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## President's Piece

## September 2021

### Dear SBOC Members, Friends and Colleagues:

#### Remembering 9-11

It's hard to believe that it was twenty years ago when we witnessed two commercial airliners crashing into the World Trade Center Towers. It is a day we continually memorialize knowing our world will never be the same. Lessons were learned from that event about the importance of egress widths and locations. The NY Building Code at the time of construction (1968) only required stairways to be forty-four inches wide. Building code experts from the State of New York that developed that code believed the average person being twenty-two inches wide would permit occupants to walk side by side down the stairway. But unfortunately, these experts failed to consider that fire-fighters might need to use those same stairways to carry equipment up the stairs in the event the elevators were rendered useless. Thus, one of many reasons ICC code hearings are very successful with the process used in code development.

We also learned that emergency lights may not work when needed most so photoluminescent paint or electroluminescent strips on exit stairs are now required in the building code for stairways in tall buildings. Many other code improvements came about but at a cost of too many lives.

Those of us that are seasoned code geeks know the code cycle starts with complacency, disaster, realization of the need for improved codes, and back to complacency. Perhaps someday we'll get past the "Minimum Code", but until then we as code professionals must always be vigilant in enforcing the codes we have.

#### Our Annual Golf Outing

I just want to take a moment here to thank everyone that came out to enjoy a break from plan reviews and inspections to chase a small ball with a stick through a park setting. Thank you to former SBOC President / HR Green's Don Plass, and Bill Dettmer Owner/President of CLEC Enterprises for the donations to make the event even more enjoyable! More important I want to offer a special thank you to the volunteers that made this event a great success. As you can imagine with COVID meeting constraints, it was a challenge to correspond and coordinate volunteers to assure the golf outing was a successful event. I am always impressed with our Board and volunteers! Thank You, Thank You, Thank You All!

#### The Last Quarter of 2021

As we move into autumn, we are looking ahead to a new and hopefully exciting year of prosperity and freedom from the networking restraints that COVID placed on us. We (the SBOC Board) are very appreciative of your understanding having not been in a face-to-face meeting over the past year and a half. At the last SBOC board meeting we concluded that face to face meeting will not likely occur for the remainder of this year with the hopeful exception of the Annual Holiday meeting. Please be sure to attend our FREE ZOOM monthly meeting which resume Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. To view additional course information and registration, please see page two of this newsletter.

#### Job Opportunities

Do you know anyone looking for a career in our profession? Now is the time for anyone seeking to become a code professional. Please feel free to check the SBOC website for job updates: [www.s boc-7.com](http://www.s boc-7.com).

## September 2021 Noontime Training Session Information:

**Date:** Thursday, September 16, 2021

**Time:** ~**11:45 AM** "Sign On", SBOC Board announcements & time to test your internet connection & device audio  
**12:00 Noon** Training session begins  
**~1:30 PM** Scheduled conclusion

**Topic:** "How our Built Environment can Drive Community Health"

**Speaker(s):** John Mlade

Director of Sustainable & Healthy Environments, Wight & Company



**Wight**

**Biography:** Since 2001, John has supported clients in shaping sustainability and health strategies that benefit the environment, people, and the bottom line. Pushing design innovation through a systems thinking approach, he is a process champion with the ability to bring together disparate stakeholders around a common vision by drawing on cost effectiveness, current market trends, and technological feasibility. John's professional focus has been on climate responsive design and health in the built environment, from air quality through materials health and transparency. John is recognized as a LEED Fellow, serves as WELL Faculty, is RESET AP, and a Fitwel Ambassador. His is also Living Future Accredited and a Living Building Challenge Auditor on behalf of the International Living Future Institute.

**Description of the Topic:** Building for health, well-being, and human performance has continued to advance with the development of capabilities to address a wide-range of health challenges through design, construction, and operations. This session describes an integrated, health-centric approach to green building that allows practitioners to prioritize community and occupant health goals alongside traditional sustainability goals.

**Course Objectives:** Upon completion participants will:

- Have a sense of opportunities for building design, construction, & operation to address critical public health needs.
- Understand the purpose and features of effective Health Action Plans.
- Recognize the characteristics and features of projects that have robust health-oriented goals.

**CEU:** .15 CEU (1.5 Contact Hours)

**Cost:** No fees or cost to you!

**Registration:** Please register in advance for this Webinar: [Sept. 2021 Webinar Registration Link](#)

(Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the webinar. Please retain said confirmation e-mail for your webinar log-on information. There will not be a handout for this webinar.)

Finally, once again, please be sure to check our website [sboc-7.com](http://sboc-7.com) for job opportunities and other valuable information. Stay safe and hang in there, we are going to make through these difficult times and come out stronger!

Respectfully,

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