

AZBO News



Arizona Building Officials

March 2022

Message from the Chair

Greetings All

The 2022 AZBO Spring Education Institute

The in-person Institute is back with four days of instruction in beautiful Prescott at the Prescott Resort, April 18th through April 21st. 24 classes are offered from introductory classes for Permit Techs, Building Inspectors and Plans Examiners through higher level courses in electrical systems, fire areas and egress from the IBC to advanced battery storage systems. All our classes are taught by the best available instructors, most with years of teaching experience. Be sure to register for your classes at www.azbo.us and reserve your room at the Prescott Resort. There will be an AZBO Board meeting Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 6:30 that is open to all interested parties. Please join us and meet your representatives on the Board of Directors. This is also a fantastic opportunity to get more involved with AZBO and join a committee. It is the best place to extend your network with professionals that do your job. Don't forget to visit our sponsors and exhibitors.

The Education Committee

The Education Committee will be having its next meeting Tuesday April 12th from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. This will be a Zoom meeting. If you would like to attend and are not an Education Committee member, contact Pat Headington (pat.headington@yumacountyaz.gov) to get a Zoom invite. The Education Committee picks venues for the Institutes, organizes class lists and teaching schedules and puts on the Institutes. They are always looking for volunteers to help with the Institutes.

The Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting will be held in Flagstaff in July this year. Cindy Davis, the current president of ICC will be joining us along with several other ICC dignitaries. There will be good food, a golf tournament, and meetings, so come and join us in the cool pines to get our year started right.

Winter seems to be over in the north country and the permits are rolling in. REMEMBER that it is your hard work and dedication that makes the built environment safe. Thanks for all you do for all of us.

Be Safe Out There
Steve White,
AZBO Chairman



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Member Contributions

From **Shicheng Tao**, City of Chandler

Right after the new year, **Dr. Daran Wastchak** was invited aboard to give us a series of hybrid workshops in the City of Chandler Development Services Department. Daran is the President of Learning Edge, LLC, which specializes in providing the residential energy efficiency training programs and the consulting services. This series of workshops titled as "High Performance Home Master Class" are composed of six (6) energy performance related subjects and are sponsored by the **APS** and the **SRP**. The staff in the Building

Safety Division geared up to learn more about the new construction codes knowledge. We appreciate Dr. Daran Wastchak's efforts on delivering such fabulous workshops along with his in-depth knowledge and insights on the energy efficiency products and programs. We also thank the APS and the SRP for their sponsorship to the workshops, most importantly, their support to the continuous education for the building safety professionals who diligently serve the customers in the very front line. The well recharged and fully prepared staff in the City of Chandler



Development Services Department Building Safety Division are ready to face the upcoming challenges and are confident to accomplish more as a team.

JOB CHANGES

Mark White has been promoted to Building Official for the Town of Florence.

Susan Cisco has been promoted to Permit Specialist.

The Town will be adopting the 2018 I Codes, 2017 NEC effective April 1, 2022



James Alen is the Building Official for Pinal County.

Chris Villaverde was promoted to Inspector Supervisor.



Brian Bertucci is the Building Official for the City of Litchfield Park.



Visit www.azbo.us for job postings in Avondale, Clarkdale, Flagstaff, Florence, Paradise Valley, Sahuarita, Tempe, Yuma, and BCEGS.

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In Other News

AZBO Awards – Now is the time to nominate your peers for AZBO Awards. Awards Nomination Form and criteria for each award is at the end of the Newsletter. Send completed nomination forms to info@azbo.us

May is **ICC Building Safety Month**. Keep track and take pictures of your efforts to be included in the June 2022 Newsletter!



What do you think? Structurally sound? Will it stand up to your wind speed criteria? If anyone is looking for me, I'll be on the top deck in the penthouse suite!



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AZBO 2022 Annual Sponsors

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**It's not too late to
sponsor AZBO for 2022.**



AZBO
ARIZONA BUILDING OFFICIALS
27th Annual Business Meeting
Date July 19 through 21, 2022
Location Flagstaff, AZ



Nominate your peers who you believe have gone above and beyond for AZBO in 2021-2022

Deadline: June 23, 2022

<p>Check one box only for award nominations: See Page 2 for descriptions of awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Year <input type="checkbox"/> Award of Excellence <input type="checkbox"/> Building Official of the Year <input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector of the Year <input type="checkbox"/> Plan Reviewer of the Year <input type="checkbox"/> Permit Technician of the Year <input type="checkbox"/> Achievement in Education <input type="checkbox"/> Achievement in Code Development <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Award <input type="checkbox"/> Award of Meritorious Service <input type="checkbox"/> Special Services Award <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Award <input type="checkbox"/> Companion of the Year 	<p>I Nominate: Name of Individual</p> <p>Works for: Jurisdiction/Company Name (or Retired)</p> <p>Member of Chapter: <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Canyon <input type="checkbox"/> Central <input type="checkbox"/> Southern</p> <p>Nominated By (name and jurisdiction/company): Name</p> <p>Jurisdiction/Company Name</p> <p>Phone Number</p>
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NOTE: Awards are for fiscal year 2021-2022

Please limit reason(s) for nomination to current fiscal year recognition

****NOTE: Recipients must be a member of AZBO** If unsure, check your local Chapter**

Reason for Nomination (include a short paragraph supporting your decision to nominate this person)

Contributions to AZBO on a Chapter or Committee Level:

Other reasons for nomination:

Submit nominations to: info@azbo.us

Member of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding personal contributions to the work of AZBO. • Active participation at AZBO and/or local Chapter level.
Award of Excellence “In honor of Alan Olson”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions/participations to AZBO. • Helpfulness to fellow members of our industry. • Personal Professional Development. • Participation in ICC code development process. • Promotion of Building Code Enforcement as a desirable and important career.
Building Official of the Year “In honor and memory of Pat Trueblood”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions/participation to AZBO. • Helpful to fellow members on our industry. • Personal Professional Development. • Promotion of Building Code Enforcement as a desirable and important career.
Building Inspector of the Year “In honor and memory of Robert Graffius”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions/participation to AZBO. • Outstanding achievement in the field of Building Inspection. • Helpfulness to fellow Inspectors. • Personal Professional Development.
Plan Reviewer of the Year “In Honor of Don Cunningham”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions/participation to AZBO. • Outstanding achievement in the field of Building Plan Review. • Helpfulness to the public and fellow inspectors. • Personal Professional Development.
Permit Technician of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions/participation involving AZBO • Outstanding achievement in the profession of Permit Technician. • Helpfulness to customers, fellow Permit Technicians, and Code Official. • Participation, leadership and involvement in career related committees or functions. • Personal Professional Development.
Achievement in Education “In honor and memory of Brent Snyder”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions/participation involving AZBO • For the promotion of education of Building Safety professionals with in-house training and/or Chapter member programs. • Personal Professional Development.
Achievement in Code Development “In honor and memory of Forrest Fielder”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For outstanding contributions in the Code Development process. • Outstanding personal contributions to the work of AZBO.
Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions/participation involving AZBO • Leadership in mentoring individuals to further their Building Safety careers. • Encouraging growth and development to members of the Building Safety Community.
Award of Meritorious Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For meritorious service to the Building Safety Community. • Outstanding personal contributions to the work of AZBO.
Special Service Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting AZBO above and beyond job description responsibilities. • For influencing participation of others for the good of the cause.
Community Service Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions/participation involving AZBO • For organizing and/or participating in events for career development or charities.
Companion of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding support to their significant other who is an active member of AZBO. • Outstanding personal contributions to the work of AZBO.
Chairman’s Award (as allocated by the AZBO Chair, limit 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding continuing contributions to the work of AZBO and support of the AZBO Chair. • Outstanding single contribution to the work of AZBO.



In Honor and/or Memory of.... Background of Honorees

Alan Olson – Award of Excellence

Relationship with AZBO:

Alan was the model of excellence for Building Officials. He served on the ICBO Board of Directors from 1990 to 1999, serving as the Chairman in 1997-1998. He was one of eight individuals (4 ICBO and 4 BOCA) who signed the incorporation papers that created the ICC. Alan was president of the Arizona Chapter in the early 90's when AZBO was formally created as a coordination and education facilitator for all three Arizona ICBO Chapters.

Career:

Alan is a licensed Architect, Certified Building Official and Certified Building Inspector. He settled his family in Arizona in 1988 and became the Building Official of the City of Phoenix, after serving as Building Official in Orono-Minnesota, Dallas-Texas, as well as a Volunteer Firefighter in Mound-Minnesota. During his career he has also volunteered his time on the AZ Attorney General ADA Subcommittee, the Fire and Life Safety Code Development Committee, the Code Coordinating Committee, the Credentials, Education, Finance and Executive Committees as well as serving on the Board of Directors for CABO. He has a Bachelor and Master of Architecture from Montana State University.

He is currently splitting his retirement time between Sun City, AZ, where he is a Building Codes Subject Matter Expert at Gervasio & Assoc. Inc., and Montana where he has personally constructed and designed three houses with his wife of over 50 years. During those years they both worked and raised three independent and successful children of whom they are most proud.

Pat Trueblood – Building Official of the Year Award

Relationship with AZBO:

Patricia Trueblood was considered the heart and soul of the Arizona Chapter.

She and Larry Richards worked to establish the Education Committee and the Annual AZBO Educational Institute, starting at Embry Riddle in Prescott.

She was affectionately referred to there as the “Den Mother” for the dorms, where many Building Official friendships were formed. She was always willing to lend an ear, share her experience, and help others along the path of development to ethical, educated, and caring public service.

Career:

Pat moved to Arizona in 1958 and worked in Glendale as one of the first female inspectors. She served as the Building Official of the City of Peoria for many years.

Pat passed away in 2006

Robert Graffius – Building Inspector of the Year Award

Relationship with AZBO:

Bob always encouraged his co-workers and others in the building safety community to continue their education in the industry and to be involved on committees.

Career:

Robert G Graffius was born in Altoona, PA. He moved to Arizona in 1978 for the construction boom. He worked for construction companies building houses as a Framer, Framing Foreman, and quickly promoted to Building Superintendent.

In 1987 he started at the Town of Gilbert (employee # 34 in the Town's history). He was Building/Offsite Inspector, Plans Examiner, Building Inspector Supervisor, and Senior Plans Examiner. He was instrumental in putting together their Building Department and in Gilbert's participation in MAG (Maricopa Association of Governments) for regional planning and code enforcement. Bob continued his education and obtained many certifications.

Bob was the Chairman of the Arizona Chapter of International Association of Electrical Inspectors, member of International Conference of Building Officials, subcommittee chairman with IAEI, ICBO and IAPMO. He also served on numerous hiring boards throughout Arizona.

In 1996 he was hired by Stantec Consulting as a Senior Plans Examiner where he continued his education and certifications up and until his untimely passing in March of 2002.

Bob's work ethic, honesty, integrity, kindness, involvement, chairmanship and “do it right and safe” attitude was who Bob was. You would be hard pressed to find anyone to disagree.

Bob is missed by his family and also by the building code community but the dedication to his family and to the building code community will never be forgotten.

~Bob Graffius, CBO, Buildings Inspection Manager, City of Chandler (Robert's son)



In Honor and/or Memory of.... Background of Honorees

Don Cunningham – Plan Reviewer of the Year Award

Relationship with AZBO:

As a strong proponent of education, Don arranged for Embry Riddle as the first site of the AZBO Educational Institute. He loved sharing his skill as a plans examiner and through the years assisted many in learning the trade.

Career:

Don served as Building Official for Yavapai County after moving from California to Arizona. He was a prime mover in the Northern Arizona Chapter of ICBO.

Brent Snyder – Achievement in Education

Relationship with AZBO:

Brent taught classes for AZBO for many years before he died in 2006 after a long battle with illness. He was an amazing instructor and a great inspiration to many. He always made time for anybody with questions and encouraged you to reach out to him anytime, not just when he was teaching for AZBO.

Although he wasn't a jurisdictional member of AZBO, he worked tirelessly to make sure he made all of AZBO's educational events. He was a beloved teacher and provided many members the wisdom and the tools to succeed in their careers.

Career:

He was the past president of ICBO (Uniform Building Code), outstanding code educator, trainer, and mentor of many existing Building Officials across the nation. He was instrumental on the Uniform Building Code Committee to start the International Code Council. He was Building Official for several municipalities prior to starting his Code Education Consulting Business.

Forrest Fielder – Achievement in Code Development

Relationship with AZBO:

Forrest was active with AZBO on many levels.

For several years he served on the Central Chapter Board, the AZBO Board and numerous Committees including The Code Development Committee.

His contributions to Arizona's Building Safety Community are immeasurable.

Career:

From the age of 17 Forrest had a vision to make a difference in the world.

He studied Political Science in Washington. Then he was introduced to carpentry and the world of building. He started his own contracting business "Forrest Homes". He became the first builder in Whatcom County to introduce Passive/Solar Design. He was met with a great deal of resistance and skepticism from the community.

The concept of sustainability was becoming more relevant to his style of building.

His vision included encouraging people to be their own builders, hence eliminating the middleman. This became the ground floor of the "U Build It" idea.

He realized there was a huge piece missing in the development of his wholistic approach to the industry. He needed the complete knowledge of the codes that were the foundation of everything, to include fire, electrical and accessibility.

The City of Surprise presented him with that opportunity. He was plans examiner prior to his position as Building Official.

I trust that all of the people who were blessed to have had Forrest as a mentor and colleague will attest to his passion, not only for the industry, but for the growth of those who shared and continue to share that passion.

His legacy continues to live on.

~Patsy Fielder (Forrest's wife)

Forrest died after a long battle with illness in 2016