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Message from the Chair

Dear Members,

Last year at this time I called upon you to be involved in your Arizona Building Officials, and at the risk of sounding like a broken record I am asking you to do the same this year. Once again for AZBO to be effective in addressing the needs of your jurisdiction your voice must be heard. Attend the AZBO Annual Business Meeting and Awards Dinner, July 29-31, 2014 in Flagstaff Arizona. Your participation will help our organization grow.

AZBO has been working on gaining name recognition to ensure that our voice is heard and that we are seen as the building safety professionals. All throughout building safety month things were happening that had the AZBO stamp on them. From public safety announcements that aired on TV all month long, the drowning prevention fight club, a booth at the Maricopa County Home Show, a Habitat for Humanity project organized by the Permit Tech Committee, and a guest appearance on a radio talk show geared toward home improvements. Our Facebook page continues to be an active site, and planning is underway to improve our website.

Not to mention our cornerstone of education found at each of our Fall and Spring institutes. AZBO is working hard at continuing to provide first class education at an affordable price. And, to be recognized as the building safety professionals. Your organization has been getting the name of AZBO out there. Help us continue to improve. Hope to see you at the ABM.

Sincerely, Randy Westacott





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AZBO Spring Education Institute, April 2014, El Conquistador

Registration and Merchandise Sales









AZBO News



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Southern Arizona Chapter ~Hosted BBQ~

Relay







Classroom Sessions





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Building Safety Month, May 2014

AZBO and **Salt River Project (SRP)** developed 4 PSA's for **Building Safety Month**. The filming shoot location was provided by the Central Chapter's Jeff Fleetham, thank you Jeff. The film crew, equipment and an actor provided by SRP and, the AZBO representative by the Public Relations Committee. It was a great day for the film shoot and fun was had by all. A blooper real would have been a comical item. The PSA's, while focusing on life safety issues, are intended to also bring awareness to the value of the municipal building safety pros and engaging them to make sure all your home improvements are done in accordance with the codes. A huge thank you to SRP and the Public Relations Committee for making this a reality.





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The **City of Phoenix** Planning & Development (P&D) Department celebrated Building Safety Month with a display in the City Hall atrium, promotional giveaways and staff celebrations. At the beginning of the month, staff constructed a display that highlighted common residential building components, a video monitor on a loop, and an informational board. Staff worked with the Public Information Office to create weekly video segments to highlight each week's The display board was updated weekly with photos and theme. Counter staff provided building safety coloring books, handouts. brochures and carpenter pencils to customers throughout the month. P&D staff also collaborated with Phoenix Fire and SRP to provide over 500 water safety kits, CPR Awareness DVDs and pamphlets on green building to customers during Surrounding Your Building with Safety and Building a Brighter, More Efficient Tomorrow weeks. To celebrate the great work P&D staff does throughout the year, the management team also sponsored two staff recognition events during the month.



Left to Right: Donald W. Brown, Mike Grubbs, Seth Starks, Nathan Wright, Mo Glancy



Bob Kaufman and Elaine Noble



SRP Building Safety Month Prize Baskets





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City of El Mirage Building Safety Days Clothing Drive was the charity selected by Ella this year.



Men's Clothing Drive to benefit The Clothing Shop (an El Mirage Charity).

Those who donated clothes were entered into another drawing for an SRP basket- winner was firefighter **Ed Cunningham**.

- AZBO video on Channel 11.
- Banner outside of the fire station.





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From Teresa Smith, Town of Gila Bend.

Building Safety Month was promoted better this year. I'm finally getting the hang of it. In addition to having the Mayor sign the proclamation, I put together packets of information for the community that included all the safety tip sheets, brochures on the benefits of building permits, activity books and stickers for the kids and an ICC pencil. The packets flew off the front counter like hot cakes! I also put up a large display of handouts that included every safety tip I could get my hands on. Thanks to a gentleman from IAE who gave me a visual aid, I displayed a completely damaged electrical cord with tips of what NOT to do with extension cords. The best part though was passing out stickers and giving the kids the ICC activity book and once they finished it, I presented them with their Junior Code Official Training Certificate!







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Arizona Permit Techs, Habitat for Humanity, May 2014







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AZBO ABM July 29 thru July 31, 2014

The **AZBO ABM** will be held at Double Tree by Hilton Hotels 1175 W Route 66 Flagstaff, Arizona. Room block for \$119.00 per night, (double queens).

~ Tuesday July 29th ~ Golf Tournament followed by Chapter Meetings at 4 p.m.

Wednesday July 30th ~
ICC Training 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m..

~Thursday July 31st ~ Annual Business Meeting 8 a.m. until Noon.

Awards Nomination Form is located on AZBO's website. Complete the form and send it <u>info@azbo.us</u>. Be sure to check out Page 2 of the flyer for award descriptions. Nominations are accepted year round however the **deadline** is **June 30**th for Awards to be presented Wednesday July 30, 2014.













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City of Phoenix:

New *Building Official*, **Michael Abegg**. Michael is a registered Civil Engineer and has both a Bachelors and Masters degree in Civil Engineering. He has worked for the City of Phoenix, Planning and Development Department for two years as a Structural Plans Engineer assigned to major commercial projects. Michael also performed as the technical lead for IBC code compliance for the past year. In his two short years with us, Michael has worked on some very complex projects, providing training to staff and selfcertified professionals, and has volunteered on several department committees and working groups. Michael has exceptional technical and analytical skills which will serve him well in this role. Prior to coming to the City of Phoenix, Michael worked for five years as a Structural Engineer at Caruso, Turley, Scott.

Town of Marana:

Would like to announce that **Robin Stout** has taken and passed the *Permit Technician Certification* exam. She has been with the Town of Marana Building Safety Department for 10 months.







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