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Message from the Chair



ICC ABM Update by Randal Westacott

This year's event was held in beautiful Atlantic City not far from the Boardwalk. It was a monumental occasion as ICC celebrated 10 years as a unified organization made from the three legacy code organizations. AZBO had a bit smaller than usual representation from our state, 7 total. I am hopeful that our department's budgets will start to allow for this type of travel moving forward as our State continues to recover.



Opening Session

The Business meeting was held October, 1st. Larry Bruger, Government Relations Staffer for Western States, spoke about a three prong training approach, core premium training, on-line campus improvements, and for the life of me I cannot think of the third prong. He also spoke about the development of a digital plan for ICC through [CDPaccess](#), check it out. This is going to be a great tool moving forward in the code development process. In closing Larry stated ICC's intended goal this year is "Help a member everyday".

I found it interesting that in the Presidents report Ron stated that ICC has returned to its core-code development, training, and service to members. This was interesting because AZBO had the same focus at our annual business meeting in July and our core is "education". Ron also spoke about ICC membership councils and how they strengthen and shape the organization moving forward. I share this same belief about AZBO.

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ICC Rocky Mountain Region XI: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah

Seven resolutions were brought forward, and though all of them were important, the one I want to emphasize is to move the code cycle to a 6 year cycle. Arguments were presented both for and against.



In the end I am happy to say the resolution was voted down. There is still work to be done as the measure is moving forward for discussing at a future date.

I encourage you all to be involved in this discussion moving forward, it is far too important for your voice not to be heard.

I have had the privilege of attending for ICC ABM's and it is a great opportunity to network with people from across the globe. The atmosphere is exciting to be part of as thousands of likeminded people gather together in an effort to make improvements to the codes that we are using in our daily work. My first ICC ABM and Final Action Hearings was an inspiring event and really solidified my confidence in the codes and the development process. I met Building Officials, Fire Officials, Building Inspectors, Permit Technicians, Architects and Engineers all with the focus of improving the

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codes. I encourage you to attend if you can.

If you have not had the opportunity to attend an annual ICC business meeting I would encourage you to try and make it to one. Next year's meeting is going to be held in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. If finances are

an issue there is an opportunity for Code of Honor scholarships through the ICC, and some of the serving positions within AZBO also provide for this (my shameless plug to ask for service). I hope to see some new faces in Ft. Lauderdale next year. Start planning now!



Annual Fowler Ride
(Photo credits: ICC)



Arizona State Delegates



The AZBO Awards Committee is now excepting nominations for awards **throughout the year**. Nominations must be submitted on or before June 13, 2014 to be considered for an award to be presented at the AZBO ABM in July, 2014. Even though the nominations will be accepted anytime, the awards will remain annual to be announced and presented during the Awards Dinner at the AZBO ABM. The form is on the AZBO website. <http://www.azbo.us/>. If you have any questions submit them to info@azbo.us.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS ARIZONA

Let me win but if I can not win, let me be brave in the attempt.
~Special Olympics Oath~

Fall Games, Surprise Arizona, October 2013



Awesome Volunteers/Cheerleaders



Amazing Athletes



Men at Work



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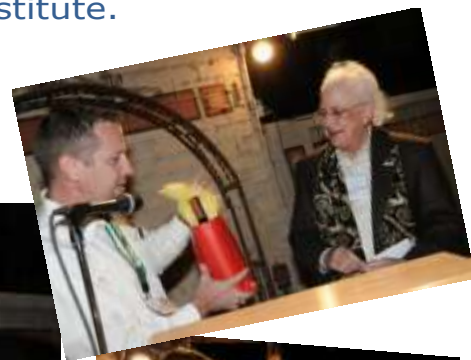
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Fall Education Institute ~ Cookout

From Sharon Bonesteel, SRP:

The AZBO Education Committee organized the Mayor's BBQ at AZBO Institute. Mayor Scott LeMarr, Paradise Valley and Vice-Mayor Virginia Korte, Scottsdale attended the event with their Building Officials and spoke to the group about the importance of the Building Departments in Economic Development. "You all are Ambassadors for your Community" LeMarr said, and Korte concurred saying "You serve quietly, but in a very important role as the first face new businesses see."

She continued by stating that they had made great strides in energy efficient buildings and policies, "decisions that follow a financial and moral compass... What type of community are we leaving to our grandchildren?" Both Mayors stayed throughout the entire event, speaking to the Building Officials from around the State in Scottsdale for the AZBO 20th Annual Educational Institute. SRP and SW Gas were two of the corporate sponsors for the event and institute.



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More photos from the Cookout (thank you Sharon)



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From Mary Dickson, C.B.O., City of El Mirage, Co-Chair AZBO Education Committee:

Save the Date

April 14-18, 2014

AZBO Spring Education Institute
Tucson El Conquistador Resort

Featuring a full selection of code updates, inspection classes, code enforcement and Fire related classes! This will be the largest AZBO Education Institute ever!

From Ray LaHaye, Town of Payson on behalf of the Grand Canyon Chapter:

The Grand Canyon Chapter is planning to have its regularly scheduled January meeting in Bullhead City on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. At this meeting, we are holding elections for Officers for the next two years for the Chapter and are looking forward to the changing of the guard and what the future holds for the Chapter. The Chapter will also be considering our annual training event to be held in 2014 and will forward notice of the topic selected and dates well in advance, for AZBO members that would like to attend, if the topic proves to be of interest and meets current training needs.

In addition to the Chapter meeting on January 22nd, thanks to Glen Wiltse, Building Official in Bullhead City, there is a golf outing planned for later on that afternoon at Laughlin Ranch for those that would like to participate, after the meeting. Hopefully, the turnout will be good for both the meeting as well as the golf event. Please contact Ray LaHaye, Chapter Secretary, if you would like to attend as there are a limited number of spaces available.

The Grand Canyon chapter wishes all a Merry Christmas and Happy 2014.



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From Teresa Smith, Town of Gila Bend:

Gila Bend Town Manager Recognized for Achieving Coveted Designation

October 22, 2013



At the October 22nd Council Meeting, Gila Bend Town Manager Rick Buss was recognized by ACMA President/Coolidge City Manager, Bob Flatley, and Wickenburg Town Manager Josh Wright for achieving the coveted designation of ICMA Credentialed Manager. This is a very big achievement in his career as our Town Manager is one of only 37 in the State of Arizona and one of only 1,300 worldwide who have earned the Credentialed Manager designation. Congratulations, Rick!

From Phil Marcotte, C.B.O., City of Buckeye

The former "Town" of Buckeye is now the "City" of Buckeye.

Overview of Certification Survey

The question: (by Phil Marcotte, C.B.O., City of Buckeye)

I am in search of information concerning the number of certifications and types that are allowed to be reimbursed (paid for by the municipality) and how and when this occurs. Do you offer and unlimited number, only ones that are stipulated as terms of employment, one a year, or some other formula?

Also, is the reimbursement only after a successful outcome, or do you pay for the first and then chase the requirement for a passing score? Our Town (now City) has had many different variations thru the years as directors came and went. Now we are in need of input from your municipalities on this situation.

Addendum: Does anyone have a written policy?

Responses (18):

Most do not have a limit on the number of certifications per employee. Some require the certification to be job related. One limits to 1-2 per fiscal year, budget permitting.

Most municipalities reimburse upon passing the exam. Some will pay for two attempts. A couple will pay for all attempts.

Most reimburse for re-certifications; one indicated preference to bundling to re-certify all certifications at the same time to take advantage of the discount.

Only one responder had a written policy.

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From Randal Westacott, City of Goodyear, on behalf of the Central Chapter:

The Central Chapter had a booth at the Arizona Construction Career Days, November 6th and 7th, held at the Army National Guard Reserve in Phoenix. Michael Baxley, Jeff Fleetham, and Randy Westacott manned the event and had a great time doing it. This event has hosted over 340 exhibitors and 400 pieces of equipment since its inception in 2007. The event is focused on high school students and the many opportunities there are in the construction industry for them. Central Chapter was there promoting ICC's High School Technical Training Program that provides a guided approach to mastering the IRC, and provides students with Certificates of Achievement. There are certificates available for structural, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing.



This type of program is a great fit for our industry and supported by the State Superintendent of Education. Our industry needs young people who are interested in making careers out of construction and code administration. There were 1700 students from across the state that attended during the two day event. We had the opportunity to interact with hundreds of students and instructors alike, and the interest level was high. We are already planning to have a booth next year and are excited about reaching these young people with such a great educational program. Events of this nature are a great way for AZBO and the Chapters to get name recognition and become the go to contacts for building code information.

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From Mike Baker, LaPaz County,
AZBO's Facebook Guru

We have now reached 61 Likes or friends and have a quite large following. A total of 189 to be precise. For our not so facebooker members: someone who "likes" our wall is a friend. "Followers" are people who have not "liked" us as a friend but want to receive our posts. Our friends and followers are located worldwide and I believe we have someone on every continent.

Better get out the globe.

United States of America - 156

Mexico - 9

India - 5

United Kingdom - 3

Germany - 2

Italy - 2

1 in each of the following: Zambia, Kenya, Norway, Philippines, South Africa, New Zealand, Brazil, Indonesia, Azerbaijan.

For our members, friends, followers and AZBO family that would like to have something posted on our wall please post it on the wall, it won't show up immediately but I'll get to it ASAP. Otherwise you can send it to me at mike_baker4@msn.com. Word documents or JPEGs work the best for Facebook.



Membership Rewards

AZBO sponsors the Southwest Leadership Program. Let your Chapter know if you are interested in attending next year. The program is typically in September.

From: Charlene Schwickrath

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for awarding me a scholarship to attend the 2013 Southwest Leadership Program. The program was insightful as well as fun.

Each speaker gave a unique view on leadership.

It truly was a blessing to have attended the Southwest Leadership Program and I thank you all for awarding me this great opportunity.

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Certification Acknowledgements



When obtaining certifications,
please send an email to
patti@brown-and-associates.net
for a shout out in the next AZBO
Quarterly Newsletter.

Out of State News

From Steve Burger, City of Folsom, CA

I was able to organize a NorCal Permit Tech group here and so far they've had two good meetings and elected officers. They will be a Committee of the Sacramento Valley Association of Building Officials (SVABO) just like the AZ Permit Techs are a committee of AZBO.

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The Press Release:

Mayors Discuss Construction Issues of the Future

No Shoot-out, Just a Cookout at 20th Annual AZBO Fall Education Institute between Mayor Scott LeMarr, Town of Paradise Valley, and Vice-Mayor Virginia Korte, City of Scottsdale

“Construction Issues of the Future” will be the topic at hand as Mayor Scott LeMarr of the Town of Paradise Valley and Vice-Mayor Virginia Korte of the City of Scottsdale address Arizona Building Officials (AZBO) during a western style BBQ on Wednesday, October 30th for its 20th annual Fall Educational Institute. The cookout held at Scottsdale Cottonwoods Resort, 6160 N. Scottsdale Rd., is a great opportunity for anyone interested in attending to hear the Mayors’ visions, and enjoy the comedic insight of Brian Kohatsu, “Made in America – With 50% Japanese Parts.”

“We are very pleased that the Mayors could join us to celebrate 20 years of educating the construction industry,” said Ed Kulik, Chief Building Official for the City of Goodyear and President of the International Code Council, Central Chapter.

Event Details:
What: 20 th Annual AZBO Fall Education Institute
When: October 28 to November 1, 2013
Register (for cookout or week-long classes): www.azbo.us

With support from Southwest Gas, Brown & Associates, Simpson Strong-tie, SRP and APS, the institutes provide more than 1,000 student days of education in one week. The classes range from understanding the most current building codes to learning the best practices for safely inspecting Solar Photovoltaic installations. An Energy Conservation and Green Building Tract provide architects and designers information on the latest lighting technologies and mechanical sizing methods. The popular “*Improving the Reputation of your Building Department*” class returned, as more building departments seek to provide the best customer service while protecting the life, safety, health and welfare of the public.

“Our AZBO Institutes continue to provide needed training for those that ensure our buildings provide safe, healthy environments for people to live in and conduct business,” said Randal Westacott, Building Official for the City of Avondale and Chairman of the Arizona Building Officials.

The next AZBO Institute will be held in the spring of 2014, at El Conquistador Resort in Oro Valley from April 14-18.