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Southwest Leadership Conference



September 14-18, 2015

From left to right

Joe Hernandez City of Glendale Plan Review Supervisor, Ric Hicks Pima County Site Review Project Manager, Jesus Maldonado Pima County Plans Technician, Randall Crist City of Yuma Building Official and Nathan Wright City of Phoenix Management Assistant II.

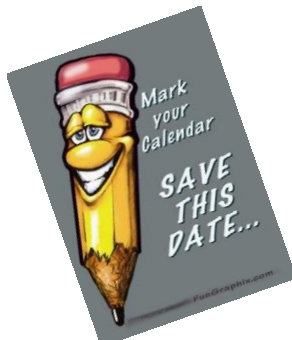
Not pictured, Mark Rogers Yavapai County, Manager and Chief Building Official

AZBO is a Corporate Sponsor for The Southwest Leadership Program.

The five day program consists of a combination of classroom instruction, guest lectures, group discussions, case studies, and self-directed learning. Hands-on experience applying newly learned skills provides reinforcement of learning concepts and develops competencies beyond typical learning.

This is a Chapter Benefit*. Let your Chapter know if you are interested in being considered for a scholarship to attend next September.

*In the past AZBO has awarded two scholarships per Chapter. The number of scholarships will be determined based on budget during the AZBO AMB, typically in July.



2016 AZBO Education Institutes

Spring Education Institute

April 4-8, 2016

Prescott Resort

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Fall Education Institute

September 25-30, 2016

Mesa Hilton

Information to be posted on
www.azbo.us when available.

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The Last Territory

ICC Arizona Southern Chapter hosted the evening event at the Fall Education Institute in Oro Valley, October 2015.
Special Guest: Beau Schwade, Master of the Bullwhip.



BEAU SCHWADE
"Master of the Bullwhip"



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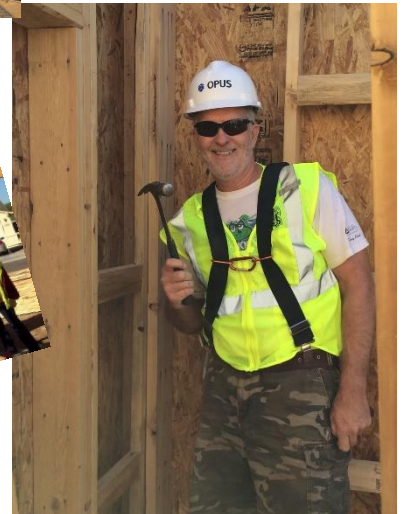


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Habitat for Humanity

Central Arizona Chapter organized a Volunteer Day, 10-31-15



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ICC ABM



From: Teresa S. Smith, Town of Gila Bend (Treasurer of the Arizona Permit Techs) In September, Ella Ochoa, City of El Mirage (Arizona Permit Tech Chairman) and I were invited to attend the 2015 ICC ABM Conference and Expo in Long Beach, California. Thanks in part to the Central Chapter of AZBO and SRP. It was an amazing experience. We arrived on Sunday and met up with several people from PermitTechNation, which is an organization devoted to providing the highest standard of education and mentorship for Permit Technicians (PT) and building department staff ... an organization that is devoted to encourage and support International Code Council (ICC) Permit Technician certification as well as mentoring PTs to form their own State ICC PT Chapters. Ella and I were there representing the Arizona Permit Tech Committee, assisting in booth setup and staffing during the conference. We had a great time talking with people and promoting our industry. (I have to say, we also had an absolutely awesome booth – one of the best!) While at the conference, we attended several learning seminars that were offered; everything from the Impact on Building Safety and Today's Fires to the ICC Journey to Leadership class. The classes were all very interesting as well as informative and we got to interact with a variety of people from all over the United States. There was also the Annual Awards Banquet where the International Code Council recognized exemplary contributions to building safety and support of the ICC mission and honored individuals and organizations for their outstanding achievements and excellence. Ella and I would like to thank all those involved in allowing us to attend this amazing event.

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AZ Construction Career Days

November 5, 2015

The Arizona Building Officials and the Efficiency First Arizona booths at the event introducing vets and high school students to careers in Code Administration and Energy Efficiency Rating and Testing.



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MTCAZ TRADE SHOW

AZBO Representatives from Chandler, Phoenix, Avondale, Gilbert, Goodyear and Maricopa County once again participated in the Inspector's Panel at the MTCAZ (formerly ACCA) Trade Show on December 8, 2015. This event, sponsored by SRP and AZBO's Public Relations Committee, seeks to improve relations between inspectors and the customers we serve. Mechanical contractors posed questions regarding rectifying installations done without permits, what needs a permit, and other issues that concerned them. Of particular interest was the definition of "like for like" as it relates to mechanical units being replaced "like for like" being exempt from permits. It was evident that there is still weak understanding of the benefits of manual J calculations. Sharon Bonesteel – SRP, moderated the event, stressing to the attendees that proper permits and inspections not only protected their company's liability, but also protected their customers. Communication was identified as the main area where we all can improve; the contractors were encouraged to seek out and communicate with the inspectors to build better working relationships and improve their success rate on inspections.

Participants included (from left to right) Tim Simanton and Erik Zavala from Gilbert, Nick Ruscito from Chandler, William Haas from Maricopa County, Randal Westacott from Goodyear, Tom Paradise from Glendale, William Bradley from Phoenix and Patrick Davis from Avondale.

This event remains a great opportunity to show *the Code Officials keeping the Community Safe by Helping Customers Understand and Follow the Adopted Construction Codes.*



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AZ NextGen Intern Program Update: Great progress has been made on foundational framework items necessary for the proper functioning of the intern program. Graphic Artist Karreen Yeneza (sayhi@karreenyeneza.com) has taken the input of the executive board and developed the logo shown above, which the board approved at the 12-3-15 meeting. Designed with the urban skyline and colors that attract millennials, the logo will eventually be given in the form of a pin to graduates and sponsors. At the prior meeting formal approval for hiring Ellis Carter of the Carter Law Group was given and Bonesteel has commenced the process of obtaining the tax exempt 501 (3)c status for the organization. A Grand Canyon Team has been identified with Steve White (Coconino Co), Ken Myers (Faculty-Sustainable Building Trades and Construction Technology management at Coconino Community College) and Mike Scheu (Flagstaff). Three prime candidates have been identified from the program at Coconino Community College and the goal is to have the program fully functional by Summer 2016. The AZ Central Team is made up of Ken Sullivan (ASU), Martin Perez (Tempe) and the Southern Arizona team is in need of a Team Leader and other partners. Szymanski and Lawrence are working to confirm the EFAz contractors that will participate in the first group in the Grand Canyon area and the AZ Central area. Grant funding is being sought, with Bermudes and Szymanski working currently on a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation.

The Executive Board of AZ NextGen has been formalized with the following individuals and their area of primary focus:

AHJ & AZBO Partners: Martin Perez –City of Tempe – Connects to all of Arizona Building Officials

Trade Partners: Heather Szymanski – Executive Director of Efficiency First Arizona; Jerry Lawrence – Thermal Star

Educational Partners: Ken Sullivan – ASU Schools of Sustainable Engineering; Sharon Bonesteel – Salt River Project – Building Energy Codes Initiative

Finance: Patti Schechter – Brown & Associates – Financial Records; Sharon Bonesteel – SRP

Grants: Michelle Bermudes – formerly with the Governor’s Office of Energy Policy; Heather Szymanski – EFAz

Sponsor & Partner Care: Patti Schechter – Brown & Associates – Thank YOU’s – Blog for Interns

Curriculum: Ken Sullivan – ASU; Sharon Bonesteel – SRP

Marketing Documents: Martin Perez – City of Tempe; Heather Szymanski – EFAz; Graphic Designs – Karreen Yeneza

Board of Directors: Chair and Secretary – Sharon Bonesteel - SRP

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In Other News

Southern Arizona Chapter News



From Chuck King, Town of Oro Valley

- City of Tucson has named Clayton Trevillyan, C.B.O. as Interim Building Official.
- The Southern Chapter had their ABM November 10, 2015 at Pinnacle Peak Steak House in Tucson. (Sorry, no photos)

Survey Says

15 out of 40 jurisdictions responding plan on looking into or adopting the 2015 I Codes in 2016.



Safety First

CONSTRUCTION'S "FATAL FOUR"

Out of 4,101 worker fatalities in private industry in calendar year 2013, 828 or 20.2% were in construction—that is, one in five worker deaths last year were in construction. The leading causes of worker deaths on construction sites were:

Falls,
Struck By Object,
Electrocution,
Caught-In/Between

These "Fatal Four" were responsible for more than half (57.7%) the construction worker deaths in 2013, BLS reports. Eliminating the Fatal Four would save 478 workers' lives in America every year.

- Falls — 302 out of 828 total deaths in construction in CY 2013 (36.5%)
 - Struck by Object — 84 (10.1%)
 - Electrocutions — 71 (8.6%)
 - Caught-in/between — 21 (2.5%)
- ~Source – osha.gov



REMINDER

January 1st:
Check your Smoke
and Carbon Monoxide
Detectors!



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