

# AZBO News



Arizona Building Officials

June 2019

## Message from the Chair

It has been a great honor to serve AZBO as its Chairman for the last two years. Next month at the Annual Business Meeting in Payson I will be stepping down as Chair and Brian Uthe will be filling the chairmanship for the next two years.

This year's ABM will be in Payson, AZ July 16-18. We hope all that can will attend. There is a full slate of events, training and of course the business meeting on Thursday.

This year's training will be on Wednesday and will focus on personal development. Dr. Paul Melendez, with the University of Arizona, will present a class on "Strategic and Tactical Innovation". All those in attendance will receive CEU's for the course. Following the class, we will have the Annual Awards Banquet. The awards banquet is always a great time for all that attend. Also, don't forget the Hospitality Suite hosted, Tuesday after the golf tournament, by one of our Agua Azul sponsors Brown & Associates. Their events are always a great time to socialize. I hope to see you all there!

*Agenda attached at the end of this Newsletter.*

**Mike Baxley**

Chairman



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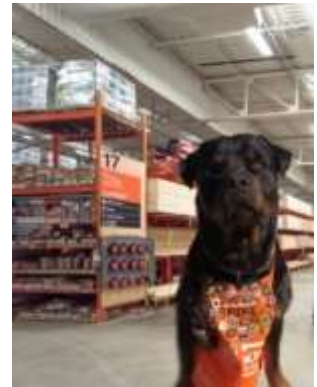
## Building Safety Month



**City of Litchfield Park** had a Scavenger Hunt for their citizens with 10 features to be found throughout the City. Prizes and gift cards were donated for the winners. They also had a weekly Employee Trivia Contest based on information on ICC's website for that week.

**Don Councilor, City of Phoenix** created a video using talking dogs! Home Depot stores in Phoenix made donations to construct two upscale doghouses. The doghouses were raffled off. Check out the video on AZBO's website or with the link below

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Gf94bHIC9NLtI3xkvCTz5LCEiq3htTdl>



**City of Peoria** had a Build a House competition. The winner received a gift card provided by their Director. They also celebrated with Root Beer Floats!



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**Town of Marana Proclamation**  
The Town also provided weekly updates posted to their website



**City of Goodyear Proclamation**



**City of Flagstaff Proclamation**



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**City of Chandler** had their Annual Department Building Safety Month Breakfast, which also served as a retirement event for Mike DeWys, Chief Building Inspector for the City for the past 15 years. The event was attended by the Mayor as well as Dave Nichols, Arizona's ICC Representative. They also had a staff training day.

Below is the link to a video - **A Day in the Life of a Building Inspector:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXqRHHVNEWY>

Lots of photos from Home Depot event, including educating the children!

<https://cityofchandler.smugmug.com/City-Departments/Development-Services/2019-Building-Safety-Month/>



The **Permit Tech Committee** distributed weekly flyers based on each week's topic. The flyers focused on what homeowners could do to help achieve the goals of that week.

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**Town of Gilbert** had a competition between the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floors of Development Services.  
3,767 bottles (63,662 ounces) of water were donated to Midwest Food Bank.  
The winner got bragging rights.



**City of Tempe** formed a committee with members from each workgroup and partnered with the Historic Preservation Office. They had displays with information and handouts as well as contests to engage their customers to participate in Building Safety Month.





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## Arizona Permit Techs

The Permit Tech Committee had a great meeting in the City of Sedona June 6, 2019. Steve Mertes, Building Official, coordinated and provided a presentation on Sustainability.

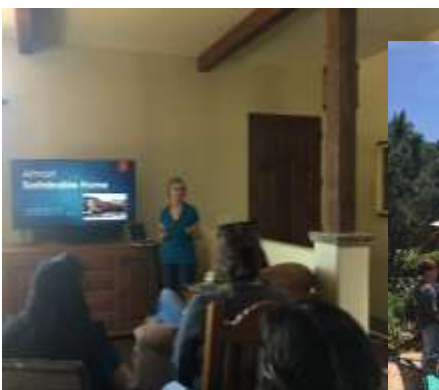
We started off at City Hall with a presentation by Steve along with McKenzie Jones, Sustainability Coordinator. We took a lunch break and had sandwiches from the local Red Rock Deli, sponsored by Willdan. Special thank you to Sandra Vasques, Willdan, for coordinating lunch.



City of Sedona  
Swag Bag



Steve arranged and provided transportation to the home of Darcy Hitchcock. Darcy welcomed us into her home and had a power point presentation on her experience building under sustainable guidelines.



We completed our road trip with a stop at a scenic outlook for a group photo op.

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**From Clayton Trevillian, City of Tucson:**

The City of Tucson has been very busy making changes to improve the permit experience. We recently launched the Inspection Dashboard that allows the public a greater access to inspection information by identifying the inspector assigned, results of their inspection, and links to permit data. This tool has made our field staff's job a little easier, improved labor efficiency, and has significantly cut down on phone calls relating to inspections.

In conjunction with the Inspection Dashboard, we also released the Development Activity map. This tool shows all current development activity by type. Our elected officials are now empowered to answer constituent inquiries about new construction in their area much faster than before. We've found that providing this development information directly to the public saves time for staff which is more valuable than ever in today's sparse labor pool.

Both of these new tools are available at the bottom of the department's home page [tucsonaz.gov/pdsd](http://tucsonaz.gov/pdsd)

**From Scott Buzan, Gila County**

Gila County Community Development has a couple of new hires I would like to introduce to the membership:

**Tara Haupt** was recently hired as a Permit Tech and **Rebecca Borowski** as a Code Compliance Specialist. Both will work out of the Community Development Payson office.

**Shealene Loya** recently joined my team as a Zoning Administrative Assistant in Community Development's Globe office.

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Do you know somebody looking for a job in Building Safety?

There are several job posting on AZBO's website. Check it out!

<https://www.azbo.us/JobOps.html>

At the conclusion of the class provided by Sharon Bonesteel (SRP) for IRC Residential Exam Prep, the group presented Sharon with a personalized gift. Wall art of the book she published, TWAS, along with beautiful flowers. We are looking forward to these ladies taking the ICC Residential Plans Examiner exams.





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## AZBO 2019 Annual Sponsors







JULY 16 - 18  
**2019**

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING



Mazatzal Hotel & Conference Center  
Highway 87 Mile Marker 251

Payson, AZ. 85541

(928) 474-6044    Ask for AZBO Room Rate.





# Annual Business Meeting Agenda

**Mazatzal Hotel & Conference Center**  
**Highway 87, Mile Marker 251, Payson, AZ 85541**  
**Reservation 928-474-6044**

## Tuesday, July 16, 2019

### Golf Tournament

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Registration
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Tee-Off – See attached Flier

### Chapter Meetings – *Contact your local Chapter for information*

<b>4:00 PM</b>	Grand Canyon Chapter Central Chapter Southern Chapter
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## Wednesday, July 18, 2019

<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
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### CONTINUING EDUCATION

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Quick round of introductions
<b>9:15 AM</b>	Dr. Paul Melendez – <i>Strategic and Tactical Innovation</i>

<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	Dr. Paul Melendez – <i>Strategic and Tactical Innovation</i>
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<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>
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<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>AZBO Reception/Cash Bar</b>
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<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Dinner provided by AZBO, and sponsored by Brown &amp; Associates, and SRP. Companions and children welcome</b> <b>Meal Choices are;</b>
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- New York Strip with Mushrooms
- or -
- Chicken Oscar w/crab meat, asparagus, & hollandaise

*Sponsored by: Brown & Associates, SRP,*

### **Annual Awards**

*The Awards Committee will present awards for the following categories:*

Building Official of the Year  
 Plan Reviewer of the Year  
 Member of the Year  
 Achievement in Code Development  
 Achievement in Education  
 Special Service Award  
 Companion of the Year

Building Inspector of the Year  
 Permit Technician of the Year  
 Award of Excellence  
 Brent Snyder Memorial Award  
 Award of Merit  
 Administrative Assistant of the Year  
 Chairman's Award





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**Thursday, July 18, 2019**

<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Dr. Paul Melendez – <i>Reflection and Wrap Up</i></b>
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>I. Call To Order</p> <p>II. Invocation</p> <p>III. Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>IV. Roll Call</p> <p>V. Business Items</p> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>A. Minutes</p> <p>B. Treasurers Report</p> <p>C. Education Committee Report</p> <p>D. Permit Tech Comm. Report</p> <p>E. Public Relations Comm. Report</p> <p>F. State of AZBO</p> <p>G. Region XI</p> <p>H. New Business</p> <p>I. Chapter Reports</p> <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> <p>Grand Canyon</p> <p>Central</p> <p>Southern</p> </div> <p>J. Budget Review</p> <p>K. Committee Sign Up</p> <p>L. Election of Board Members</p> <p>M. ICC Board Report</p> <p>N. Officer Installment</p> </div> <p>VI. Adjournment</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Mike Baxley – Chairman</p> <p>TBD</p> <p>Brian Uthe – Vice Chairman</p> <p>Mike Baxley</p>   <p>Ralph Garcia</p> <p>Randy Westacott</p> <p>Pat Headington</p> <p>Patti Schechter</p> <p>TBD</p> <p>Mike Baxley</p> <p>Brian Uthe</p> <p>Mike Baxley</p> <p>Chapter Presidents</p> <p>Steve White</p> <p>Don Brown</p> <p>Brian Uthe</p> <p>Randy Westacott</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Don Brown</p> <p>Thomas Peterson, ICC Sectional Director</p> <p>Greg Wheeler, ICC Vice President</p> </div> </div>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>



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**Cowboys, Cowgirls & Dance Hall Dolls for  
Cowboy-Up Costume Contest:**

**First \$100.00**

**Second \$50.00**

**Third \$25.00**

**Put your cowboy boots, hats and bandannas  
on & mosey on over to**

**NATIVE GRILL**

**210 AZ-260**

**Payson, AZ**

**TUESDAY JULY 16th**

**6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**Plenty of grub & belly wash will be at the  
watering hole!**

**Stagecoach provided from  
Mazatzal Hotel to Native Grill  
throughout the evening**



**COWBOY-UP  
HOSPITALITY NIGHT**

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