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Message from the AZBO Board

Dear AZBO Members and Sponsors,

I am Don Brown, and I am currently the Vice-Chairman for AZBO. I will become the Chairman in July at the AZBO ABM in Prescott (July 18th, 19th & 20th). We will be providing details on the ABM shortly after the AZBO Spring institute is completed.

As an introduction, I will explain some things about AZBO and provide a summary of who I am.

AZBO is made up of four ICC Chapters in Arizona. The Grand Canyon Chapter, the Central Arizona Chapter, the Southern Arizona Chapter, and the State Chapter. The State Chapter oversees the training institutes, the ABM and provides general direction for AZBO. The State Board is made up of three members from each Chapter, so all Chapters are equally represented.

I am currently employed by the City of Phoenix as a Team Leader over the Annual Facilities Program (industrial) and the Elevator Inspection Sections. I have been in Code Enforcement for 22 years as an inspector, supervisor and now as a section head. I currently hold 13 code certifications, 10 of which are ICC certifications. I have served on all levels of AZBO at the Chapter level and on the State level. I was previously the AZBO Chairman from 2015-2017. I have been married for 31 years, I have two children and two grandchildren. I highly recommend having grandkids.

I am very honored to be in the position to serve in this role again. I want to encourage you to introduce yourself if you see me at an upcoming AZBO event. I am most interested in how we can make AZBO better and increase participation from our members as volunteers for various committees, boards, and public relation events. Thank you

Don Brown

AZBO Vice- Chairman



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Stantec has proudly supported AZBO for over 25 years.

Our staff have worked on many AZBO committees including Education, Code, Permit Techs, etc. Our team has worked alongside many of you, talked at our sponsor booth, or golfed at the ABM. Stantec's dedication to the codes and clients matches our commitment to AZBO.



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Mike and Malinda Brown have spent two decades building a dynamic team of Building Safety Professionals and treasure each of our staff members that are part of our Team. We enjoy working with our client base on various projects and cherish giving back to our communities and people around us.

Brown & Associates are large sponsors of AZBO, The Miracle House (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community), and Desert Diamond Casinos (an Enterprise of the Tohono O'odham Nation).

Golf Tournament Sponsorships



The following charities count on B&A for financial support:

Phoenix Rescue Mission, Phoenix Police & Fire Fighters, Habitat for Humanity, Wounded Warriors, and Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation, just to name a few.



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Shums - (Noun): 1. Sun; 2. Light; 3. Brilliance; 4. Knowledge

Coda - (Noun): 1. Final section of a musical piece - a final section that adds dramatic energy to the work as a whole, usually through intensified rhythmic activity; 2. Extra text - an additional section at the end of a text, for example, a literary work or speech that gives additional information.



Shums Coda Associates provides building and fire code plan review and inspection services to municipal and other governing jurisdictions responsible for building and life safety code enforcement. We can augment your staff or provide on-call inspection and plan review services as needed. Shums Coda Associates also provides excellent training to meet your needs, as Colorado Code Consulting is now part of our organization, with Steve Thomas overseeing our Education programs.

We have recently expanded our fire services, providing fire code plan review, fire inspection and other fire service consulting.

Excellent Customer Service

Shums Coda Associates strives to provide the highest caliber of customer service possible. As we have a highly qualified and experienced staff, we expect our plan review and inspection services to be technically superior and able to cite applicable code sections for reference to all information requested.

We Value Long-Term Relationships

It is equally important for Shums Coda Associates to be a long-term partner with the jurisdictions and their clients. There is always a great deal of pressure related to the building process; as consultants, we understand that our role can be instrumental in the public perception of jurisdictional effectiveness, and ultimately a gauge for our inclusion in the development process. We strive to provide services that are considered seamless and counted as a valuable extension of the actual building staff. We take the approach that all of our services contribute to a long-term relationship that will change with the expectations and needs of each jurisdiction or project. Shums Coda Associates is not fixated on the present, but rather focused on reaching the future horizon together with our clients.

Our relationship with our clients is not our long-term priority as we value our employees and provide competitive pay and benefits, striving to maintain excellent members of our team.

For more information, contact Barbara Rice, Arizona Regional Manager at Barbara.rice@shumscoda.com. Or stop by our booth at the Spring AZBO Education Institute in Tucson, April 24-28, 2023.



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BUREAU VERITAS NEWSLETTER



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Bureau Veritas has succeeded in consolidating the confidence of the building industry and the public sector agencies by living and promoting a business philosophy centered on quality, integrity, and proficiency. We assist by providing plan review to ensure plans and specifications to new and renovated facilities such as residential and commercial buildings, hospitals, and universities (etc.), are built to applicable codes and standards. We specialize in listening to customers, understanding exactly what they need, and selecting accordingly the people and resources to effectively meet and exceed expectations. With BV's team of experts, extensive list of services tailored to client needs, and focus on quality and compliance, you can rest assured that BV is your top choice for plan reviews and inspections.

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS

Experience: As the largest plan review firm in the United States, Bureau Veritas has become a national and global leader in construction code compliance services. Our growth is the result of repeat clients and client referrals.

Expertise: Our Licensed Engineers and Certified International Code Council Reviewers and Inspectors are proficient in the application of design and testing standards and have participated in the development of these standards on many levels.

Network: The worldwide Bureau Veritas network has over 80,000 employees with 1,500 offices worldwide including 50+ offices throughout the United States, including a local office in Scottsdale, one in Las Vegas, NV and four in Southern California. Our global reach has allowed us to provide quality inspection services to property owners and managers in multiple locations.

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Upcoming Events



The **AZBO Spring Education Institute**
April 24 through April 27, 2023
Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort
Tucson, AZ

Registration information is on AZBO's website:
<https://www.azbo.us/events.html>



SAVE THE DATE

Ride for Roger, AZBO's Legacy Run

In memory of those Building Safety Professionals who have gone before us.
Saturday, May 20, 2023



We will start at Norterra in Phoenix.
Caravan up I-17 and around to Payson.
BBQ Lunch in Payson.



Continue down and around to Bass Pro Shop in Mesa.
Head off in your own direction or continue back to Norterra.
That's the Plan! More information will be distributed shortly as well as
registration information and sponsor recognition.



The **AZBO ABM**
July 18 through July 20, 2023
Prescott, AZ

Information will be posted on AZBO's website when it is available.

Nominate your peers now for AZBO Awards
Nomination form is on AZBO's website:
<https://www.azbo.us/committees.html>



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May is Building Safety Month



It Starts with YOU!



Week 1 – May 1st through 7th

Building Safety Starts at Home

Week 2 – May 8th through 14th

Building Safety Professionals and you

Week 3 – May 15th through 21st

Prepare Your Community

Week 4 – May 22nd through 28th

Advocate for your Community

Week 5 – May 29th through 31st

Solving Challenges Together

What did your jurisdiction/company do for Building Safety Month?

Send info and pictures for the June Newsletter to

patti@brownandassociates.net !

Arizona Permit Tech Committee

The Permit Tech Committee is excited to announce

Teresa Dimas, City of Phoenix,

has joined the Board. Welcome Teresa!



There is still another opening on the Board. If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact Tabby, AZPT Chair, at Tabitha.Villaverde@gilbertaz.gov. I would be great if someone from the Southern Arizona Chapter would be interested in joining to round out the Committee, although Southern AZ location is not required.

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Jurisdiction Contributions

From Roxanne Jasman, Chief Building Official, Town of Camp Verde

The Town of Camp Verde Building Department is pleased to announce the following recent promotions and additions to our team:

Promotions:

Jonathan Rivero was promoted to the recently created position of Senior Building Inspector, after demonstrating and completing all necessary requirements of his career path ladder for advancement.

Chris Biggs was recently promoted from Permit Technician to Plans Examiner.

Jessica Bolton received her Permit Technician Certification and was promoted to Permit Technician II, as she has demonstrated and completed all necessary requirements of her career path ladder for advancement.

Additions:

Josh Presmyk was hired as our new Building Inspector I, replacing Jonathan Rivero's vacancy.

Rita Severson was hired on as a Permit Tech I to replace Chris Biggs's vacancy.

Camp Verde's been discovered! We are growing quickly and have assembled an amazing team. I'm so proud of all of them!



From Dale Crandell, Retired Building Official, City of Tolleson

After 16 ½ years March 1, 2023 was my last day with the City of Tolleson. I am officially retired!
Congratulations Dale!



From Carl Montgomery, Chief Building Official, City of Surprise

I would like to announce the following promotions for the City of Surprise:

Oliver Williams has been promoted to Plans Examiner II

Bill Peckinpugh has been promoted to Plans Examiner II



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From Tiersa Johnson, Plans Examiner, Sr, Pinal County

We have some employees that have passed their Certifications.



Nadine Diaz- Passed her Permit Technician Certification

Kelly Padilla-Passed her IRC B1 Building Inspector Certification

Aaron McClaw- Passed his IBC B3 Commercial Plans Examiner Certification



**From Bob Graffus, CBO, Building Inspection Administrator,
City of Chandler**



Year in Review and Looking Forward to 2023

Well, it was another busy, and even landmark year for the Building Safety Division here in Chandler, AZ. In the year 2022, our department issued 4,466 building permits with a combined valuation of \$1,684,017,022 (That's not a typo, that's \$1.6 billion). It is also worth mentioning that in 2022, 99% of all permitting, plan submittals and plan reviews were done digitally and online, and this in itself is a major accomplishment for the city and help us keep up with the modern world and the changes that come with it. In addition to the number of permits issued in 2022, we also had a little announcement from a local company called Intel (you might have heard of them?) that they were going to invest another \$20 billion dollars into the Chandler Ocotillo Intel facility with not one, but two new semi-conductor facilities (Fab 52 and Fab 62) bringing the number of fabrication facilities located within the Ocotillo campus to six and at the same time creating numerous high-tech jobs, construction jobs and jobs at local business expanding in Chandler that serve the Intel facilities. As if that was not enough, the City of Chandler also saw 2022 as a code adoption year where the 2021 I-Codes were adopted and became effective on July 1, 2022. As many of you know, the code adoption process can be a long-involved process taking many staff members and a lot of time. With amendments, board of appeals approvals, city council meetings, input from the building community as well as the many hours of internal training while preparing for these code adoptions and implementation our staff was able to accomplish this and still maintain the high level of customer service that the City of Chandler is known for.

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As if the biggest construction project in Chandler history along with a code change year wasn't enough, the City of Chandler also went through its largest Classification and Compensation study which evaluated all positions within not only the Building Safety Division but all positions with the City of Chandler to bring our jobs and our compensation in line with the current job market to retain current employees and entice others to join the Chandler team. This, along with the Intel expansion, allowed the Building Inspection team to add an additional two Temporary Building Inspector positions to help with the anticipated workloads.

Chandler also had a stellar year for internal staff training. The city has always encouraged its employees to take advantage of training opportunities and in past years this training was for the most part undocumented. The City of Chandler now uses a program called LEAF (Learn, Engage, Achieve, Flourish), with this software our staff is able to enroll in City offered training as well as enter all external learning into a database that ultimately helps the City of Chandler's Insurance Services Office rating (a rating given to municipalities that affects many things including insurance rates within the city) and it also helps better our current employees and prepare them for internal career advancement opportunities. You have heard the saying that goes something like train them so that they can leave and gain employment anywhere but treat them well enough, so they do not want to leave, this is the City of Chandler's philosophy. Speaking of training and education, we are proud to say that collectively between our Plan Review and Building Inspection staff we currently hold 171 International Code Council certifications and because Chandler offers an environment that encourages training this number should increase every year.

Well, we here in Chandler most definitely had a memorable and landmark year in 2022 and we welcome the challenges 2023 will present us. Armed with a great and knowledgeable staff, the City of Chandler Building Safety Division is ready for whatever the building industry places before us.



**From Randal Westacott, Chief Building Official,
City of Goodyear**

The City of Goodyear is continuing to experience elevated levels of commercial and industrial construction. The I-10 and 303 running through our city has positioned us for a flurry of industrial development close to the two freeways. We are also experiencing a burst of Data center development

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with Microsoft, Compass, Vantage and Stream data centers all developing campuses with multiple buildings in the hundreds of thousands of square feet. Apartment complexes and residential rental communities are adding housing units at a rapid rate. We are experiencing a downturn in our single family dwellings and continue to have new residential plats being recorded to prepare for the next wave of single family dwellings.

After many years of being understaffed and having as many as 9 open positions in the Goodyear Building Safety Division we are just two inspector positions away from being fully staffed. Those two positions are a Building Inspector I and a Building Fire Safety Inspector. We are expecting both those positions to be posted in the near future.

Goodyear is in the process of implementing a new permit software. This is our first permitting software update since the mid '90s. We have chosen Acella as our new permitting software and are excited about bringing this on line and in the process integrating on-line payments, plan review, document management and GIS data on a whole other level. We are proposing to launch on October 2, 2023 and have been working on this project since July of last year. I have been temporarily assigned to this project and the adoption of the 2021 International Codes this spring. My reassignment has provided an opportunity to temporarily assign Cheryl Mullis as Acting Building Official and Jeff Rallo as Acting Deputy Building Official. Their willingness to step up is greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to being a Building Official again 😊

Now for a bit of celebration. Cheryl Mullis, Acting Building Official, has recently passed her Chief Building Official certification through ICC. Congratulations Cheryl!

In closing, I was able to speak to students at two High Schools in the area West-Mec of Buckeye, and Desert Edge High School in Goodyear about opportunities in our field of construction administration. On both occasions I stressed the importance of getting involved in professional organizations related to your career choice whatever field you are in. My involvement in AZBO over the years has been so rewarding and I am confident it has opened doors of opportunity for me to advance. And, I have seen it work that way for others too. I encourage you all to get involved. Us old timers (ok, me) are looking for people to pass the baton to.

All the best. Randy Westacott the reassigned Building Official.



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