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I want to thank our Education Committee for their efforts to further enhance the benefits of our spring and fall education institutes. They are charting new territory and reaching out to new organizations creating enhanced benefits for our members and those that participate in our institutes. They are instrumental in the growth of our organization. My hat is off to them.

Our Public Relations Committee has been busy as well. They are deep into what I think is going to make the Arizona Building Officials, (AZBO), a recognizable name. Gearing up for Building Safety Month they are leveraging the generosity of SRP to create some powerful tools that will bring recognition to AZBO throughout the month of May, and provide a great public service to the residents of Arizona. Way to go PR Committee!

I am sure you have noticed the new means of delivery for the Institute information. We are using Constant Contact as our delivery method and also as our registration platform.



I encourage you to use the online registration for the institutes. It is quick and easy to register and provides a digital record of payment and registration. Our Registrar, Terri Roth, has gone to great lengths to learn this new system to provide a more user friendly platform for all of you. Great job Terri!

One of the things we (The Board) have identified is that meeting once a year does not afford us the ability to head up such a great organization as AZBO. We committed at the last ABM to meet three times a year, the ABM and each institute. We too have employed the use of technology with GoToMeeting, and have met three additional times besides the October 30th meeting held at the fall institute. We encourage you to attend our meeting scheduled for April 16th at the spring institute if you can make it.

In closing, AZBO is a volunteer organization. Whether you are a member of the Grand Canyon, Central, or Southern Chapter all of the officers and committee members are donating their time. Please give serious consideration to how you can help improve our organization. We now have a tool, GoToMeeting, that can be employed to help you attend a meeting that is in a distant location. No travel time, just time for the meeting. Please check with your local chapter board members and see how you can contribute to our great organization. We are only as good as our members.

Sincerely,
Randy Westacott
Chairman
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May Is Building Safety Month

What do you have planned?

Our Public Relations Committee is working on what we are calling PSA's. One for each week related to that week's focus, they will be aired on public television during May and shared with member jurisdictions. Please share your departments plan for Building Safety Month with Sharon.bonesteel@srpnet.com. We are trying to get some media coverage of activities throughout the state.

Please take some pictures of your activities to post in the next Newsletter (June).

From ICC's website:

This year's theme is **BUILDING SAFETY: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks**. Each week of Building Safety Month spotlights a specific area of building safety.



In 2010, more than 362,000 residential fires caused 2,555 deaths, more than 13,000 injuries and more than \$6.5 billion in property damage costs.



Making sure your family is prepared for any natural disaster is important. Your actions can ensure that no matter what Mother Nature brings, you, your family and your community will be resilient.

As families move outdoors to enjoy nice weather in spring and summer, special precautions should be taken to ensure outdoor areas are safe from potential hazards. Swimming pools, barbecue grills, gardening tools and fertilizers, and lawn toys all pose risks to children and adults alike.

Building green means living better, smarter and healthier. Just by choosing energy-efficient building materials and supplies, homeowners can make positive changes to both inside and outside environments, creating homes that are better for you and our world.

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Save the Date!

AZBO ABM
July 29, 30, 31
Flagstaff, AZ

More information to be distributed as soon as it is available.

The Awards Committee is accepting nominations for awards to be distributed at the AZBO ABM. **Nominate your peers** for one of the following awards:

Building Official of the Year
Plan Reviewer of the Year
Building Inspector of the Year
Award of Excellence
Brent Snyder Memorial Award
Permit Technician of the Year Award
Member of the Year Award
Companion of the Year Award

Nomination form is located on the Home Page of the AZBO website <http://www.azbo.us/> or contact info@azbo.us



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The Grand Canyon Chapter



Congratulations to **James "Jim" McErlean**, new Building Official, City of Kingman!



Congratulations to **Scott Buzan**, new Building Official, Gila County!



Ronald Durgin, Chief Building Official, Mohave County, along with the **Grand Canyon Chapter** and **AZBO** received recognition in the Mohave County News.

<http://us6.campaign-archive1.com/?u=986fd77e6842ed50fb31170ca&id=0e6d2b6a65>



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The Central Arizona Chapter

Annual Meeting and Swearing in of Officers



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The Southern Arizona Chapter

The Southern Chapter will be hosting the BBQ at the AZBO Spring Education Institute Meet & Greet

Wednesday April 16' 2014.

Special Guests will be Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor, City of Tucson and

David Fitzsimmons, Political Cartoonist, Arizona Daily Star.

Registration information is in the Spring Institute Brochure posted on AZBO's website or contact registrar@azbo.us



Congratulations to Mike Izzo, new Building Official for Cochise County!

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Arizona Permit Tech Committee

2014 Meeting Schedule

Date: Thursday April 24, 2014
Time: 9:00 am. – 12:00 p.m.
Topic: Volunteering and Charity Ideas; Building Safety Month Ideas.
Location: Pinal County Building Safety Department, Florence

Date: July 2014 (date TBD)
Time: Full Day (time TBD)
Topic: Permit Tech Certification Test Prep 2012
Location: Town of Buckeye



Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2014
Time: Full Day (time TBD)
Topic: Maricopa Assessor's Office; Arizona State Library (Archives & Public Records Division); Arizona State Registrar of Contractors.
Location: League of Arizona Cities and Towns, Phoenix.

Watch for agendas to confirm change of venue, date and/or time. Agendas will include additional topic information and directions to the venue.



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