781.20, R. C., authorized local boards of appeals to hear appeals and grant variances on building code adjudication orders. Twenty-six political subdivisions have created local boards of appeals including many larger cities and counties.

In 1988, the Ohio Board of Building Standards Review Committee recommended that the Board be given authority to adopt a residential building code to regulate the construction of one, two, and three family dwelling houses. The committee likewise saw a need to secure a permanent source of funding for the Board's operations and also to increase its staff size. In 1992, the General Assembly enacted the first of three temporary funding measures which required the collection of a three percent fee on all commercial building permits issued on the Ohio building code. In 1997, this provision was made permanent by the enactment of Section 3781.102 (F) & (G), R. C. This new law required the monies generated by this new fee to be used exclusively for the operating costs of the Board and to provide services, including educational programs, for the building departments that are certified by the Board pursuant to Section 3781.10 of the Revised Code. The Board annually supports local building departments by supporting the educational program offered at the annual meetings of the OBOA Joint Conference, the Ohio Chapter of the IAIE, and the Ohio Association of

Plumbing Inspectors. The Board has created the Ohio Building Code Academy to train all new inspectors in Ohio specific administrative provisions and enforcement techniques of the Ohio Building Code. In addition, all of the Board's technical staff provides assistance to the seven regional building official organizations in putting on their continuing education programs upon request. Continuing education support is one of the Board's most important missions.

In 2005, the General Assembly amended the Building Standards Law to require the Board to adopt and implement the Residential Code of Ohio and certify local governments to enforce a code regulating the construction of one, two, and three family dwelling houses. The Board, along with the Residential Construction Advisory Committee, has already adopted a code which went into effect on May 27, 2007, but this code will only be enforced in those political subdivisions whose legislative body adopt the code and apply for certification to enforce the code. The Board has already received over four hundred applications and will have these local governments certified by May 27, 2007.

All of these accomplishments were achieved with the support of many construction industry organizations like the Associated General Contractors, the Ohio Home Builders, the Ohio Association of Consulting Engineers, and the AIA Ohio. OBOA and each of the seven regional building official organizations were also an intricate part of the accomplishment of these goals. Moreover, Chairman Holland and most of the Board of Building Standard members were key actors in making these accomplishments happen as were the staff members. May the next thirty years see as many positive changes that have occurred in the last thirty!



Around the Code World with Mike Brady



HOW TO MANAGE RESEARCH REPORTS

Some people have been asking questions on how to manage research reports as referenced in Ohio Building Code (OBC) section 118.2.1. This section allows the building official to approve alternative products, materials, devices, appliances, equipment or methods of construction for any project provided a valid research report has been submitted with the construction documents. Specifically, it states: "Any material, appliance, equipment or method of construction not specifically provided for in this code, shall have a valid research report from an evaluation service listed in Appendix P and shall be deemed to be approved provided it complies with the conditions listed in the report and Sections 3781 and 3791 of the Ohio Revised Code." Some are asking what makes a research report valid.

Determining validity is necessary because you are depending on a research report as an alternative means of approval. To do this you must determine:

1. What agency issued the report?
2. Is the agency qualified to issue the report?
3. Is the report relevant to the issue at hand?
4. Are the codes and standards used in the report relevant to the current code?
5. Is the information in the report (in combination with the construction documents) sufficient enough to allow approval?

For example, you can quickly determine that a report is not valid if it is from an agency not

recognized in the OBC. It is also not valid if it does not analyze elements relevant to the code. Also, the report must be issued by one of the approved evaluation services listed in Appendix P. At this time, only the International Code Council Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) listed in Appendix P is in the business of issuing research reports that are relevant to the codes used in Ohio. This is not to say there could be reports produced by other agencies in Appendix P that might qualify under OBC section 118.2.1 but, so far, we have not been made aware of them. The ICC-ES regularly issues research reports designed to show compliance with one or more of the ICC Codes. There are still some legacy reports floating around that are based on the previous regional codes (BOCA, SBCCI & ICBO). These are not relevant in Ohio anymore since we started using the I-codes in 1998. Many of these legacy reports have been or are in process of being converted over to ICC-ES reports based on the 2000, 2003 or 2006 I-Codes.

The last question deals with how well the subject of the report relates to the proposed design. Is the material or assembly in the construction documents the same as what's in the report or does it differ from its description? Does the report allow for differences or not? Once a report is determined to be valid and applicable and the proposed product, material, device, appliance, equipment or method of construction complies with the conditions and restrictions listed in the report, it is deemed to be approvable and the building official approves it as part of the construction documents. Please note that a research report is valid only for the

same year of the model code for which it was issued and as adopted by the BBS. For example, a report issued under the 2000 IBC may not be valid for the 2005 OBC because it is not based on that edition of the model code.

What are the essential elements of a research report, in other words, what should we look for when we receive one? The answer is to look for information related to the material's performance requirements in the OBC. For example, a foam plastic insulation research report may show, among other things, the following:

- 1) The name of the manufacturer and subject evaluated;
- 2) The editions of the codes involved;
- 3) The names and locations of the testing facilities;
- 4) The properties evaluated;
- 5) Complete descriptions of the materials and assemblies tested;
- 6) The names of the test procedures, i.e., ASTM E84, NFPA 286, etc;
- 7) The flame spread and smoke developed rating of the core material; and
- 8) The conditions or limitations of acceptance.

For example, if the report indicates the evaluation was performed under the 2003 IBC, it would be relevant because this model code forms the basis for the 2005 OBC. Theoretically, it would be possible to use a report issued under the 2000 IBC, but ICC-ES research reports don't normally list all the code sections involved. Without this information, it would be difficult to compare unchanged sections between the two codes. Be sure to check out the properties

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Making it Understandable - Jan Sokolnicki



ADMINISTERING THE CODE FOR STRUCTURES "ON THE WATER"

Over the past 6 months, we've received several inquiries related to structures proposed to be located on piers and also homes intended to be located on fixed barges or other floating support systems in water. Over the years these type of projects were very infrequent and mostly "just got done" without anyone having much guidance since the code provisions didn't explicitly cover structures in water. We now have an outline of how code enforcement departments can deal with these type issues.

Regulating Marinas: The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) regulates marinas only to the extent of sanitation issues and only for marinas located on what are considered Coastal Waterways. In Ohio, Coastal Waterways means Lake Erie adjacent to Ohio and also the Ohio River adjacent to Ohio. Marinas located on inland lakes or rivers are no longer regulated by ODH. Also, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) requires a permit for structures intended to be located over or on those same coastal waters whether in marinas or not. The approvals for structures located on or over water, required by ODH or the permits required by ODNR, are not associated with any structural adequacy issues or other typical building code content areas. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has developed specifications that are required to be applied in certain conditions in

and along coastal waters and can also be used for inland waters for piers and moorings when other regulations don't apply.

To contact the Corps of Engineers on the web go to:

www.usace.army.mil.

The regional Corps of Engineers office address is:

Ohio-Huntington District Engineer, ATTN: CELRH-ORF, 5028th Street, Huntington, WV a 25701-2070.

You can also call:

304-399-5211 or toll free 866-502-2570. The number for Permits for Ohio is 304-399-5210.

The structures occupied by humans located on piers or moored permanently must meet the Boards rules to the extent practical. Whether a building in a marina serves the public or just the owner of the marina, the Board rules apply and whoever has jurisdiction for the land adjacent to the pier or moorings would be responsible for enforcing the code.

Regulating Structures over or on the Water: While there are not specific provisions in either the OBC or ORC related to "on or over the water" structures, we still must assure that Ohio's codes intent to provide safe, healthy and adequate structures is assured. Much like the adjustments we make for unusual designs that are not typically accounted for in the code, this condition also requires flexible but dedicated focus in order to administer the provisions. There are currently a number of developers planning "Homes on Barges" or "Floating Homes" in several locations along the Lake Erie shoreline. Some of the advertising indicates one of the ad-

vantages is reduced costs "because there are few regulations that apply". Just because this proposed design will not have a traditional foundation, it doesn't mean the code doesn't apply. These Homes (and any commercial buildings intended similarly designed) still must be structurally stable, the utilities must be connected adequately and safely, and all of the installed systems must be code compliant, operational, and maintained.

The difference is that we have to have an alternate method of determining support for the loads, protection of the building's components from the water below and adjacent, and we have to adjust our approach to determining utility connection code compliance. Although the tempting solution is to write an adjudication order and dump the problem on the appeals board; this isn't doing what we get paid for as code enforcement professionals. We've researched the issue and have found some jurisdictions who have actually developed provisions specifically for water-borne buildings. Although they are in areas not affected by freezing, they do have most of the other factors covered so that we can provide any building department with a list of line items to use when approached for an approval or permits for buildings "over or on the water".

Our codes allow for alternative engineering compliance methods. Taken to it's most basic elements, this means that an adequately experienced engineer can provide a design solution even when there is no semblance of a typical foundation. What the engineer and the

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OBOA Updates

FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the OBOA Officers and Board, I thank you for your demonstration of confidence in us to lead this organization for the coming year. You have our heartfelt commitment to perform the duties you have charged us with to the best of our abilities. Your officers and Board of Directors for 2007 are as follows:

President: William McErlane

Vice-President: Bruce Wholf

Secretary: Philip Seyboldt

Treasurer: Michael Rudey

Directors: William Crew, William Desvari, Guy Furdson, James McFarland, Sharon Myers, Renee Snodgrass

Associate Director: Robert Smith

Once again I commend NCOBOA for an outstanding conference. They have raised the bar to a new height for regional chapters at such future events. The conference was replete with numerous opportunities for training and networking. Kudos to the conference committee.

Our Annual General Membership meeting not only featured elections but also addresses from Wally Bailey, ICC President, Rick Weiland, ICC CEO, and Bill Dupler, ICC Director. The membership also considered and passed Resolution 2007-1 which charges ICC with finding a method of regional representation on the ICC Board of Directors in response to concerns by our membership about the current make-up of the ICC Board of Directors and the way the elections have been conducted in recent years. (See page 11 for the text of the complete resolution.) The OBOA annual report is available for download on the OBOA website: www.OBOA.org.

Special thanks to Rick Helsing for spearheading the development of the new web site. The site will allow regional chapter presidents to update their information directly, providing

more timely dissemination of information. The main page city photos change each time the page is opened. If you would like a photo of your community to display on the main page, contact Rick Helsing at rick1@one.net.

If there is one common complaint among our membership, it is a lack of connectedness to the organization. In this age of electronics, our best mode of communication is e-mail but is only effective if e-mail addresses are kept current. If you have not received an e-mail from us in the last month, please go to our website and click on "update your contact info." Another source of information is your chapter president who is also an active member of OBOA's Board of Directors, contributing and participating in the business of the organization. He or she returns from monthly board meetings with all sorts of valuable news and information about legislation, BBS, ICC, and OBOA activities. Corner him/her and make him/her give you the scoop; better yet, request a report at your regular meetings.

Building Safety Week is coming up May 6 -12, 2007. Plan to have your community involved or get involved with your local chapter's activities. Anything that will bring out the news media and educate the public helps our image.

2007 has its own set of challenges. The Residential Code of Ohio officially becomes that statewide standard on May 27 with all the reporting and continuing education requirements in effect and a new OBC takes effect July 1. The year 2007 looks to be a busy and exciting year; let's make an impact.

Respectfully,
William McErlane, President

BE A PARTICIPANT!

OBOA strongly encourages active participation in ICC code development. Participation allows your voice to be heard and makes you better educated on the codes. OBOA's Code Change Committee reviews code change proposals, provides comment, and takes positions on the proposals. Code change proposals to the 2006 I-Codes are available on-line at www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/2006-07cycle/FAA/.

Download a form to receive a hard copy or CD. The Final Action Hearings are to May 21-26, 2007, in Rochester, New York.

The OBOA Board of Directors has pre-approved up to \$300 per member reimbursement for up to 10 members who wish to participate at the upcoming. Please submit requests no later than April 21, '07, to If you wish to participate please contact your regional chapter president or: Will Crew, Chairman, Code Change Committee, Clark County Building Regulations, 25 W Pleasant, Springfield, OH 45506; 937-328-2495; 937-605-2809 cell; or e-mail: wcrew@clarkcountyohio.gov

NEW WEB SITES

Two new web sites were launched this month to better coordinate the efforts of the building officials and design professionals. OBOA unveiled a new look and easier navigation at their web site at www.oboa.org. Also ICC Midwest Region V launched a new web site: www.iccregionv.org. If you have any comments, email Rick Helsing at rick1@one.net

OBOA ANGLE

SWOBOA



Education Report: April class: 26th; class title will be "Law" - a Code Academy Class. This class will discuss all the related topics of Chapter 1. We are currently scheduling to give all the Code Academy classes for our members as previously discussed in the OBOA angle.

Sidenote: We are working on building relationships with various groups. Commitments for Delegates to be liaisons have been made with these Groups: Home Builders Association, SWOFC, ASHRAE, ACCA, IAEI, Tri-State Roofers Association, International Facility Managers Association. The delegates will be attending the association meetings. They will be presenting any new code changes or code related items that we are seeing as problem areas. For more Information: please visit www.swoboa.org.

MVBOC



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OF NOTE: The 2007 Education schedule is being compiled. March's meeting included a hard-hat tour of the new Montgomery County Juvenile Detention Center which is under construction. We plan to present "Chapter 3 of the 2006 Residential Code of Ohio" on May 3, 2007. We are also working with the National Association of Remodelers Industry to coordinate a joint meeting. Also, stay tuned for upcoming information on seminars covering ASHRAE, Haunted Houses, and a gas piping seminar with Kuhlman. We plan to present our ICC seminar

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NWOBOA



We have set a date and location for the 2008 conference and committees are in place for planning the conference. NWOBOA Board of Directors is hoping we can equal the job NCOBOA did.

Our Education program is set and we will be posting the information on the OBOA site soon. We are working on our site at www.nwoboa.org. For now, this is the outline of 2007 programs.

- May 12—Residential Seminar
- June 21—Wood Framing
- Sept 20—ICC program
- Oct 18—Ventilation and Foundation Seminar
- Nov 15—Fire Alarm Seminar

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FBOA



Approximately 50 people and 3 guests attended this month April 4, 2007 meeting. Our speaker was Mr. Carlo Rinehart with a program on FIRE WRAP DUCT SYSTEMA.

His information was well received and the new changes coming were very useful to all. The May 2, 2007 meeting will be presented by OBBS's Jan Sokonicki on Existing Buildings. A June 4&5, 2007 Summer Seminar is in the planning with information to follow in the near future.

Ernie Sellers

NCOBOA



Thank you everyone for all the great comments on the Joint Conference. Due to the help from our NCOBOA Joint Conference Committee, ICC, OBBS, OBOA, All State Chapters, Venders, Educators, and Saw Mill Creek Lodge and their personal, it was very successful. We all know how we worked together and what we all did to accomplish such a great three day event. On behalf of our Executive Board, Board of Directors and the membership we thank you all very much for your participation, encouragement and attendance to have made this Joint Conference one of the largest attended to date.

NCOBOA is in the process of realigning all our committees to serve our members to the utmost. Our monthly meetings will continue to provide 1 to 2

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BOCONEO



In February, many of you attended the OBOA/NCOBOA annual conference. In 2009, we will be hosting the annual conference and we need help. Committees are being formed soon so contact Phil Seyboldt, Bill Griswold, Dave Hocerar, Dale Grabfelder or myself and volunteer.

Phil was elected by the membership to the Secretary's position for the OBOA Executive Board and I was re-elected for a second term as Director-at-Large.

Thank all of you for the kind words, the surgery on the spine went well...the doctor gave me six months...so I refused to pay him...so he gave me another six months. Seriously, all is well thank you for all your kind remarks.

If you can volunteer for a committee, please let one of the board members know. We will need at least 30 people to get the massive amounts of work split up enough so it won't burn anyone out.. Kindest Regards, Prez Dez



COCOA



COCOA will host the April '07 OBOA Board of Directors Meeting in conjunction with the COCOA Spring General Membership Meeting & training day to be held during the Ohio Code Academy on Friday, April 20, '07; Location: Quest Center – off Polaris Parkway.

The April OBOA Board Meeting will begin at 9:00 AM with the COCOA General Membership Meeting and lunch beginning at approximately 11:30 AM. This will be a great opportunity to hear what goes on in both of these Chapters at the Board level.

Lunch will be provided at 11:30 AM to all COCOA members that attend the and all of the attendees that are registered for the COCOA sponsored afternoon training.

The training will begin at 12:30 PM on **Fire Alarm Systems**. The course is an ICC Seminar Training that is approved for four (4) OBBS continuing credit hours and will be taught by a dynamic and enjoyable instructor, Terrell Spurling. The only costs involved will be for those that register for the afternoon training (\$40.00 for COCOA members; \$60.00 for non-COCOA members). The registration includes

the training, the workbook, and the lunch. For information contact Jim Stocksdale, at jestocksdale@columbus.gov or 614-645-2564. Attendance at the morning meeting is not necessary in order to register for the afternoon training; however, **attendance at the OBOA and COCOA meetings is encouraged!**

COCOA SOCIAL & NETWORKING EVENT—OSU Scarlet & Gray Game Sat., April 21, '07, 10:00 AM to post-game. Cost: \$10.00 per person (includes brunch tailgating food and non-alcoholic beverages and

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ODPCA

ODPCA reported that it has been requested to provide it's 10-week Ohio Building Code course again this year and will do so beginning July 11, 2007. However, the Board of Directors revised the format of the 10-week course. The course this year will focus on the changes between the 2005 OBC and the new 2007 OBC which is effective July 1 this year. Several Chapters will be dropped this year in favor of expanding some of the basic code chapter sessions. More emphasis will be placed on Chapters 7, 9, &

10. The additional time will allow more discussion and a chance to cover all of the chapter information. The chapters left out of this year's sessions will be brought back next year after everyone is accustomed to the new code changes. ODPCA is also investigating additional classes that provide more examples how the building code is applied, the courses will be directed at those with little or no exposure to the building codes.

ODPCA has again approached the Columbus Library to determine the gift amount needed to

provide the library with new Ohio codes including all the significant reference codes and standards to maintain the Building Code Reference area within the main library. Members were reminded that a reference librarian can assist users in locating portions of the codes or standards, even via telephone and fax to assist with code research. Some ODPCA members will be attending the upcoming seminar by COCOA (April 20th) and the COCOA social event at the OSU Spring Game (April 21st).

SWOFSC



With the change in the Governor's Office we have been seeing changes in the State Fire Marshal's Office. An acting Marshal has been named and previously key personnel have been reassigned to other duties. Dave Schroeder, Fireworks Enforcement, has retired. New personnel have been put in place from within the office and we are waiting on permanent assignments once the State Fire Marshal's position is announced by the Governor's Office and Department of Commerce.

At our last meeting we asked how many people would be attending the

ICC Hearings in May at Rochester. I am sorry to announce that no SWOFSC members will be attending and we will defer any of our fire code concerns to the Ohio Fire Official's Association who will have some members in attendance. We will however, have several members attending the NFPA World Conference and Expo held in Boston during June.

Our meetings have had excellent attendance with some new departments sending representatives. We are currently discussing with SWOBOA about the possibility of doing some joint training in the future. We are also preparing and

meeting with SWOBOA on Building Safety Day in Fairfield, Ohio, in May.

We have had two special meetings so far in 2007. One meeting we held at Union Township, Clermont County and toured their Fire House and Administrative Offices that are housed in a water tower. At another meeting we had a guest speaker talk about Flex Head Sprinkler Technology.

We would also like to congratulate Mr. Billy Phillips for his new position and look forward to our continued communications between building and fire.

Craig A. Best, President

OBOA INFO./CHAPTER REPORTS (Cont.)

OBOA PAST PRESIDENTS MEETING

I have set up a Past Presidents meeting for April 19, 2007, in Columbus. We will be holding the meeting in conjunction with the Ohio Building Code Academy. Lunch will be provide along with the academy students, after lunch we will meet in an available classrooms. The meeting will last from 1-3:30pm. depending on agenda items. I have invited the OBOA Executive Board to join us, similar to our Maumee Bay meeting.

The OBCA will be in session the entire week, you are welcome to sit in on any of the academy classes. OBOA will hold a Board meeting the following morning at the Quest Center hosted by COCOA, as part of an our commitment to promote OBOA (per the OBOA strategic plan). You are welcome to spend the night (I am talking with the Exec. Board about covering the hotel cost if you are interested) and attend. I will work on an agenda soon; if you have any items that need to be discussed please let me know and I will add them.

Also does anyone have contact information for:

M. Laik Ali; John Knopka; Carl Daubemire; Fred Hampton Edmund Buxton; Ralph Hoffman; Patrick Todoran; Jack Morgan; Carlton Rush; Walter Geib; Joseph Nemeth.

Thanks...Rick

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COCOA



(ticket) Reservation forms and payment must be received no later than **Wednesday, April 11, 2007**. Additional information on COCOA website: www.COCOAnline.org.

OTHER COCOA TRAININGS & EVENTS

Trainings and events are being planned by COCOA for nearly every month this year! May 22, 2007, COCOA will be holding a training class on Chapter 4 of the RCO; more details to follow. Please visit the COCOA website frequently to monitor meeting and training announcements. Don't hesitate to contact any of the Board members or officers with question, comments and suggestions or if you have any interest in becoming more involved with our organization.

NWOBOA



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I encourage you to be at the ICC Final Action Hearings in Rochester, New York this May 20-26, 2007, this is a drivable location and Ohio needs a good turnout. The Hilton is sold out but the nearby Clarion Hotel still has rooms and is connected to the site by a walkway. From our area it is only about a 5.5 hour drive.

With the Residential CO in place 2007 should prove to be an interesting year for all departments and the HBA. I hope for a smooth transfer of codes and wish all the new departments luck in the coming year. I would offer up to anyone new to the business to contact OBOA for questions they may have.

OBOA will still be the Leader for Building Codes in Ohio by offering the best Education programs for the Code Professional.

NCOBOA



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hours of continuing education. The next day long seminar will be on April 16, 2007 at Deluca's In The Park in Lorain ,Ohio. It will cover Fireplaces, Wood and Coal Heating Systems for 7 continuous hours of education BBS # 2005-248. Confirm your reservations with Pete Lorandeanu at 440-326-1474 or register online at ncoboa.org. The plan is to have Chapters 7 (Wall Coverings) and Chapter 9 (Roof Assemblies) from the RCO ready by the end of May or sooner for OBOA and the other State Chapters. Several major seminars are in the process for this year as well.

The ICC's project HERO'S (Homes Eliminated of Restrictions and Obstacles) will be forth coming with the NCBIA (North Coast Building Industries Association) participation with us at NCOBOA. NCOBOA in cooperation with NCBIA can't imagine a better project to help our Military service men and women.

On April 16-20, 2007, Board of Director Teila Lovell and I will be attending the Ohio Code Academy. The final action code hearings in Rochester N.Y. during the week of May 21-26, 2007 I will be attending as NCOBOA's President. We realize we have to get more involved in the code hearings from beginning to end. See you there, until next quarter for the angle Make It A Great Spring.

Paul Blanchette President
NCOBOA.

MVBOC



in November, 2007.

MVBOC OUTREACH

Plans for 2007 include:

Scholarship Applications are now available. We have two \$1,000 scholarships for children or grandchildren of members in good standing. Deadline is 4/16/07.

Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and possibly donate to new homeowners.

BUILDING SAFETY PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS

West Carrollton will host a Home Improvement Fair during Building Safety Week. MVBOC will provide a booth with an opportunity for visitors to obtain code information.

MVBOC is working with a multi-jurisdiction Housing Revitalization Consortium. This organization promotes rehabilitating existing homes. We are producing a series of home improvement videos to show what can be done with certain styles of homes to promote adding on or rehabilitating these homes.

RECOGNITION

Congratulations to John Humphrey who was awarded the Harvey E. Wilbekin Building Official of the Year award at the OBOA Joint Conference. John has contributed a great deal to our organizations with his expertise and code knowledge. Thanks OBOA for selecting an MVBOC member for this prestigious award.

WEBSITE Check out our website at MVBOC.org for updated information.

2006-07 OBOA Awards

The OBOA Board of Directors gave approval to award eight (8) \$500.00 scholarships this year to students who have a parent that is a member of OBOA. This was a difficult task this year considering that OBOA received 22 applications for these scholarships. While all applicants were deserving, the nominations committee reviewed all applications and awarded scholarships to the following:

Lindsay Sellers, Amy Cowles, Kevin Ossege, Jenny Crawford, Dain Stocksdale, Krischelle Schutz, Jill Grabfelder, Sandra Combs
The nominations committee would

like to thank the chapters and individuals that submitted nominations for the OBOA awards. The contributions of the nominees were outstanding and each recipient has made significant contributions to the code enforcement community. Please join the nominations committee in showing our appreciation for the following award recipients:

Victor C. Jones: Ray Sebastian
Harvey E. Wilbekin Bldg. Official of the Year: John D. Humphrey
Fire Official of the Year: Kimberly Hannah

Associate of the Year: J. Michael Asebrook
Congratulations to all 2006-2007 scholarship and award recipients from the OBOA Board of Directors and the nominations committee.

OBOA RESOLUTION



RESOLUTION 2007-1
of the
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS
concerning the
Regional Representation on the ICC Board of Directors

WHEREAS, the members of the Ohio Building Officials Association, (OBOA) did assemble at OBOA/NCOBOA 17th Annual Joint Conference in Huron, Ohio, On February 5th, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the International Code Council, Inc. (ICC) is vested by the membership in its ICC Board of Directors.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Building Officials Association believes that the representation of the broadest cross-section of the national membership in the ICC Board of Directors assures that all viewpoints are considered as a part of any decision.

WHEREAS, ICC has wisely and deliberately developed a system of regional chapters to enable the membership to participate in ICC as a part of a larger body of like-minded code enforcement professionals reflecting the many and diverse parts of our country.

WHEREAS, the ICC Board has appointed the Governance Committee, as a part of its duties, to evaluate the means and methods by which the members of the Board of Directors are elected.

WHEREAS, the Governance Committee, in deliberating on these issues, will accept the input of constituent ICC members and chapters; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that those members here assembled on February 5th 2007 at the 2007 OBOA/NCOBOA Joint Conference do hereby recommend that the ICC Governance Committee, in order to assure representation of the broadest cross-section of the national membership, develop a system by which some or all of the members of the Board of Directors are chosen by the ICC Regional Chapters.

Respectfully submitted by the members of the Ohio Building Officials Association.

OBOA President

OBOA Secretary

Adopted this 5th day of February, 2007

Everything 1-, 2-, 3-Family—Bob Schutz

Residential Code Enforcement Personnel

We are more than pleased to announce that over 1,058 individuals have been approved by the Ohio Board of Building Standards (OBBS) for certification with 807 Residential Building Officials, 79 Residential Plans Examiners, 192 Residential Building Inspectors, and 254 Residential Plumbing Inspectors. Congratulations!

Residential Bldg. Departments

On May 27, 2007, 14 townships, 36 counties, and 380 municipalities will have certified programs in place. We are even more pleased that all currently certified “stand-alone” municipal departments have applied for residential certification with only Dublin and 6 others absent from the list.

Energy Conservation

The requirement for energy conservation in residential construction continues to be a “hot” topic (no forgiveness asked for the obvious intended bad pun!).

First let us consider a series of straight-forward facts:

Fact 1 – energy conservation measures are required by the 2006 Residential Code of Ohio (RCO).

Fact 2 – The RCO is the residential code throughout Ohio having been made effective on May 27, 2006 (yes; that is last year).

Fact 3 – The RCO refers to the Ohio Building Code (OBC) for energy efficiency requirements in Chapter 11, RCO which states – “All one-, two-, and three-family dwelling buildings or structures shall comply with the Ohio Building Code for energy conservation.

Fact 4 – The Ohio Board of Building Standards this past November conducted public hearings on a revision to the energy requirements and in December moved for the adoption of the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)

effective July 1, 2007.

Fact 5 – The current OBC Chapter 13, Energy Efficiency, stipulates that “buildings shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the “International Energy Conservation Code” or the requirements of “ASHRAE 90.1” listed in Chapter 35 of this code.”

However, secondly, let us consider that **the 2006 IECC is not effective until July 1, 2007** which leads us to one additional fact:

Fact 6 – The current energy requirements continue to be the 2003 IECC until July 1st. We should be aware that the Residential Construction Advisory Committee has been requested to review the specific requirements of the 2006 IECC, to identify the significant changes from the 2003 IECC and to consider alternative energy efficiency standards such as Chapter 11 of the IRC (rather than replacing it as is currently done). The RCAC will continue its review of this item at its meeting on April 25th so any input would be gratefully appreciated. Comments or suggestions can be directed to: rjschutz@com.state.oh.us

This and That—Inquiries from You

(This regular section will contain summaries of responses made to local building departments from their individual inquiries.)

RCO 105 APPROVALS - Window Replacement Approval?

Question: “does the replacement of exterior windows require a permit or can it be considered a repair?”

Response: R105.1 requires an application to the building official and obtaining required approval for **any action** to “construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, or change the occupancy of a residential building or structure, or portion thereof, ...”

However, R105.2 states “Approvals shall **not** be required for the following:...” which is followed in more detail by section R105.2.2 Repairs, which says in part: “**Minor repairs** to

residential structures may be made without application or notice to the residential building official. Such repairs shall **not** include the cutting away of any wall, partition or portion thereof, the removal or cutting of any structural beam or load bearing support, or the removal or change of any means of egress, or rearrangement of parts of a structure affecting the egress requirements ...”

Whether window replacements require application and approval would be determined at the local residential building department and the ultimate decision rests with the Residential Building Official (RBO) who would keep in mind the items above for each specific instance. The RBO could establish general guidelines that, when placed in writing, would be useful to staff, homeowners and contractors. The main decision points could be: 1) cutting away any wall, 2) removal of any load bearing support or, 3) change in means of egress.

Commentary: It would seem that if existing windows could be removed without affecting the load bearing portions of the structure, perhaps by removing or cutting the fasteners and sealants, and then replaced with new windows or other glazing or sealed in another code-acceptable manner, then the work could be done without permit. The obvious cautions would be: 1) did the wall need to be cut for an enlargement or additional supporting materials or, 2) was the original framing not done to code or acceptable practices, such as missing headers, supporting jack studs, or columns or cripple framing or, 3) was the window required for lighting, ventilation or means of egress (an emergency escape & rescue opening).

A Final Note - it must be clear in all instances that R105.2 makes it clear that all work, including repair work done without a permit or approvals, must still comply with the applicable provisions of the code.

**Robert J. Schutz, P.E., P.S.
CBO**



Code World

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evaluated. Some reports only cover the material's thermal resistance, not its fire properties. These limitations in evaluation often occur because report holders, for various reasons, don't want or are unable to have their reports cover certain aspects of their material or assembly. Also, the specific assemblies, materials, densities and thicknesses should be compared to what's being shown on the construction documents. If they differ, then the proposed design may be outside the scope of the report.

OBC section 118.2.1 also states once a material, appliance, equipment or method of a valid research report and it complies with all other aspects of this section, it "shall be deemed to be approved." You may ask: What does "deemed to be approved" mean? It means that, once the construction documents are coordinated with the requirements of the report and all the conditions of the report have been met, the building official must approve the installation. Obviously, if it doesn't meet any of these conditions, the building official has the right and the obligation to deny approval.

To check out all of the ICC-ES Reports free of charge, visit: www.icc-es.org/Evaluation_Reports/

You can find a complete list of evaluation reports, Search for a specific report, find reports arranged by CSI (Construction Specifications Institute) category, find the most recent reports/expiration. See legacy reports that have been converted to new ICC-ES evaluation reports, or look through an Evaluation Report Index.

As always, if you have any questions on this or other issues, please call or write us at the Board or call 614-644-2613.



Understandable

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code official need to know are how to translate the non-typical condition (building on water) into something that makes sense code-wise.

Using the foundation as a starting point: What is the foundation in reality? It's that component of the building that supports the dead and live loads of the building. If we remove the typical foundation, what we're left with code-wise is "how are the loads accounted for?" This is the problem the engineer must solve. Some of the additional factors that do not apply for landbased buildings are: the **wave action on the structure; additional loads associated with ice adjacent and attached to the structure;** load distribution changes and the necessity for appropriate ballast adjustment; **movement of the structure impacting utility connections;** etc.

All of these and other elements of design can and have been solved for in the past. By understanding and using the alternative engineered design method, and developing and completing the line item list of issues to be accounted for, we'll be able to adequately protect Ohio's citizens even if they want to live "on the water".

Please contact Board staff when you first hear you may be facing a request for permit or approval for water related buildings. We will help any jurisdiction develop a strategy for dealing with these issues and can provide the information we have received from other jurisdictions around the country.



ICC Code Hearings

Unless noted by "Start no earlier than X:00," the hearing on each Code Committee will begin immediately upon completion of the hearings for the prior Code Committee. This includes moving the hearing up or back from the day indicated based on hearing progress. The hearing volume is considerably higher than in previous cycles. The schedule anticipates that the hearings will be completed no later than 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. This may require adjustments to the daily starting times based on hearing progress.

Monday, May21	Start 8:00 am.: IFGC; IMC; IRC-Mechanical; IPC/IPSDC; IRC-Plumbing; IECC; End 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May22	Start 8:00 am.: IECC, IRC-Energy; IRC-Building (Start no earlier than 11:00 am.); End 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May23	Start 8:00 am. : IRC-Building; IEBC; IPMC; IBC-Structural (start no earlier than 11:00 am.); IBC-Means of Egress; End 9:00 p.m
Thursday, May24	Start 8:00 am.: IBC-Means of Egress; IBC-General; IBC-Fire Safety (start no earlier than 6:00pm); End 9:00p.m.
Friday, May25	Start 8:00 am.: IBC-Fire Safety; IWUICIFC; End 9:00p.m.
Saturday, May26	Start 8:00 am.: IWUICIFC; End 6:00p.m.

Notes:

1. Start and end hearing times are subject to change based on progress.
2. Due to the uncertainties in the hearing process, start times indicated as "Start no earlier than x:00" are conservatively estimated and are not intended to be scheduled targets.
3. Lunch and dinner breaks to be announced.



Ohio Board of Building Standards Calendar

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8 April—Easter.

16-20 April—Ohio Building Code Academy

20 April—ESIAC Meeting.

25 April—RCAC Meeting.



MAY 2007

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4 May—BBS Public Hearing and Conference Meeting.

13 May—Mother's Day

25 May—ESIAC Meeting.

28 May—Memorial Day.

30 May—RCAC Meeting.

JUNE 2007

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8 June—BBS Conference Mtg.

17 June—Father's Day

21 June—Spring Begins.

27 June—RCAC Meeting.

30 June—ESIAC Meeting.

ICC Calendar

April 2-6 National Hurricane Conference; New Orleans, LA

April 4-6 Alabama Assoc of Plumbing, Gas, and Mechanical Insp. Annual Meeting; Auburn, AL

April 17-20 Code Officials Association of Alabama Education Conference; Orange Beach, AL

April 18-21 North American Steel Construction Conference; New Orleans, LA

April 22-25 Tennessee Building Officials Association Conference; Gatlinburg, TN

April 23-25 ICC When Disaster Strikes Institute; Myrtle Beach, SC

April 23-27 Arizona Building Officials Spring Education Institute; Prescott, AZ

May 3-6 National Fire Sprinkler Association; Las Vegas, NV

May 3-6 2007 AIA National Convention; San Antonio

May 6-12 Building Safety Week

May 10 ICC Foundation Silent Defender Awards Dinner; Arlington, VA

May 14-17 ICC Plan Review Institute; Chicagoland area

May 14-17 Governor's Hurricane Conference; Ft. Lauderdale, FL

May 15-17 The Commercial Construction Show; Chicago, IL

May 18-19 ICC Design Professional Institute; Rochester, NY

May 20-26 2007 Codes Forum; Rochester, NY

June 3-5 NFPA World Safety Conference / Expo; Boston, MA

June 3-6 BOAF Annual Meeting

June 3-7 Western Roofing 2007; Las Vegas, NV

June 10-14 CLIMA 2007; Helsinki, Finland

June 14-17 Florida Roofing, Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors Association Annual Convention; Orlando, FL

June 20 The CSI Show; Baltimore, MD

June 20-22 Southern Building Show; Atlanta, GA

June 21-22 Washington Association of Building Officials Annual Business Meeting; Ocean Shores, WA



Call for ICC Committees

ICC Code Committees are an instrumental part of the ICC Code Development Process. This is an opportunity for you to participate in the process and learn how the code changes, express your opinion on the proposed changes that will become a part of the 2009 model code documents, and network with other code enforcement professionals from outside and around the United States. There are currently 14 Code Committees, responsible for the review and evaluation of code change proposals submitted to the 14 International Codes. The Code Committees for the 2007/2008 Code Development Cycle will hear the code change proposals at the 2008 Code Development Hearing during the period of February 18 - March 2, 2008 (tentative).

The International Code Council is currently accepting applications for the following Codes & Standards Committees:

- **IBC-FS** International Building Code - Fire Safety Committee
- **IBC-G** International Building Code - General Committee (includes International Code Council Electrical Code - Administrative Provisions)
- **IBC-E** International Building Code - Means of Egress Committee
- **IBC-S** International Building Code - Structural Committee
- **IECC** International Energy Conservation Code Committee
- **IEBC** International Existing Building Code Com-

mittee

- **IFC** International Fire Code Committee (includes International Wildland Urban Interface Code)
- **IFGC** International Fuel Gas Code Committee
- **IMC** International Mechanical Code Committee
- **ICCPC** ICC Performance Code Committee
- **IPC** International Plumbing Code Committee (includes Private Sewage Disposal Code)
- **IPM/ZC** International Property Maintenance/Zoning Code Committee
- **IRC-BE** International Residential Code - Building & Energy Committee
- **IRC-MP** International Residential Code - Mechanical & Plumbing & Committee

International Code Committee members are appointed by the applicable International Building, Fire, and Mechanical/Plumbing Code Councils. 2006/2007 Code Committee members whose term expires December 31, 2007, must reapply to be considered for re-appointment. The acronym to the left is to be used to identify the committee you are applying for on the application.

Travel is required BUT members of ICC Code Committees are authorized to travel at ICC's expense when participating at code committee meetings. Term: 18 months, January 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009.

Staff: Mike Pfeiffer; 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), ext. 4338.

The application form is available at: http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/calls_cs.html in both PDF and MSWord formats. **Councils will make appointments during the 3rd week of April!**

Smoke Detector Recall

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Security Controls announced a voluntary recall.

Name of product: Digital Security Controls FSA and FSB Series Smoke Detectors

Units: About 32,000

Distributor: Digital Security Controls, of Toronto, Canada

Hazard: These smoke detectors could fail to reliably detect smoke during a fire.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The recall involves Digital Security Controls FSA and FSB series photo-electric smoke detectors. They are wired directly into the building circuitry, and do not use a battery. The dome shaped units have a metal mesh covering around the smoke sensor.

Sold by: Commercial and residential installers nationwide from October 2006 through December 2006 for between \$60 and \$70 per unit.

Manufactured in: Canada

Remedy: Customers should immediately contact their installer to receive a free inspection to determine if their units are included in the recall. If so, they will receive free replacement smoke detectors with installation. Customers also can contact Digital Security Controls for additional information on how to receive free replacement smoke detectors. Only professional installers should remove and replace these units.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Digital Security Controls toll-free at:

(877) 666-1250

between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at :

www.dsc.com



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