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President's Piece

May 2021

Dear SBOC Members, Friends and Colleagues:

It's Building Safety Month

Happy Building Safety Month my fellow code professionals! It's too bad we don't get to celebrate like the fire fighters do with Fire Prevention Month in October. Sadly, add a dash of a global pandemic and we almost entirely forget about Building Safety Month. But let's not ignore that building safety involves more than protecting occupants from fires and structural failures. The mechanical and energy codes were developed to assure buildings are provided with fresh air to aid in flushing out contaminated air. So, in a small way, those of us in this profession really do help contribute to fight against the COVID virus.

As a reminder, please encourage your elected officials to issue a Building Safety Month proclamation. ICC has a great template on their website for you to use or modify. Those proclamations remind our elected officials and citizens that what we do is essential for providing a safe built environment.

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. Check the SBOC website for job updates www.sbo-7.com.

Training for May

Join us on May 20 at 12 noon via Zoom for another free (**YES, I SAID FREE**) lunchtime learning opportunity. This month we have Kelly Sias & Ryan Schaefer from Simpson Strong Tie presenting a Wall Bracing Workshop & Virtual Training. To view additional course information and registration, please see page two of this newsletter.

SBOC Board Positions

The annual business meeting is still half a year away but now is the time to think about getting involved deeper with your career. I can't think of anyone that didn't benefit professionally from serving on an ICC chapter (or BOCA). So please consider it. If you have questions on what is required of you, my 411 is in left column, contact me.

May 2021 Noontime Training Session Information:

Date: Thursday, May 20, 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: "Solutions for IRC Wall Bracing"

Speaker(s): Kelly Sias from Simpson Strong Tie



Description of the Topic: This course will discuss tools that simplify wall bracing, and provide solutions for some of wall bracing's most challenging problems. It will begin with a brief overview of wall bracing, the 3 design steps involved in wall bracing, and a demonstration of the Wall Bracing Length Calculator. Then the course will look at common problem areas in wall bracing and discuss code alternatives and solutions to these problems. Simpson Strong-Wall options for wall bracing and additional design tools will be reviewed.

Course Objectives:

- Review wall bracing basics and the design steps involved in wall bracing to see where tools like the Wall Bracing Length Calculator can help in this process.
- Understand the limitations of the IRC bracing methods, the wall bracing challenges these limitations create, and how the code permits alternatives in these situations.
- Learn about several alternatives to code-prescribed bracing methods that can provide equivalent solutions to common problem areas without the need for an engineered solution, as well as tools that assist in selecting and using these alternative options.

CEU: .15 CEU (1.5 Contact Hours)

Cost: No fees or cost to you!

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

After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the webinar.

Finally, once again, please be sure to check our website 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!

Sincerely,

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