

AZBO News



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The AZBO Virtual Fall Education Institute is ongoing and will continue through December. Go to AZBO's website/Events for the schedule of classes and registration information. <https://www.azbo.us/>
The Education Committee (**Pat Headington**, Chair) and AZBO's Executive Secretary (**Shannon Headington**) have been doing an excellent job arranging, coordinating, and facilitating this Fall's education event.



AZBO OFFICERS for the upcoming year were installed at the Virtual AZBO ABM, October 14, 2020.

Chair – Brian Uthe
Vice Chair – Steve White
Treasurer – Amy Palmer
Past Chair – Mike Baxley

It was announced that the AZBO Secretary position will be vacant effective December 2020. Nominations for this position will be held at the next AZBO Board Meeting.

Check AZBO's website for an update to Members of the Board.



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Arizona Permit Techs

CARDS FOR QUARANTINED VETERANS

The Permit Tech Committee collected Cards for Quarantined Veterans which were distributed to the *Arizona State Veteran Home Phoenix*; *Arizona State Veteran Home Tucson*; *Yavapai County Community Living Center* and a *Veterans Domiciliary* in Northern Arizona; a *Home Health Care Provider* in Yuma who holds the government contract for care of veterans in their region. A goal was established after obtaining a count from each facility/provider so there would be a card of each veteran.

We hit our goal of over 400 cards

The cards were well received. Participants enjoyed the project, so much in fact, that we are going to do it again in January for Valentine's Day cards. A flyer will be distributed after the December holidays with information as to where you can send your contributions if you would like to participate.



Jill Austin, City of Peoria



Stephanie Johnson, Yavapai County Patti Schechter, Brown & Associates



VIRTUAL TRAINING IN JANUARY
This is not your ordinary Permit Tech Committee Meeting. We are on the verge on planning something that could be HUGE for Permit Techs. Info to follow when things are confirmed.

CLIFF HANGER!

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Virtual AZBO ABM

The AZBO ABM was postponed from its original “in person event” scheduled for July, to a virtual event via ZOOM on October 14, 2020.

Attendees:



Swearing in of Officers was performed by Greg Wheeler, ICC President.



Amy Palmer, City of Flagstaff, a new Officer on the Board, accepting the responsibilities of the position as Treasurer of AZBO. Other officers as outlined on Page 1. Apologizes for not having pictures of the other Officers due to Zoom layout limitations.



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Virtual AZBO ABM ~ Awards

2019-2020 Awards were announced for the following recipients:

- Don Councilor**, City of Phoenix - Award of Merit;
- Dennis Chase**, City of Peoria - Special Services Award;
- Debi Green**, Stantec - Brent Snyder Memorial Award;
- Stephanie Johnson**, Yavapai County - Permit Technician of the Year;
- John Tilton**, Town of Gilbert - Plan Reviewer of the Year;
- Glenn Celenza**, UofA - Building Inspector of the Year;
- Amy Palmer**, City of Flagstaff - Building Official of the Year;
- Matt Hazelton**, Southwest Gas - Member of the Year;

Chairman's Awards:

- Andy Kelley**, UofA
- Ted Rodriquez**, Town of Sahuarita
- John Farmer**, Pima County
- Paul Froehlke**, Town of Marana
- David Spurlock**, Town of Marana



Congratulations to all. Awards are being mailed to the recipients. Hopefully we'll have pictures for the next Newsletter.

Member News

From **Donna Sullivan-Hancock**:

All Permit Electronic submittal process.
All virtual counter and virtual meeting formats offered.



From **Sharlene McNeil**:

Suzanne Garrido was promoted to Permit Tech Supervisor for the City of Tempe in February.

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Tiersa Johnson, Pinal County

We have a new Permit Technician, Rebecca Crosby, who joined us in March. Tony Guasp has retired, and Dale Garcia is Pinal County's Interim Building Official



Dawn Mosher, Town of Prescott Valley:

I want to put out A Very Large “Congratulations” to the Town of Prescott Valley’s Building Official, Woodrow (**Woody**) Lewis. On 8/15/2020 Woody passed the milestone of working for the **Town of Prescott Valley for 35-Years**. Woody has been the Building Official for the Town of Prescott Valley, most of that time. (We’ve had a couple of changes in the Official Title in his 35-year career so far).

Woody is the most personable, knowledgeable, hardworking, Building Official and he is very well respected in his field. He is always willing to answer questions and share his experience with whoever seeks it.

This year, in the year of COVID-19 with the duties and challenges we have met, our Town never stopped issuing permits, and or conducting inspections all because of Woody, and the dedicated employees under his guidance. The Town of Prescott Valley nominated and awarded him the “Heritage Award” from the Chamber of Commerce for outstanding commitment to the Town of Prescott Valley!



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