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President's Piece

June 2021

Dear SBOC Members, Friends and Colleagues:

Climate Change

There are two seasons here in the Chicago area; winter and construction. Both are relentless and this year the construction season is shaping up to be one of the most hectic on record. Adding to the increase of construction activity, we have the silver tsunami rolling in full force! For those that don't understand what a silver tsunami is, it is a recent phrase referring to an epic number of baby boomers retiring as rapidly as they were born. In fact, I know of three code professionals that have just announced retirement and a few more considering it shortly. Sorry my Gen X and Millennial friends, we tried to let the municipalities know this mass exodus was going to happen, but few took us serious enough.

Luckily for SBOC, a few great people have begun to serve on the board. We still need a few more to assure a solid future continues for SBOC. I get it, you might be trying to get established in your new career, and you're doing everything you can to keep up with plan reviews, inspections, administration, or perhaps a combination of these. 75 years ago, there was a group of young men that were in your shoes, busy with work, home, and family life. But because of their commitment to forming a professional organization of Building Officials, you benefit today with a fabulous training and support network. Get fully involved with this organization, network with those silver tsunami surfers. Trust me, those silver headed men & women want to see your generation succeed and take our profession to a whole new level. We're here to mentor you...but only for a limited time.

Coming this summer!

Training for June

Join us on Thursday, June 17th at 12:00 Noon via Zoom for another free lunchtime learning opportunity. This month we have Marilyn Sucoe, Northeastern Floodplain Program Coordinator, to share a flood of information with us – "Floodplain Permitting 101". To view additional course information and registration, please see page two of this newsletter.

Then please note that we are taking a summer break, so there will be no meetings in July or August. However, SBOC will hold its annual "Golf Outing" on August 27th, so please mark your calendars. Further details will be released as soon as the final details are set.

Celebrating like it's been 75 years

Your SBOC board is working diligently to hopefully have a face to face 75th anniversary and we're looking for some creative ideas. If you have a great idea that can make this celebration memorable, through me a line; dalemcp@comcast.net, I'd love to hear from you. That's all I have for you. Stay safe and try to enjoy your summer construction season.

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.sbc-7.com.

June 2021 Noontime Training Session Information:

Date: Thursday, June 17, 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: "Floodplain Permitting 101"

Speaker(s): Marilyn Sucoe, P.E., CFM
Acting State Floodplain Program Coordinator
IDNR/Office of Water Resources



Description of the Topic: Participants of this course will learn where to find and read the floodplain maps, what is required in their floodplain regulations. How to find FEMA technical guidance, how to use an elevation certificate, and how to complete substantial damage and substantial improvement permit reviews.

Course Objectives:

- A better understanding about floodplain permits, and how to read floodplain map, elevation certificates, substantial damage, and substantial improvement.
- How to find FEMA technical guidance, how to use an elevation certificate, and how to complete substantial damage and substantial improvement permit reviews

CEU: .15 CEU (1.5 Contact Hours)

Cost: No fees or cost to you!

Registration: Please register in advance for this Webinar: [June 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. As soon as we receive the 'handout' that the presenter has promised, it will be sent out to you; very likely in the 24 hours leading up to 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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