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BOAT Board of Directors 2012-2013

Construction Research
Advisory Committee
Fall Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2012
Nedderman Hall, 6th Floor, Rady Room
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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President's Message



Isn't it nice when a great plan comes together? The BOAT Board and its membership have a goal to bring the entire State of Texas together as one unified body. I am pleased to report that our annual conference in the great City of San Antonio was an excellent example of what is possible. We had representatives from all corners of the state, from Amarillo to Weslaco, and from Carthage to El Paso. We were blessed with the presence of every major metropolitan area and many of those communities we affectionately refer to as "one-horse towns." Counting the golf outing, approximately 157 of us shared a great week of education, planning, and fellowship. If you were there, thanks for coming. If you were not there, please accept this as my personal invitation to attend the next annual meeting in Waco on August 6-9, 2013. Try us one time, and I believe you will not regret it.

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Our Chapter Presidents' Breakfast was our initial attempt to better communicate with each of our fellow officers as we try to engage every single member of any chapter to become involved. We need help at the state and local levels in order to best represent Texas on a national and global level. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A BUILDING OFFICIAL IN ORDER TO JOIN BOAT. You just need to care about saving lives and creating a better built environment. Join a local chapter, and join BOAT this week. We need you! If you want to know more, call me or one of our other Board members and let us guide you through the process. Chapter presidents, let's keep the momentum going.

The next major educational opportunity is now posted on our Web site. Houston's Building Professional Institute will be held on February 4-7, 2013. Last year we had about 450 students attend, and we have set a goal of 600 this year. If you have never attended this institute, give it a shot. You won't be disappointed. Our Board of Directors will have a meeting there as well, and we would love to see you there. Additionally, we plan to continue our BOAT seminars, with plans to visit Corpus Christi, the Valley, East Texas, and West Texas, just to name a few. At BOAT, we are trying to do everything possible to allow all of you to get the best possible education at the lowest possible price. Let us know how we can help.

I would like to thank John Brown for his many years as a BOAT member, as well as his service on the Board of Directors. John's "thought for the day" was always an inspiration to me. John served with distinction and honor, and he will be sorely missed. Enjoy Elaine and your family as you work toward retirement.

On a sad note, BOAT has to say goodbye to our wonderful Cheryl Ribich. While Cheryl is not leaving TML, she is assuming a new challenge within the organization. We love you and will miss your sweet smile at our future conferences. So as a result of Cheryl's new opportunity, and with the passing of the Croc ceremony in San Antonio, we want the membership to welcome Hillery Stephens to our team. Hillery has hit the ground running and is doing great.

TML, BOAT, BPI, our membership, and our sponsors—what a great team!! Now, all we need is you!!

- Lawrence Crow



The Awards Committee Announced Various Awards and Scholarships at the BOAT Annual Conference



This year's honor for Building Official of the Year (Jim Whatley Award) was presented to Mike "Mo" Olson of the City of McGregor, Texas.

Mr. Olson—or "Mo," as we all affectionately call him—began his career in 2007 as building inspector for the City of Copperas Cove. Mo quickly applied himself in obtaining many ICC certifications, including Residential Plumbing Inspector, Residential Building Inspector, Residential Energy Inspector/Plans Examiner, Med Gas Certified, Backflow Tester, Texas Plumbing Inspector License, and TCEQ Irrigation Certification. In late 2009, he became chief building inspector for the City of McGregor and was promoted to director of community development the following year.

The City of McGregor is a small town with big ambitions and an equally active building official, with Mike "Mo" Olson taking the initiative to be involved with industry and community functions. He is proactive in his involvement with the local Bluebonnet and Lone Star ICC Chapters, vice president of the McLennan County Health District, chairperson of the McGregor/Waco Airport Administrative Agency, Board member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee, member of the McGregor Founders Day Committee, and member of the Lions Club.

The committee found that Mike Olson demonstrated the desire and commitment to make a positive difference in any task he undertakes. He is dedicated and passionate about building safety for his organization and community.

Here are five questions "Mo" answered:

How does it feel to be the Building Official of the Year for the State of Texas?

I am shocked! We don't do the things we work on every day for building safety for glory or anything like that. It's a great honor to have your fellow colleagues nominate you for something like this. It's a big deal, and I'm honored.

What is one of the many things keeping you busy at city hall now?

Space X. It has a rocket development facility here in McGregor geared toward spaceflight and exploring, with an ultimate goal of landing a manned mission on Mars.

How do you relax?

When I can, I love hunting and taking my son with me. We fish, too, but usually at the end of a day there is nothing like sitting on the back porch with a cool drink listening to the frogs chirp. I'm just one of the biggest country boys you'll ever meet.

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Tell me something people don't know about you.

Well, put this down: I was born in 1976 and was a ward of the state for 13 years, until I was adopted by loving foster parents. As a young teen, I found myself drawn to working on construction jobs and have been at it ever since. I think I'm blessed with great in-laws, I've been married 14 years to my lovely wife Vickie, and we have a young son, Little Mo.

Name five people you would invite to dinner.

Well, first my wife and son, then I would say my biological dad and sister, then either Sam Elliott or Robert Duvall. That would be an interesting dinner!

Congratulations to Mike "Mo" Olson, City of McGregor Director of Community Development—our 2012 Building Official of the Year.

Scholarships Issued to Outstanding College Students

\$500.00 BOAT scholarships were issued to four outstanding college students. The recipients were:

- Gabreill Gaiter, daughter of Michael and Pam Gaiter. Mr. Gaiter is the building official of the City of Garland.
- Reagan Huber, daughter of Mark Huber, building official of La Porte
- Callie Pomroy, daughter of Paul and Lisa Pomroy. Mr Pomroy is the chief building inspector of the City of Irving.
- Morgan Wallace, daughter of Kathy Wallace, from Bedford

Melissa Flores - Administrative Professional of the Year

Ms. Melissa Flores, permit supervisor with the City of Killeen, was named Administrative Professional of the Year.

Melissa is quick to jump in and help with any project. She is the go-to person for her clerical staff or any customer. As any building department manager knows, having someone you can count on to step up during any job emergency or time-sensitive task is crucial. Killeen Building Official Earl Abbott said of Melissa, "She has the ability to see straight into a situation without the emotion and knows how to work through it. The best thing about Melissa is that she 'gets it.' What I mean is, she understands the objectives and processes of building and code enforcement."

Congratulations, Melissa!

David Denney - Code Professional of the Year

Mr. Denney, Building Official for the City of Terrell, has brought efficiency and customer service to a new level by utilizing the latest technology to perform inspections; conduct meter releases; communicate with developers, builders, contractors, and property owners; from both the office, at home, and in the field. He also had to diffuse difficult situations with a non-permitted building in the city, which he solved by involving all departments. In addition, he performed with diligence and perseverance on requirements for an entire complex, which has been brought up to code. New owners and city officials agreed that this was a shining example of collaboration between the city and private investors to revitalize neighborhoods and reduce crime.

Well done, Mr. Denney!

Excellence in Code Enforcement - City of Midland

The Midland Code Administration Permitting and Inspections Division is a group of 14 extremely dedicated people. Each member of this staff excels each and every day in the execution of their work. The front line staff meets and greets each customer with a smile and cheerful, "How may I help you?" Midland Building Department facts:

- Typically, a new house permit is issued within three working days or less.
- Inspectors constantly communicate with the permit holders to ensure that projects stay on schedule.
- Inspections can occur within five minutes after the request due to a computerized inspections program working in "real time" inspection entries and response.
- Currently experiencing an economic oil boom, Midland finds itself extremely busy, but with a staff that responds and delivers.
- Permit and inspection volumes are up 15 percent from 2011, 15 percent above 2010, and 25 percent above 2009.
- All inspectors and plan reviewers are ICC certified or participating in continuing education.
- Additionally, the department also participates in the Annual Builders Home and Garden Show.

"This department works hard every day to ensure that our customers are served," said Steve Thorpe, chief building official for the City of Midland.

Congratulations go out to Steve Thorpe and the City of Midland.

Texas Chapter of the Year - North Texas Chapter

BOAT honors a chapter that has made the greatest contributions to enhance and promote code officials across the state. The North Texas Chapter accomplishments include:

- A \$600 donation to the Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity as a result of a friendly golf challenge, donating proceeds from the tournament in August 2011.
- Scholarships to family members of chapter members in excess of \$2,300 yearly
- Updated Web site with continuous information for all chapter members
- The North Texas Chapter provides low-cost training sessions to its members on an annual basis. There were four training sessions in the past year on a variety of code topics.
- Chapter members assist with and donate time to present and coordinate the Building Professional Institute held in Arlington each spring. BPI is a week-long set of educational curriculum including building and fire codes, planning topics, and code enforcement, as well as training for engineers and architects.
- Additionally, the North Texas Chapter donates annual ICC Chapter Training in support of BPI to reduce costs for attendees and promote area code officials

Well done, and congratulations to the North Texas Chapter!

Submitted By: Selso Mata



Codes for the Built Environment

A building code is a collection of laws, regulations, ordinances, or other statutory requirements adopted by a governmental authority involved with the physical structure and healthful conditions for occupants of buildings. Building codes are the government's official statement on building safety. Building codes establish predictable and consistent minimum standards that are applied to the quality and durability of construction materials. "Minimum requirements" means that construction meets the criteria of being both "practical and adequate for protecting life, safety, and welfare of the public." The State of Texas has adopted or prorogated rules for a variety of different codes or editions of those codes requiring minimum construction standards throughout the State.

Why Do We Need Building Codes?

We all need protection from tragedy due to fire, structural collapse, and general deterioration in our homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores, or places of entertainment.

Building codes embrace all aspects of building construction—fire and structural items, as well as the plumbing,

electrical, mechanical systems, and other features in the built environment. They provide safeguards and ensure uniformity in the construction industry. While codes provide the means to reduce risks to an acceptable level, no code can totally eliminate all the potential hazards. Only through proper design, sound construction practices, and effective code administration programs can owners ensure safe and hazard-free buildings for occupants.

Inspection during construction is the only way to independently verify that compliance has been achieved. Inspections are conducted in homes, offices, and factories to verify conformity to minimum standards, prior to the issuance of an occupancy certificate.

Building codes are adopted by the governmental body and then enacted to regulate building construction within a particular jurisdiction. The primary purpose of a building code is to regulate new or proposed construction. Current building codes only apply to an existing building if the building undergoes reconstruction, rehabilitation, or alteration, or if the occupancy of the existing building changes to a new occupancy level as defined by the building code.

Structures built with the most current codes can save significant money on energy usage and provide for greater sustainability. Current codes include the most recent industry standards for the manufacture and installation of building materials, allowing for the use of the latest technology (often more economical), materials, and methods of construction. An effective code enforcement program can spur economic development thru the utilization of state-of-the art technology in materials research, design, and construction practices, minimizing the hazards to the public in such structures.

Why a Swimming Pool Code?

In Texas, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Environmental Health Program, local health departments, local code enforcement offices, and other governmental agencies help to provide safety and sanitation of public swimming pools and spas throughout the State. With the many different governmental subdivisions and different program areas within those subdivisions, enforcing public pool rules can be quite complex. The International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSA), with some minor amendments, can provide an adoptable, enforceable set of standards for communities throughout Texas. ISPSA can

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provide a seamless integration with the International Building Code and the International Residential Code. The ISPSC meets or exceeds the requirements of the federal Virginia Graeme Baker Act for suction entrapment safety and covers fencing, decks, lighting, heaters, circulation systems, pumps, accessibility, diving, sanitizing equipment, filters, and suction fittings. The ISPSC includes provisions for pools and facilities geared specifically for water parks, along with provisions based on the latest research for diving, barriers, general design, and water quality safety. The ISPSC contains all the necessary provisions in one book, combining the provisions of the relevant sections of the IRC, IBC, IPC, and IMC and the APSP standards, serving as a fully-integrated document for pool and spa safety.

The Building Officials Association of Texas has been developing a generic set of amendments that are consistent with DSHS rules for use across the State. These amendments are available for our members at no cost and will ensure greater uniformity in Texas.

Submitted by: Scott McDonald

Top Ten Excuses Permit Clerks Hear



As we know, the entire permit and inspection process cycles around the permit counter. You start there when submitting permit applications and plans, you come back later with corrections and missing documents, and eventually you end there with a check ready to pay.

After permits are issued and construction gets started, you go through the clerks to request inspections, re-inspections, and maybe appointments for finals and certificate of occupancy approvals.

Through all this, I get to hear about common mistakes contractors and homeowners tend to repeat to our permit clerks. So for this article, I asked our clerks to give me the top ten excuses they normally hear.

1. "I was home all day, the gate was unlocked, and the inspector just drove on by."
2. "My neighbor told me I did not need a permit."
3. "They said it would only take two days to get my permit approved."
4. "I thought the homeowner got the permit."
5. "Nobody called and told me my permit was ready to pick up. "
6. "I did not know I had to be home for them to inspect my bathroom."
7. "What do you mean my room addition project has to be approved?"
8. "We are not using contractors; my friend is going to rewire my house."
9. "Can you fill out the permit for me?"
10. "Where do I get a marriage license, birth certificate, etc.?"

Submitted By: Earl Abbott

Horace Percy King

A special friend of mine—and also of my brother Art Flores, building official in Spring Valley—passed away on Wednesday, July 11, 2012. His name is Horace Percy King, AKA P. H. King. He was 98 years old. He was still active serving as Chaplin for the lower valley of Texas, Valley Building Officials Association (VBOA).

Some of you did not know P. H. King. I did, and he was a good friend of mine. P.H. was one of the founders of the Valley Building Officials Association, which is the oldest building officials association in the State of Texas. The association started with building officials from the cities of Mission, Edinburg, Weslaco, and Harlingen. They would meet monthly at noon, in a different city each time.

Things went well for a year of so, until one scheduled monthly meeting hosted by the building official of City of Weslaco. Only the building official from Mission, P.H. King, and the building official from McAllen (Raymond Hinojosa) were at the meeting site, which was City Hall. No one else showed up—not even the host.

I know this because I read a letter sent out by the president stating that since there seemed to be a lack of enthusiasm on the part of several members, he recommended “disbanding.” He used the last monthly meeting and the fact that even the host building official was absent as an example, and he said he would arrange to split the money in the bank among all paid-up members.

I guess that letter did the trick, because everyone wrote back or called to let him know there was no way they were willing to disband. And the rest is history.

That association is well over 50 years old, and I might add that the Valley Building Officials Association was the model used to create what is now the Building Officials Association of Texas (BOAT). I personally played a part in that, because while I was a member of the VBOA, I had invited the building code specialist for the State of Texas—whose office was in the Texas Department of Community Affairs, Office of the Governor—to a meeting.

The representative of that office was Vernon Berringer, code specialist. He had no building code experience, but his job was to encourage all cities in Texas to adopt building codes.

Later, Roy Fewell and I, at different times, served as building code specialist for that same department.

The word got out via Mr. Berringer, and cities started to respond. If I’m not mistaken, several start-up meetings were held at the Stagecoach Inn in Salado. Needless to say, members of the VBOA were also among the first members of BOAT.

P.H. King was a member of the Education Committee formed by BOAT and was instrumental in setting up the first statewide Municipal Inspector Training School at Texas A&M, where many of us received much training.

I will miss this gentleman. He was 98 years old. His name was Horace Percy King.

Submitted By: Lalo Flores, CBO,
Retired



Safety Tips: Think COOL and get READY for COOLER DAYS AHEAD!

These safety tips will help to protect you and your family in and around your house.

Protect against sparks by enclosing a fireplace's opening with glass doors or a sturdy screen. Never close the flue while a fire is still smoldering. Carbon monoxide can build up.

Fireplaces are consistently rated as one of the top amenities desired by homeowners. In fact, fireplaces have one of the highest investment returns of any addition to your home. Here are a few tips to keep safe when using your beautiful fireplace: When you light the fire, keep the flue fully open for maximum airflow to feed the flames. Once it's roaring, close the flue to the point where the chimney starts smoking, then open it just a tad for optimal heat. To keep airflow constant and avoid carbon monoxide buildup, open the window closest to the fire by a half-inch. And make sure to keep a fire extinguisher handy, because even a "dead" fire can suddenly emit random, carpet-igniting sparks.

Make sure that any fabrics you use for upholstery and curtains are flame retardant. All new sofas have to meet strict fire regulations, but second-hand ones may have been made before they came into force.

A fire safety tip: don't ever leave the dryer running when you are not at home. In 1998, there were 14,300 home fires related to dryers. Never run an empty microwave. It can cause overheating and serious damage.

Change your furnace filter monthly. A clogged filter can cause the unit to overheat and can lead to premature damage to the air conditioning system.

Paint is flammable. Store it in a climate-controlled area away from heat sources. Cans exposed to heat can expand, causing leakage.

Lights with motion detectors are convenient and an efficient source for outdoor security lighting. Well positioned motion detectors make it virtually impossible for anyone to sneak up on your home.

To reduce the likelihood of burglary, do everything you can to make your home appear occupied when you are away. Leave lights and a radio on timers, have the lawn mowed, and have newspapers and mail collected.

Never use a metal ladder around power lines or electrical wiring; a

metal ladder will pose the risk of electric shock.

The single most important fire preventive measure is to equip your home with working smoke detectors. Place one on the entry level and outside each sleeping area. Remember to test them every month and replace the batteries annually.

Freestanding metal fireplaces or pottery chimineas are fun and enjoyable for small outdoor fires. Just make sure not to put them on wooden decks or other flammable surfaces.

More than one-eighth of annual house fires are caused by space-heating equipment. Electric or liquid fuel heaters must be at least three feet away from any object, including walls.

A few simple precautions can go a long way toward protecting your home from termites. Fixing all leaks, cleaning overflowing gutters, and using splash blocks to divert water from the foundation will keep your house dry and uninviting for the pests. Isolating wood from concrete or masonry, trimming shrubbery, and keeping wood mulch away from your house will also keep termites at

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bay. Also, make sure that all firewood is stored off the ground at least 15 feet from the house and that there are no tree stumps or scrap wood in close vicinity.

To prevent scalding, make sure your water heater temperature is set no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Keeping a phone list in the kitchen near the phone is not just convenient, but is a safety feature, as well. Jot down phone numbers for the police, fire department, doctors, family members, or neighbors so if you have to act quickly, you can.

If you use well water, be aware of agricultural activity in your area, which affects the quality of your water. After your first year on the property, test as you feel necessary.

Change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors with the beginning and ending of Daylight Savings Time. They're lifesavers and should always be treated that way.

Arrange to have the chimney or flue cleaned. Blocked residue or even a bird's nest can disrupt ventilation and endanger your health or your family.

Protect your family members and their safety.

Submitted By: Kurt Kasson

Rod Sanchez - Chairman Award Recipient



The Associated Builders and Contractors - South Texas (ABC) recently honored Rod Sanchez of the City of San Antonio Development Services Department with the 2012 Chairman's Award. The announcement was made at the Excellence in Construction Awards Banquet on August 9 at the Westin La Cantera.

The Chairman's Award is given to a non-ABC member who has done something significant, while impacting the construction industry in a positive way. For 2012, Chapter Chair Darrell White, with Bartlett Cocke General Contractors, selected Rod for his leadership and direction with plan review, permit, and inspection processes, all of which have improved significantly.

By actively seeking input and having an open line of communication with all segments of the industry (from the owners to the design team and construction team), there is a sense of "teamwork" with the public and private sectors. The end result is a clearer understanding of everyone's views and interpretations, allowing all parties to work together to find opportunities and solutions.

"ABC enjoys the close working relationship with Rod and his team and looks forward to the quarterly meetings," said President Steven Schultz, ABC South Texas Chapter. "We are encouraging other chapters to develop similar relationships, as this does help the construction process."



Is a Football Stadium Economic Development?

I think my first reaction to this question is definitely “Yes,” or at least I think it’s “Yes.” Any project with an estimated price tag of \$250 million has got to be considered economic development. Baylor University in Waco is a city council vote away from realizing a lifelong dream of having an on-campus stadium and one that is located on the banks of the beautiful Brazos River at Interstate 35. This project will be daunting, to say the least. Here is a list of several items that must be accomplished (there is much, much, more for sure):

- Oncor, which owns high-wire transmission lines in the area, has already ordered the materials to relocate the lines.
- Baylor has applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for permits to build a public waterway across the Brazos River that will connect the stadium to the campus.
- TxDOT has major plans for road construction across the Brazos River to accommodate the traffic to the stadium.

Though the 93-acre site itself has no room for retail or hotel development, the stadium will be well-connected by roads, pedestrian walkways, and waterways to sites that are ripe for development. It is anticipated that much of the stadium crowd will park in the downtown area of Waco and spend time there before and after games. (Remember the economic development question?)

The construction of the stadium itself will have an immediate economic impact on Waco, with more than 800 workers expected on site at the peak of construction. The university’s goal is that 70 percent of all trades and materials for the project will come from Central Texas. Ray Perryman of The Perryman Group has estimated there will be \$714 million in total expenditures in year 1, with a cumulative total by year 20 of \$22.8 billion. As for as job creation goes, The Perryman Group estimates 5,743 jobs in year 1 and 12,194 jobs by year 20. (Remember the economic development question?)

One of the funding issues that is extremely important to this project is \$35 million in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars, which comes from a portion of property tax revenue generated within the downtown and river corridor zone. The money will be paid in yearly installments during the next decade, but Baylor will use that pledged revenue to secure \$30 million in financing now. The TIF revenue will help with items such as moving sewer and high-wire transmission lines, building the pedestrian bridge across the Brazos, and establishing a public boat lagoon. (Remember the economic development question?)

This is easily the biggest project I’ve seen in my almost 25-year career in the Inspection Services Department. Previously, Baylor University built a \$100-million Science Building. The stadium is scheduled to open for the 2014 football season. Yes, to all of you who love math, that is 24 months. To say this project is going to move quickly is quite an understatement. We are

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preparing (maybe I should say bracing ourselves!) for a whirlwind of activity. Just about every political level of government will be involved in this project, i.e., the City of Waco, Baylor University, Electric Utility (Oncor), TxDOT, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, etc.

Currently, Baylor is the only school in the Big 12 Conference without an on-campus stadium. As asked in the title of this article, I still wholeheartedly believe the answer to that question is, "YES," don't you?

Submitted By: Randy Childers

Appreciation



In appreciation of the men and women in our profession, I would like for each of you to receive an 'ATTA-BOY/'ATTA-GIRL!!

I have been in this profession for more than 22 years, protecting the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens we are hired to represent. I have been blessed doing what I truly love and getting paid to do so.

During this time, it has been my pleasure to work with many dedicated men and women in four different cities. However, none have had the dedication and desire for improvement like the men and women who serve you on the Building Officials Association of Texas Chapter of the International Code Council Board of Directors. These individuals work many hours, on their own time and even their personal vacation time, to make it work. Their compensation is a new Board of Directors shirt and first choice of any new B.O.A.T pins ready to give away.

My privilege has been to observe dedicated men like President Lawrence Crow of Irving, Randy Childers of Waco, Ravi Shah of Carrolton, Jim Olk of Farmers Branch, Scott McDonald of Amarillo, Chris Haver of College Station, Bruce Braley of Hewitt, Earl Abbot of Killeen, James Stewart of Webster, and Selso Mata of Plano work for the betterment of our profession in the great State of Texas and nationwide.

I owe a lot to each one of these men for helping me along the way while serving you. The strength of any organization is its workforce. Now is the time for you to step up and say, "I want to be a part of this great organization." As for myself, I am willing to lend a hand and help teach and/or guide the silent defenders of the codes. But if YOU don't step up, who will, and when? You know and I know that there is no such thing as a "free lunch"; someone has to pay. In short, get involved.

I would be remiss if I did not speak a little about a lady who works for TML by the name of Cheryl Ribich, without whose efforts

BOAT would not be as functional as it is. Thank you, Cheryl! Now she was so good she went and got herself promoted. But she found us Hillery Stephens, and we are still in good hands.

This is my last year to serve on the Board of Directors, and it has been my honor to have served you! I intend to volunteer in any capacity where there may be a need, and you need to do the same. It has been my pleasure to meet many of you around this great State at the different hearings, classes, Building Professional Institute training locations, and BOAT annual conferences. You are a good group of people, and I am proud to be a part of the family. Thank you, and GOD BLESS.

Submitted By: John R. Brown,
MCP, CFM



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Featured Industry Presentation:

**“Learning to Build High Performing Homes in North Central Texas
and Strategies to Lower Energy Consumption in Existing Dwellings”**

By Jim Sargent of Anderson Sargent Custom Builder, L. P.

Named “The Godfather of Green” by the Dallas Morning News, Jim Sargent began his custom home building business in the 1970s during the oil embargo and the ensuing energy crises. He is a pioneer of energy-efficient home building in Texas, building “green” before the concept had a name. In 1985, he began the practice of monitoring the energy consumption of each home he built, which enabled his methodical approach in the determination of what works and what doesn’t and why. In 2003, he became the first in the nation to earn the Master Builder designation for energy efficient home building by the Energy and Environmental Building Association (EEBA).

Anderson Sargent Custom Builder, L. P., built the first Net Zero Energy Home in North Texas in Frisco in 2004. The company was named Energy Value Housing Award Builder of the Year by the U. S. Department of Energy and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Research Center. The company’s award-winning home also was recognized by the NAHB as the “Best Green Concept Home in America.” In 2007, Anderson Sargent received the Clean Air Through Energy Efficiency (CATEE) “Outstanding Commercial Enterprise Award” for the company that has had the greatest influence in affecting clean air in Texas through energy efficiency. This year, he has built several net zero homes, as well as one off grid. There will be a time set aside in the presentation when attendees are encouraged to ask any question regarding residential construction issues.

No charge to attend; please notify the CRC at crc@uta.edu if you plan to attend.



Call for BOAT Committees

The Building Officials Association of Texas would like your assistance in helping the association to grow and enrich the BOAT membership. Please review the list of committees below and contact the Board liaison for additional information. We look forward to your participation.

Program and Education – Board Liaison (Van Tran)

Committee shall establish long-term educational training goals and objectives. The Committee shall oversee all training activities (other than BPI), and monitor and evaluate existing training programs.

(Minimum of 6 members)

Legislative Committee – Board Liaison (Jim Olk)

Committee will be responsible for long-term legislative objectives affecting code related issues and B.O.A.T. Membership. The Committee shall be composed of members with the T.M.L. Representative as one of the members and the liaison to the Board of Directors.

(Minimum of 5 members)

Membership Promotion and Development Committee – Board Liaison (Bruce Braley)

Committee shall be responsible for the promotion of the Association and the profession by, but not limited to; press releases; public image enhancement; development of professional and industry partnerships; newsletter content, format and article suggestions; fundraising; community service projects; and any other initiative that will assist members in their individual professional development, as well as promoting the code development industry.

(Minimum of 6 members)

Building Professional Institute Committee – Board Liaison (Kurt Kasson)

Committee shall be responsible for the oversight of the Building Professional Institute. The Committee shall be composed of at least two co-chairs which at least one (1) member shall be a member of the Board of Directors who shall be the Board's liaison to the Committee.

(Minimum of 11 members)

Code Review Committee – Board Liaison (Mike Olsen)

Committee shall be responsible to review and prepare positions on proposed code amendments to the adopted building construction and maintenance codes.

(Minimum of 10 members)

Awards and Scholarships Committee – Board Liaison (Selso Mata)

Committee shall be responsible for selection and presentation of awards and recognitions approved by the Board of Directors.

(Minimum of 4 members)

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Professional Volunteer Disaster Survey Team – Board Liaison (Earl Abbott)

Committee shall be responsible for coordinating and assisting a municipality or regional area with disaster assessment and professional recommendations on disaster remediation.

(Minimum of 6 members)

Other ICC News

2012 Call for Committee Members (visit www.iccsafe.org/cc/Pages/CAC.aspx)

Membership Council Governing Committees

ICC is now accepting applications for various openings on the governing committees for each membership council, including the new Corporate Membership Council.

The governing committees for each ICC Membership Council were established with staggered terms of office, so each council will have vacant positions open at the end of this year. The members of each council present at that council's annual meeting must select candidates to fill these open positions. The candidates' names will be presented to the ICC Board of Directors for ratification.

ICC Membership Councils are discipline-specific councils that serve as a forum for information exchange to keep the membership up to date on the activities of the Code Council and to build and improve relationships with stakeholders who have an interest in the activities of the applicable Membership Council. Council Policy 9 regulates the ICC Membership Councils.

Travel is required. The governing committee of the respective Membership Council will typically hold 1-2 meetings per year. Governing committee members are authorized to travel at ICC's expense when participating in council meetings.

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