



# AZBO News

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## Message from the Chair



Greetings All,

**The ABM:** The AZBO Annual Business Meeting, July 13<sup>th</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup>, was a huge success! It was held at the beautiful Poco Diablo Resort in Sedona. It opened with a golf tourney at the Oak Creek Country Club organized by Steve Brown and sponsored by: AZBO, Brown & Associates, Salt River Project, Shums Coda and Stantec. A good time was had by all. Chapter meetings occurred in the afternoon, and Brown & Associates sponsored a Hospitality Night at the Javelina Cantina. Wednesday and Thursday featured a presentation by Dr. Paul Melendez from the Eller College of Management at the U of A on the Enterprise Performance Model (EPM), sponsored by AZBO. As always, Dr. Melendez initiated interactive conversations mixed with hi-jinks and gave the participants the chance to put the training into their own words. Wednesday's dinner was provided by AZBO and sponsored by Brown & Associates and SRP. It was followed by the AZBO Annual Awards Presentation put on by the Awards Committee. It was lively and a great opportunity to get to know many of the people who volunteer their time and effort for AZBO. The Awards Presentation was sponsored by Brown & Associates and Salt River Project.

Thursday wrapped up with the Annual Business Meeting: active committees gave reports of activities, Brian Uthe gave the State of AZBO address, AZBO is financially stable and moving forward. Amy Palmer presented on the Grand Canyon Chapter, Larry Taylor presented on the Central Chapter, and Dave Spurlock presented on the Southern Chapter- all are sound. Officers were elected: Brian Uthe became Immediate Past Chairman; Steve White became Chairman; Don Brown became Vice-Chairman; Amy Palmer became Treasurer; and Dave Spurlock became Secretary. Officers were installed by Tom Peterson, Board Member for the International Code Council. Congratulations to all! Thanks to all our incredible sponsors!

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**The ICC Conference and Hearings:** The annual ICC Conference and Code Public Comment Hearings take place September 19<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Several of our members are planning to attend. The ICC Board of Directors Meeting takes place on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Membership Council Meetings take place on Sunday morning and Regional Meetings take place in the afternoon with a reception to follow. Monday begins with the ICC ABM followed by Committee and Council Meetings. Tuesday starts the Public Comment Hearings and is capped off with the Connections Gala. The Code Hearings continue through the 26<sup>th</sup>. I encourage all of you to attend the Code Hearings- this is the meat and potatoes of Code changes and updates.

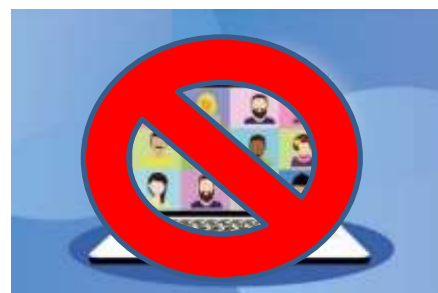
**The 2021 AZBO Fall Education Institute:** The AZBO Fall Education Institute will be held October 11 through 13 IN PERSON at the Double Tree Hilton in Mesa. 16 classes will be offered over the three-day Institute. Please take advantage of these IN PERSON classes. This is a great opportunity for Learning, Networking and Advancement!

Be Safe Out There

*Steve White*  
AZBO Chair



**ICC Code Hearings** will be “IN PERSON” only. There will not be a virtual portion available for interaction. You will be able to observe only online.







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## AZBO ABM ~ Golf Tournament 7-13-21




1<sup>st</sup> Place:  
Dave Spurlock

2<sup>nd</sup> Place:  
Doug Ryder  
& Liz Floyd

3<sup>rd</sup> Place:  
Steve Brown







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## AZBO ABM ~ Brown & Associates Hospitality Night 7-13-21





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## AZBO ABM ~ Education 7-14 & 15-2021

This year the professional training portion of the AZBO Annual Meeting featured Professor Paul Melendez from the Eller College of Management at the University of AZ in Tucson. Dr. Melendez shared the Enterprise Performance Model; a method of bringing diverse groups within an organization together to implement a goal of mutual benefit. The term “enterprise” can refer to a project or undertaking, typically one that is difficult or requires effort, or a business or company. The current usage references projects or undertakings that span across an entire company or business. Melendez explained the critical components necessary for these groups to function at their highest level.

While many of us have participated in a task force or a joint department committee, examining the importance of going through each of the steps was enlightening. The first two steps are critical to help individuals in the group understand their value to the team. Trust gets built when private agendas are removed from the picture and the team commits to the common goal, understanding how the project will benefit each of them. These steps are often forgotten when the directive comes down from above, and we don’t take the time to lay the foundation of a high-performance team. Clear goals, methods, and timelines, all happen more effectively when everyone has been brought through steps one and two.

For teams to continue to function at the highest level these steps need to be reviewed as each new project is pursued. Throughout the entire process communication is the key. Dr. Melendez took all of us through an exercise where minimal direction resulted in significantly different outcomes! All in good fun, we all walked away with new tools to bring back to our jurisdictions and departments.



Thank you Sharon Bonesteel (SRP), for the great recap!





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## AZBO ABM ~ Annual Banquet & Awards Ceremony 7-14-21



*Building Official of the Year*  
**Stephen Dudley**, City of Phoenix

*Building Inspector of the Year*  
**Roberto Teran**, Santa Cruz County

*Plan Reviewer of the Year*  
**James Dawson**, City of Chandler

*Permit Technician of the Year*  
**Kathryn Schmidt**, Coconino County

*Member of the Year*  
**Pat Headington**, Yuma County

*Award of Excellence*  
**Erik Zavala**, Town of Gilbert

*Brent Snyder Memorial Award*  
**Steve Burger**, Retired

*Achievement in Education*  
**Sharon Bonesteel**, SRP

*Award of Merit*  
**Mike Baxley**, Town of Cave Creek

*Special Services Award*  
**Patti Schechter**, Brown & Associates

*Chairman's Award (x4)*  
**Mike Baxley**, Town of Cave Creek  
**Randy Westacott**, City of Goodyear  
**Pat Headington**, Yuma County  
**Patti Schechter**, Brown & Associates

### AZBO HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

**Dave Nichols**, Retired,  
Arizona's former ICC Representative



A special thanks to the Grand Canyon Chapter for arranging Stargazing with Dennis Young after the Awards Banquet.



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## AZBO ABM ~ Annual Meeting & Election of Officers 7-15-21

- ICC Update by Jim Cika
- NFPA Update by Bob Sullivan
- Chapter and Committee Updates



### Officers for the next two fiscal years (July 2021 thru June 2023):

Chair – Steve White, Coconino County  
 Vice Chair – Don Brown, City of Phoenix  
 Secretary – Dave Spurlock, Town of Marana  
 Treasurer – Amy Palmer, City of Flagstaff  
 Past Chair – Brian Uthe, U of A

### Board Members:

Mike Baxley, Town of Cave Creek\*  
 Matt Hazelton, Southwest Gas  
 Adam Hicks, Coconino County  
 Larry Taylor, Town of Gilbert

\*Update: at the subsequent Central Chapter Meeting, Dennis Chase, City of Peoria, has taken the place of Mike Baxley as an AZBO Board Member





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## In Other News

### AZBO AWARDS

The Awards Committee is changing things up! Two awards are being added.

 **Community Service Award.**

 **Leadership Award.**

The revised Nomination Form with award descriptions will be distributed soon, as well as updated on the AZBO website.

*Who will be the first to receive these prestigious awards?*

### Changes to the AZPT Board

Thank you to **Ella Brambila**, City of El Mirage, and **Jill Austin**, City of Peoria, for your years of service as AZPT Board Members.



Welcome to **Tracie Wilgus**, Town of Cave Creek, and **Dana Blake**, Yavapai County.

We look forward to exciting things happening in the coming year!



Congratulations to **Becky Oium**, City of Sedona. She has been promoted from Permit Tech to Residential Plans Examiner I.



Tom Ewers has retired from Maricopa County.

Rest in Peace Bernie Deutsch  
Deutsch Architecture Group







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From **Shicheng Tao**, Building Official, City of Chandler

The City of Chandler has been growing and developing rapidly. To keep the Building Safety Division's staffers to be aware of the bigger picture in terms of the City's growth and development, the Economic Development Director Micah Miranda was invited aboard to give us a presentation in our Building Safety Division staff monthly meeting. Mr. Miranda shared about the Economic Development Department's business functions and operations and introduced the on-going and upcoming challenging projects, including the Intel's \$20B new fabs in the Ocotillo campus. It was a great turn out, and we all learned a lot from his presentation. We wish we could arrange this type of meeting earlier and more frequently. The Development Services Department Building Safety Division staffers are looking forward to collaborating further with the Economic Development Department for better serving the City of Chandler and its citizens at large. We also invited the Development Services Department Divisions' Managers to share with us about their division's business functions and operations in our Building Safety Division staff monthly meeting. Indeed, this educational information exchange was important for our staffers in terms of driving further collaboration between divisions within the department and serving external and internal customers in a professional and responsive manner. We are currently recruiting Sr. Plans Examiner and Sr. Building Inspector to join with us in this dynamic team. We will be recruiting Structural Engineer/Structural Plans Examiner, Building Inspector, and Building Inspector (contract) to join the team on the road. For updated information on the job postings, please visit the City of Chandler web site

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/chandleraz>

From **Clayton Trevillyan**, City of Tucson

**SolarApp+** - - More than 10 years ago, Pima County and the City of Tucson applied to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Solar America Cities program to establish the Solar One Stop to promote solar use in the region.

Since then, Pima County and the City of Tucson have been some of the first and the largest jurisdictions in the United States to help DOE's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) pilot the permitting software, created with help from the International Code Council, UL, solar industry, the Solar Foundation and others. Using **SolarAPP+**, registered solar contractors can submit their system designs for immediate code compliance review and subsequent permits. Projects must meet criteria to use SolarAPP including rooftop, residential. Projects located in a flood, hillside, or historic zone must be submitted for a traditional review.

**ADU-** A proposal to allow casitas, or Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), in Tucson has been developed based on input from the public and a stakeholder group and will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at a continued Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 15 at 6pm. Currently, these types of units are restricted to either a guest house without a kitchen, or are considered a second dwelling unit and



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can only be built on large lots. This proposal would make it easier to build casitas across the city. The draft proposal would allow:

- One ADU to be built on any residential lot in the city (meaning a lot with one or two homes)
- The maximum size of the ADU would be 1,000 square feet for lots over 7,000 square feet and 750 square feet on lots under 7,000 square feet
- All other dimensional standards, including maximum building height, lot coverage, and setbacks would apply
- One parking space would be required per ADU, which could be waived for sites that are a quarter-mile from transit or a bike boulevard; on-street parking can also be used
- Each newly constructed ADU would be required to have a cool roof

**EV Charging** – As electric vehicles (EVs) become more commonplace, the need to charge your vehicle is also rising. There are more than 1.8 million EVs registered in the U.S. and Arizona has the 7th highest quantity per state. There are 50 EV models currently available and that number is expected to rise to 130 different electric vehicles to choose from by 2023. Charging an EV at home is the most popular solution for daily commuters. Having the electrical infrastructure installed when the house is built reduces installation cost while encouraging more EV purchases.

On June 22, 2021, Mayor and Council approved an amendment to the International Residential Code to require electric vehicle (EV) charging outlets in all new one- and two-family dwellings. What does this mean? In short, all new plan reviews will require a 40-amp circuit and a receptacle near a parking space. The language was prepared to be as universal as possible so virtually every EV on the market in the US can be plugged in to new houses, duplexes, and townhomes.

This is a great step forward to support the City of Tucson EV Roadmap and our progress to a more sustainable Tucson. We are currently developing another ordinance that applies to new commercial and multifamily housing to expand access to EV charging and ownership to as many people as possible regardless of income or housing conditions.

**APA** - The City of Tucson will discontinue the option to use Advance Payment Accounts (APA) to facilitate the transition to a new multi-departmental permitting system and given other online payment options currently available, including credit card and ACH (electronic check). APA accounts will be phased out over the next few months with ample time for larger projects and developers who currently rely on these accounts to adjust and establish alternate means of payment.

**Key Dates:**

- August 15, 2021 - last day City of Tucson will accept APA deposits to existing accounts. No new accounts will be established after this date.
- September 30, 2021 - last day for an applicant to use an existing APA account
- October 1 thru December 31 – APA accounts will be reconciled and positive balances refunded to account holders.





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~ Don Brown, City of Phoenix, AZBO Board Member

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