

# AZBO News



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## Message from the Chair

Greetings,

The past two years have been interesting to say the least. We seem to have weathered this storm and will be back to business, but not like before. We have all changed how we conduct business and AZBO has changed to keep up.

To stay relevant and to provide education to our members the Education Committee had the ability to switch everything over to virtual learning within months of all of us just finding out what this pandemic was with no idea what we had in store for us over the next 15 months.

Our past leadership had also put us into a financial stable situation that gave us the ability to get through these type of events that are not predictable, and outside of everyone's control.

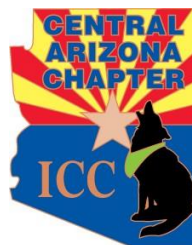
As my term as Chair comes to an end I believe we have all kept AZBO as the leader in code education in the state, but have also brought a technological advancement that will give us the ability to bring our classes to more people and better serve our members.

I would like to Thank the Board for giving me this opportunity, the past leadership for what you have made AZBO, all the committee chairs and members especially Patti Schechter and Pat Headington, Shannon Headington our Executive Assistant and all the members of AZBO for allowing me to be your Chair for the past 2 years, the honor was all mine.

Regards,

*Brian Uthe*

AZBO Chair



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- Golf
- Hospitality Night
- Education
  - \*Dr. Paul Melendez\*
- Awards Dinner
- Annual Business Meeting

## 2021 AZBO ABM

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Multiple dates between July 13, 2021 and July 15, 2021



Please join us for the  
**2021 AZBO Annual Business Meeting**  
July 13 through July 15, 2021  
The ABM will be an in person event  
in beautiful Sedona, AZ

This will not be a virtual event.

Registration information is on AZBO's website:  
<https://www.azbo.us/event/2021-azbo-abm>

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## **BROWN & ASSOCIATES HOSPITALITY NIGHT**

**Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Hillside Shopping Center  
671 AZ-179, Sedona, AZ 86336**

(Take 179 North about 4 miles, Javelina Cantina is near Arabella  
Hotel and Circle K

On the right- hand side in the Hillside Shop)

**Please join your friends of AZBO for  
some fun!**

**Dinner, Beverages &  
Corn Hole Tournament  
Shuttle service provided  
Sarape face mask provided  
Hand sanitizer provided**



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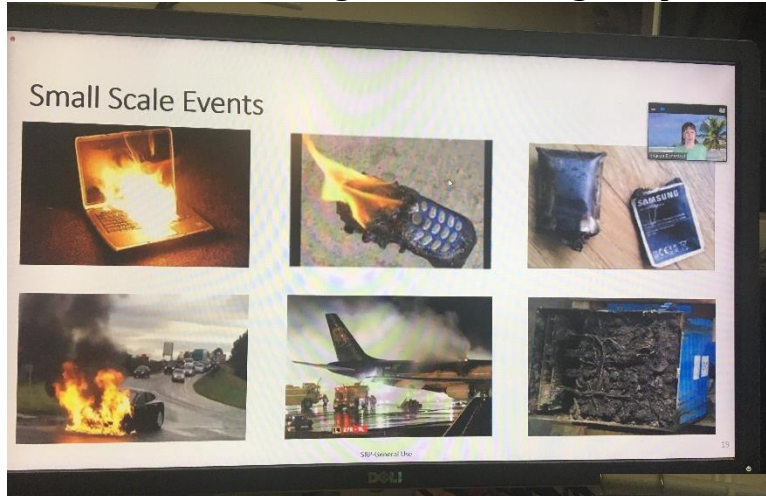


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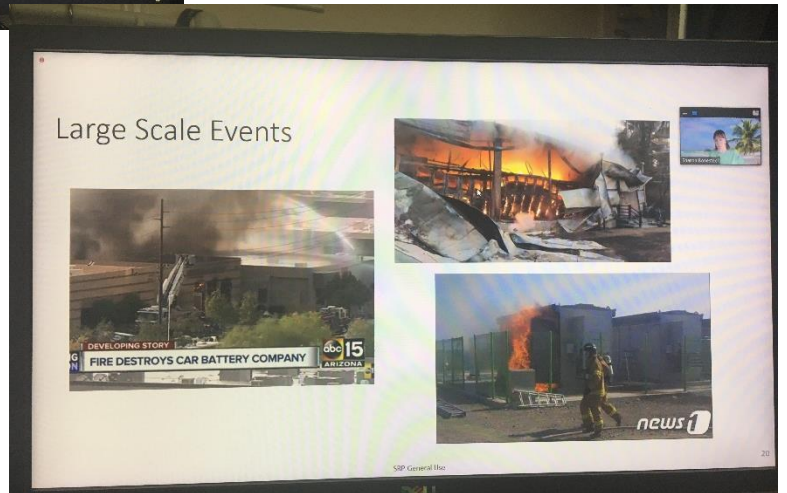
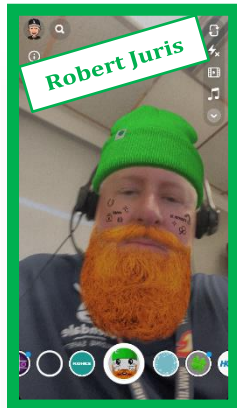
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## Arizona Permit Tech Committee News

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 **Sharon Bonesteel**, SRP, presented **Battery Storage 101** via ZOOM Meeting. Zoom Meeting compliments of SRP.



### Contest ~ "Think Green"



### AZPT-Board-Members



Tabitha Villaverde ..... Stephanie Johnson ..... Patti Schechter ..... Elise Fisher

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## BUILDING SAFETY MONTH ~ City of Chandler

From **Tao Shicheng**, Building Official

The City of Chandler proclaimed the month of May as the Building Safety Month in the City Council Meeting Study Session on April 19, 2021. The City of Chandler Council Member Matt Orlando read the Building Safety Month Proclamation. Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke and Development Services Director Derek Horn along with a group of building safety professionals joined the Building Safety Month Proclamation Ceremony. We got together along with City officials not only to raise awareness about the importance of building safety and building codes, but also to recognize and appreciate the building safety professionals for their commitment, dedication, and hard work.

The Building Safety Month Poster shown as below has been displaced in the hallway of the Development Services Department and the City Hall.

Furthermore, the Poster has been uploaded to the Chandler Public Library video system for the public to see the digital version of poster on big screen monitors.





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## City of Coolidge ~ In Memory of Bill Borgards

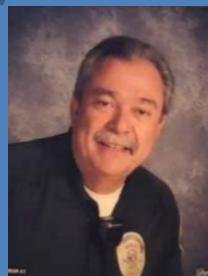
From **Dennis Gillespie**, Building Official, City of Coolidge

*"be proud of your city and be proud of your home"*

~Bill Borgards 2/19/2020

The City of Coolidge sadly lost one of our members of the Development Services team to a battle with the COVID-19 Virus in March 2021. William "Bill" Borgards was employed as the Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Coolidge. Originally from Nicaragua, his family immigrated to the United States when he was nine years old. Bill always had the desire to help people and contribute to his community. He began a law enforcement career as a reserve police officer with the Ontario Police Department in 1973. He would eventually get hired with LAPD in 1980 after attending a six-month police academy. At the time he was only one of 135 applicants to be selected out of a pool of more than 3,500 applicants. He was always very proud of his achievements and career with LAPD. He would later work in law enforcement with The Tribal Police in Highland CA and also the Rialto School District. Bill and his wife moved to Coolidge as a place to retire, but he continued to want to be involved in the community. In March 2019 while at City Hall getting a few documents notarized, he was encouraged to apply for the newly created Code Enforcement position. He proudly served in that position taking on and accepting the challenges of responding to complaints and educating the public about the importance of maintaining the appearances of properties around the City. He was very successful at working with the Citizens and property owners and helping to make the City a better place.

Bill was a great man who is deeply missed by staff and the community.



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~ Don Brown, City of Phoenix, AZBO Board Member

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