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Message from the Chair

Fellow AZBO Members,

I am honored and excited to step into the role of AZBO Chair and serve this incredible community of professionals dedicated to building safety and code excellence. It is a privilege to follow in the footsteps of those who have led with dedication throughout the years. I want to thank them for their continued commitment and contributions that make our chapter strong and vibrant. Our committee members, board members, Executive Coordinator, volunteers, sponsors and chapter members are key to the success AZBO has had and will continue to have.

Our chapter plays a vital role in promoting education, leadership, and collaboration within the building industry, code enforcement profession and development communities. As we move forward, my priority is to foster an inclusive environment where every member feels empowered to contribute, lead, and grow. In the coming weeks, I'll be reaching out to the volunteer committees to discuss their vision and initiatives to expand educational opportunities, strengthen membership outreach and foster deeper collaboration within our organization, communities and with our industry partners.

My journey with AZBO began over 20 years ago when I attended an educational institute several years before coming to Arizona as a code professional. AZBO provided outstanding training that I could not get in the state I worked in. I have had the opportunity to collaborate on the education committee, serve on the board, learn and grow alongside many of you and build lasting professional relationships and friendships. These experiences helped shape my commitment to this organization and its members and my appreciation of the incredible work done by all, every day.

This coming year, my focus will be on strengthening our chapter by:

- Expanding Training Opportunities
- Promoting Member Engagement
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- Enhancing Community Outreach
- Supporting Emerging Professionals

I invite you to get involved. Whether it's attending our upcoming meetings, volunteering for a committee, sharing your expertise at an institute, or connecting with fellow members—your participation is what drives our success in meeting our goals. Together we can build a stronger chapter. I encourage all to reach out to me, your chapter leaders or any of our committee and board members to share how we can make AZBO the best we can be for our membership.

Barbara Rice, AZBO Chair



P.S. SAVE THE DATE- October 6-9 Fall Education Institute in Mesa, AZ

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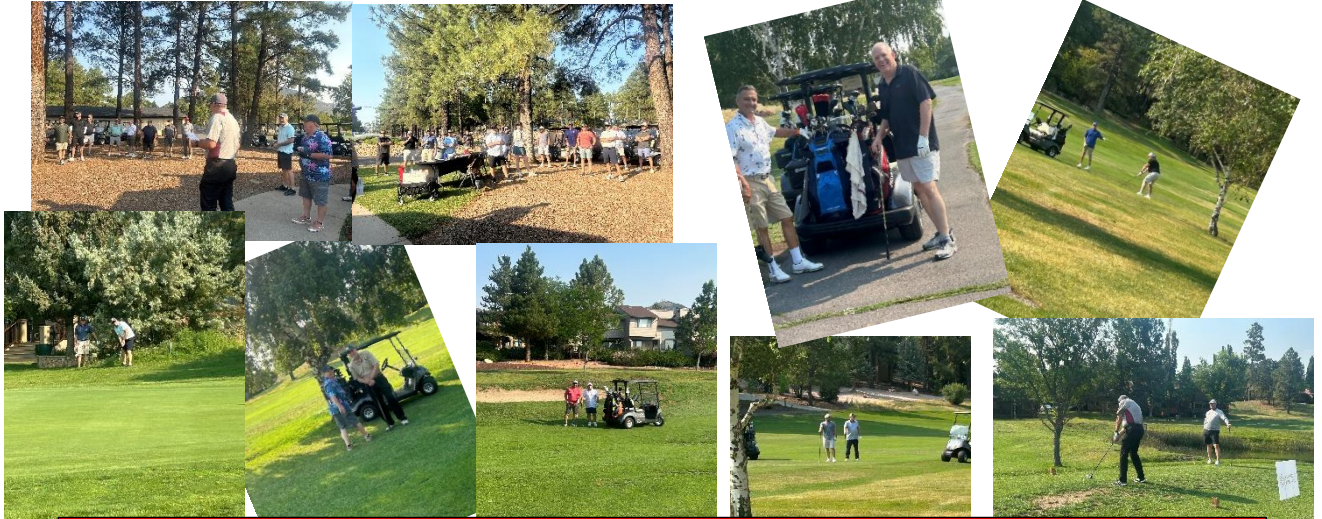


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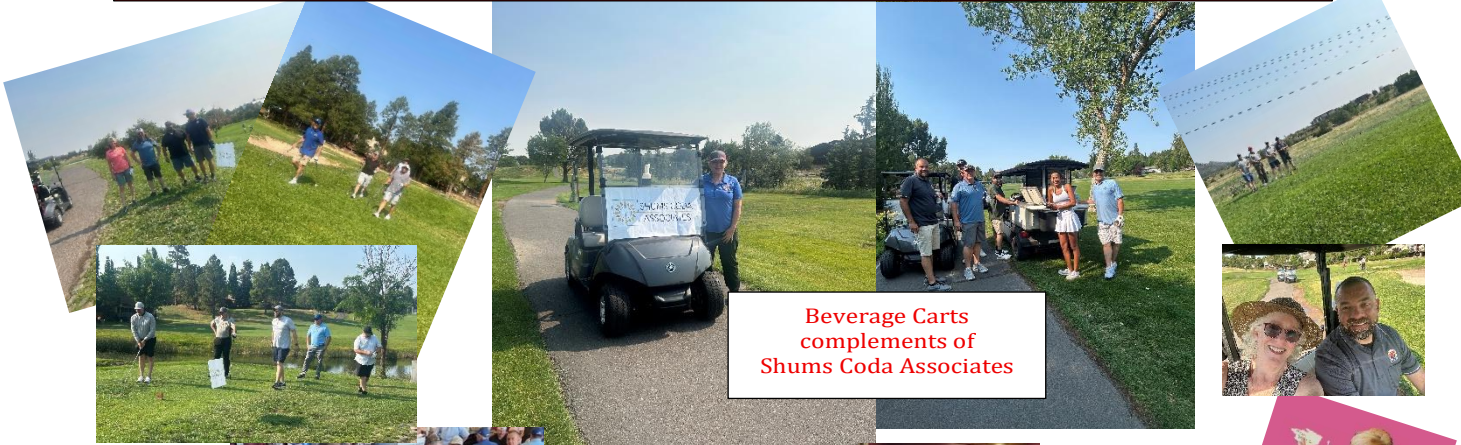
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B&A Hospitality Night

COWBOY UP!



Costume Prize Winners



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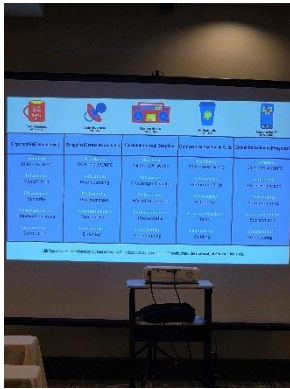


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Leading through Generational Differences

Dr. Paul Melendez



Team Exercise



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MEMBER OF THE YEAR
Don Brown

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
Michael McMillan

BUILDING OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR
Mark Sipes

BUILDING INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR
Conor Lynch

PLAN REVIEWER OF THE YEAR
Leslie Wager

PERMIT TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR
Chryssy-Mae Houth

ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION
Brad Mecham

LEADERSHIP AWARD
Suzanne Jordan

AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE
Barbara Rice

AWARD OF SPECIAL SERVICE
Tara Gallagher

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD
Tara Gallagher

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD
Michael Grubbs

**Thank you for your
contributions to AZBO**



**Congratulations to
Randall Westacott**
It is such an honor to be one
of seven Lifetime Members of
AZBO



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Annual Business Meeting

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Opening Invocation ~ Deon Chee
Video on AZBO's website >>[HERE](#)



ICC Representative
John Belcik, CEO



Outgoing AZBO Chair
Don Brown



Incoming AZBO Chair
Barbara Rice

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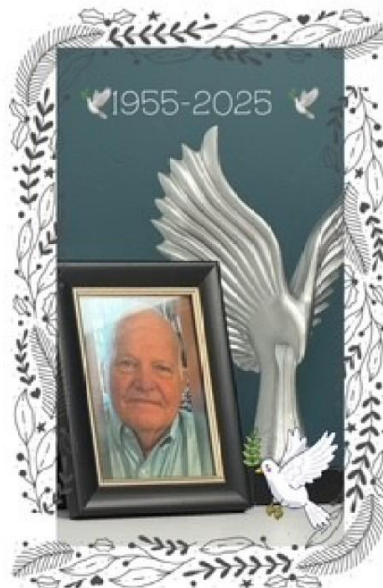
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From **Clayton Trevillyan**, Building Official, Inspections, City of Tucson, as presented at the AZBO ABM

The **Resilient Southwest Collaborative** brings together communities, tribes, researchers, practitioners, and decision-makers across Arizona and New Mexico to advance climate resilience in the region. Through equitable partnerships and science-based strategies, the Collaborative works to reduce climate risks, promote equitable housing, and strengthen community capacity. **Training opportunities** on the International Energy Conservation Code are available to jurisdictional staff provided by the International Code Council. Get involved and share your voice on how the collaborative can help your southwestern community [here](#).



In Memory of **Bert Stone**, Founder at AZ Code Consulting



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Arizona Permit Tech Committee

The AZPT recently held a training class at the City of El Mirage, “Structural Plan Review for Permit Techs” instructed by **Mary Dickson**.



Thank you to Mary for the very interactive and fun class, building garages and sheds, including trusses and shear walls, the class was a hit with everyone! Approximately 15 years ago, Mary taught a class for the Permit Techs with “popsicle sticks” that we used to build structures and we were wanting something along those lines again, Mary did not disappoint!



We would also like to thank **Willdan** for their gracious sponsorship, providing lunch and their continued support to the Permit Tech committee!



Thank you to the **City of El Mirage** for hosting by providing donuts and beverages, assistance with setting up/cleaning up, and providing an amazing venue for the Permit Tech training.



Congratulations to our winners of the raffles!

Kari Sroufe – City of Goodyear

Ruby Arviza – City of Tolleson

These classes are intended to help expand the knowledge of Permit Techs, we thank you for attending and look forward to more training to come!



The Arizona Permit Techs are a Committee of AZBO. Thank you to the Arizona Building Officials for almost 20 years of continued support.

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In Other News

From **Carl Montgomery**, Chief Building Official, City of Surprise



Welcome, **Don McGlaughlin** – Building Inspector I

We're excited to welcome Don McGlaughlin to our team! He brings over 20 years of construction experience, including plumbing and framing, along with three ICC certifications. Don's code knowledge and hands-on expertise make him a great addition to the department.

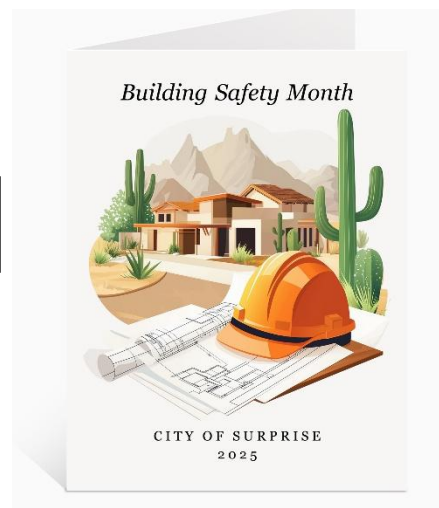
Congratulations, **Luis Lopez**

Please join us in congratulating Luis Lopez on passing the Residential Plans Examiner Certification exam! This achievement reflects his dedication to professional growth and strengthens our department's overall expertise. Well done, Luis!

Welcome, **Don Ruffin** – Building Inspector II

We're pleased to welcome Don Ruffin to the team! Don has over 15 years of carpentry experience and 18 years as a homebuilding superintendent. As an ICC Certified Residential Building Inspector, he brings valuable insight and commitment to quality.

**Building Safety Month
Staff Thank you Cards**



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



The City of Chandler has officially proclaimed May 2025 as Building Safety Month. This year's theme, "Game On!" encourages individuals to get involved in learning about and practicing building safety. Throughout May, the City of Chandler participated in the ICC's 45th Annual Building Safety Month, a global initiative led by the ICC and its members and partners to highlight the importance of building codes. The campaign aims to educate the public about solutions that enhance the safety, sustainability, affordability, and resilience of buildings and communities. In recognition of the dedication and hard work of building safety professionals on the front lines, Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke, City Manager Josh Wright, and other city officials joined these professionals at an Appreciation Luncheon in the Development Services Department on May 1.



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From **Suzanne Garrido**, Permit Supervisor, City of Tempe



The 45th annual Building Safety Month is being celebrated internationally during the month of May to raise awareness about building safety. This celebration reinforces the need for the adoption of modern, regularly updated building codes, and helps individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. Everyone is encouraged to learn about the essential work of the Community Development Building Safety Team.

For the month of May, you could visit the lobby of Community Development Department to pick up information on Careers in Code Administration, various informational handouts on code safety, and backyard/pool safety tips. They even have a “Kids Corner” that has coloring books and stickers.

For more information on Building Safety Month, please visit <https://www.iccsafe.org/building-safety-journal/bsj-dives/building-safety-month-has-come-a-long-way/>.



Left-right - Scott Sherman, Anna Miramontes, Dlynn Loughead, Marci Stockwell, Lynn Flaaen-Hanna, Pedro Marquez-Soto, and Joel Oliveros

From **Maggie Roby**, Community Outreach Coordinator/Tribal Liaison, Arizona Register of Contractors

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From **Jason Blakley**, Assistant Director Plan Review Division, City of Phoenix



Building Official

Matthew Miles has been appointed as Acting Building Official/Deputy Director. Mathew has worked for the City of Phoenix and an additional 10 years of experience working for private engineering firms. Matthew holds a BS degree in civil engineering from ASU and is a registered civil engineer. In his new role, he will oversee our Building Official section and will work on code modifications, interpretations and alternative materials applications. He will also be responsible for ensuring consistency in code interpretations and assisting with consistency between plan review and inspections staff.

Inspections Deputy Director

Jack Roberts has been promoted to Inspections Deputy Director. Jack has been with the city for over 20 years and has served in numerous roles. In his new role, he will oversee all our inspection teams including civil, commercial building, residential building, fire, backflow, annual facilities program and our communications team. Jack will be focused on process improvements, supporting his teams, managing division resources and delivering excellent customer service.

Building Safety Month

During Building Safety Month 2025, the City highlighted the International Code Council's official theme, "Game On!" PDD staff developed a multi-channel campaign connecting the theme with staff spotlights and community education. Content was focused on educating residents on how building code affects everything from fire safety and energy efficiency to accessibility and structural integrity. Highlights of the campaign included a poem written by Deputy Director Jack Roberts, featured on the ICC's website in celebration of Building Safety Month, and the announcement of the City's upcoming adoption of the 2024 Phoenix Building Construction Codes.

Building Code Adoption

On June 18, 2025 the Phoenix City Council voted to adopt the 2024 Phoenix Building Construction Code (PBCC). The new building code becomes effective August 1, 2025. To support the transition, a grace period will be provided for in-process projects and special cases approved by the Planning and Development Department. Click [here](#) to learn more about the adoption.

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AZBO 2025 Annual Sponsors

AZBO Sponsor, **Deutsch Architecture Group** was selected by NAIOP as Architect of the Year! Congratulations!



From Left>Right: Riley Johnson, Katie Rausch, David Calcaterra, Elisa Tostado, Leo Marin, Dani Smith, Randy Hilleboe

Architecture with a vision...Yours



BEST OF NAIOP
Architect of the Year 2025

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