

# ICC Chapter Leader

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## NEW CHAPTERS COME ON BOARD IN 2004

The following organizations were granted International Code Council chapter status by ICC's Board of Directors on January 19, 2004.

- **ICC Kenya Chapter** is the first International chapter approved by the ICC since the consolidation. The establishment of this chapter is a welcome development for built environment professionals located within this East African region. The area's current codes were crafted at the beginning of the century and are not responsive to prevailing conditions. The chapter hopes to draw expertise from ICC and get the IBC adopted locally. Kenya Chapter is planning events for Building Safety Week.
- **New York State Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association** is committed to the promotion and development of the I-Codes in New York. One of the state's premier fire service organizations, they will work with the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council to begin the adoption process for the 2003 I-Code series.
- **New York State Association of Fire Chiefs** is a 100-year-old organization that boasts over 9,000 members and focuses on fire prevention, fire suppression and EMS. NYS AFC has long led the field in providing all levels of training and it looks forward to developing its members' professional skills by using the training offered by ICC to continue conducting quality training within New York State.
- **Colorado Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials** is an affiliated chapter committee of the Colorado Chapter of ICC. The goal is to promote and educate code officials

in the I-Codes and to provide assistance with code adoption. CAPMO has an active code change committee and sends at least five delegates to the I-Code hearings. CAPMO members assist with writing code change proposals.

- **Southern Tier Building Officials Association** was granted local chapter status in ICC and serves several counties in the southern portion of New York. President Kenneth Jennison feels that "training is the main avenue to keeping up-to-date with the code changes and requirements." STBOA's membership consists of code officers, architects, engineers and trades people.
- **Building Officials and Inspectors Educational Association of Broward County** was granted local chapter status and serves building code professionals, contractors, architects and engineers in Broward County, Florida. BOIEABC was founded to promote the uniform understanding and enforcement of building codes and regulations.

## ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORTS

Each year, every chapter is asked to provide us with some basic information. This information enables us to better serve you and get important information to you in a timely fashion. The information requested is as follows: list of current officers, chapter meeting dates, chapter constitution/by-laws, geographical area covered by the membership, and number of current chapter members. Annual report forms were mailed to chapter presidents in early April. You may also submit your annual report on-line at [www.icc-safe.org/membership/chapters/AnnualReport.html](http://www.icc-safe.org/membership/chapters/AnnualReport.html). Annual reports are due in the Ohio Field Office by **June 1, 2004**.

## CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

This year, ICC will honor its first Chapter of the Year. The ICC Chapter Awards program was created to recognize the professional achievements of chapters and their contributions to ICC. The winning chapter will receive a personalized plaque and be added to a perpetual plaque of ICC Chapter of the Year winners. They will receive one complimentary day of training and one complimentary registration to the next annual ICC Codes Forum. Application information was mailed to chapter presidents in early April and is also available on-line. All chapters are encouraged to participate. Applications are due in the Ohio Field Office by **June 1, 2004**. Good luck to everyone!

## WHO WILL BE THE FIRST ICC CHAPTER OF THE YEAR?

Join us on Tuesday, September 28 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for the Delegates Luncheon in the Grand Ballroom at the Salt Palace Convention Center and find out. This luncheon will be held in honor of all ICC chapters. The 2004 ICC Chapter of the Year will be awarded as well as other awards. Chapter members - don't miss this one!

## CHAPTER TRAINING OFFERED AT 2004 CODES FORUM

A Chapter Leadership Program will be held Tuesday September 28, and repeated on Wednesday, September 29, 2004, from 8-10 am. All chapter leaders, including chapter officers and board members, are invited to attend, to gain insight on becoming a better chapter leader. Registration is not necessary.

## ICC BLUEPRINT TO THE FUTURE

The ICC Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer James Lee Witt have initiated an important challenge to develop a new long-term business plan for the International Code Council. The Blueprint to the Future is the planning process being used to create this new business plan. The most important factor in setting a new direction for the ICC will be feedback from both members and non-members. One way ICC is reaching out to stakeholders is by conducting a series of focus group meetings around the country.

The first set of meetings were held on April 2 in cooperation with the **Virginia Plumbing & Mechanical Inspectors Association**, on April 16 in cooperation with the **Washington Association of Building Officials** and on April 26 in cooperation with the ICC Industry Advisory Committee meeting.

An upcoming meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5, from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in cooperation with the **Building Officials of South Carolina Annual Conference** at Ocean Drive Beach & Golf Resort in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

An ICC Chapter Leaders Teleconference will be held on Wednesday, May 12 at 1:00 EST. There is no cost to participate but pre-registration is required. To register on-line, please use the following Internet link: <http://www.meetingone.com/event/register.cfm?scr=8663627951&cid=170>. An access code will be e-mailed to the participant after registration.

Questions regarding the teleconference or comments about this long-term planning effort can be e-mailed to [blueprint@iccsafe.org](mailto:blueprint@iccsafe.org).

## REGIONS CONCEPT TAKING OFF AT ICC

Several regions have met since the introduction of the regions concept at the 2003 Codes Forum in Nashville.

The **Midwest Region 5** (Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan) met on January 16, 2004, in Columbus, Ohio. Forty-five chapter leaders attended. A steering committee and several subcommittees were organized to look at ways to develop the new region organization. The next meeting of Region 5 will be in Maumee, Ohio, on April 16, 2004. Committee reports are due. To participate in Region 5 activities, contact Roger Westfall, past president of **Ohio Building**

**Officials Association**, at (330) 430-7800 or e-mail him at [rawestfa@ci.canton.oh.us](mailto:rawestfa@ci.canton.oh.us).

The **Southern Atlantic Region 8** (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee) met in Greenville, South Carolina, on March 19, 2004. Twenty-six chapter leaders joined to form a steering committee and two subcommittees. The next meeting is planned for early this summer. The contact person for this region is Bruce Boulineau, **Building Officials Association of South Carolina**, (843) 918-1176, [bboulineau@city-ofmyrtlebeach.com](mailto:bboulineau@city-ofmyrtlebeach.com).

**South Central Region 10** (Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas) held an informal meeting in McAlester, Texas, on October 23, 2003. The meeting was organized by Ravi Shah, **North Texas Chapter**, (972) 466-3245, [ravi.shah@cityofcarrollton.com](mailto:ravi.shah@cityofcarrollton.com).

## MAJOR JURISDICTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

As you know, the 2004 Code Development Final Action Hearings are being held at the Sheraton Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas, May 17 through May 20. The hearings will be preceded by the Spring Meeting Education Program and the ICC Trade Show on Sunday, May 16.

This gathering of code officials and other industry professionals from around the country offers an excellent opportunity to conduct additional business essential to the improvement of the ICC as a leader in the code development and enforcement industry. One activity will be the inaugural meeting of the International Code Council Foundation (ICCF) Major Jurisdictions Forum. The purpose of this forum is to provide a method for state and other large jurisdictions to bring forward issues of special concern to them for discussion with others in similar jurisdictions. By creating and offering such a forum within its Research and Development Section, ICCF hopes to be as responsive as possible to the special needs of ICC members in jurisdictions containing the spectrum of building uses, demographics, and historical value.

This inaugural meeting will be open to all interested persons in an attempt to lay the groundwork for future activities. Your participation is welcome regardless of the size of your jurisdiction or the nature of your industry.

The meeting will take place on Monday, May 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Hawthorne 2 room of the Sheraton Hotel.

## REGIONS MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE

Complimentary regions meeting space will be available during the 2004 Final Action Hearings in Overland Park, Kansas, at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel in the Leatherwood I & II rooms. The rooms may be blocked in two hour increments starting on Monday, May 17 from 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. and Thursday, from 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Region leaders may pick a time for their region to meet and post it on the schedule found in the registration area.

Complimentary regions meeting space will also be available at the 2004 Codes Forum being held on September 26-29, 2004, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

## CODE ADOPTION TOOLKIT

The ICC Code Adoption Toolkit is now available on ICC's web site via the following Internet link: <http://www.icc-safe.org/government/Toolkit/index.html>. This compilation of information can assist users in efforts to update codes or learn more about ICC's products and services. Information in the Toolkit includes:

- List of Government Relations staff and contact information
- Q & A about ICC and our code development process
- What others have to say about the I-Codes
- Position Papers
- Technical Information
- Sample text for adoption ordinances
- Sample text for news releases
- Information and links to ICC products and services
- Links to current code adoption charts

Be sure to bookmark the link. Additional information is just a click away. For questions or comments, the Background Section contains a Government Relations staff contact list that shows each state's Regional Manager. Give him or her a call. We want to make sure you have everything you need to provide a complete building safety system for the people you serve.

## MICHIGAN CHAPTERS JOIN FORCES

Two separate statewide chapters, the Michigan Chapter of ICC, formerly Michigan-ICBO, and Building Officials Conference of Michigan, formerly a BOCA chapter, joined forces to form the Code Officials Conference of Michigan (COCM). The historic event took place in Lansing, Michigan, on March 1, 2004, before over 300 members. Moments after both organizations voted unanimously to consolidate the two organizations, a sliding partition wall was moved aside bringing both groups together officially for the first time.

By consolidating, COCM members can benefit from greater training opportunities, a more unified voice in legislative matters, code adoption and the code development process.

Henry Green, ICC Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Director, Bureau of Construction Codes, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth installed the new officers and board of directors. They are as follows: President, Bruce Dodge (City of Grand Haven); First Vice President, Michael Bartholomew (City of Sterling Heights); Second Vice President, Sharon Carroll (Kochville Township); Third Vice President, Dale Stevens (Grand Traverse County); Secretary, Larry Lehman (State of Michigan); and Treasurer, Tom Baldwin (Benton Charter Township). The new Board of Directors is: Bill Benoit, Oakland Township; Tim McGladdery, City of Walker; Jim Zielke, Lincoln Charter Township; and, David Zinner, City of Monroe.

## CHAPTER ORIENTATION IN OVERLAND PARK

A chapter orientation has been scheduled for Sunday, May 16, 2004, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Overland Park Convention Center, Overland Park, Kansas, prior to the ICC Trade Show reception. All chapter members are encouraged to attend an informal presentation by ICC President Anne vonWeller, Tom Frost, AIA, Senior Vice President of Technical Services, and Mike Pfeiffer, P.E., Vice President of Codes and Standards Development. Chapter members will learn how they can maximize their participation in the code development process and more.

## CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

The first ICC Chapter to be spotlighted in the pages of the Chapter Leader Newsletter is the **Alabama Association of Plumbing/Gas/Mechanical Inspectors (AAPGMI)**. They have approximately 102 members, a diverse group of code officials, inspectors, contractors, design professionals, distributors, servicemen, technical training personnel, plans examiners, instructors, quality assurance specialists and homebuilders throughout the State of Alabama.

AAPGMI became a charter member of SBCCI in 1985 and followed as an ICC charter member in 2003. The chapter's mission is to provide safety to life and property, health and general welfare to the citizens of Alabama. Their long standing commitment to their members is offering educational sessions, round table discussions, networking opportunities, presentations and exhibits at their yearly conference. Throughout the year, ongoing programs pertaining to communication, education program, provide scholarships, and CEU credits through Auburn University to educate the professionals, code enforcers and future professionals of Alabama.

This year AAPGMI won the Code Officials Association of Alabama (COAA) Chapter of the Year Award for their outstanding achievements and dedication of safety in the built environment throughout Alabama.

Annually, AAPGMI holds an Annual Education Conference at Best Western University Convention Center. This year, the 41st Annual Educational Conference was held on March 31 through April 2. The event featured an exhibit area with companies associated in construction trades that displayed their products and discussed their services.

The conference attendees of cities, counties, state agencies, inspectors, contractors, engineers and architects experienced an education program of HVAC classes, plumbing and gas principles, design and installation of island sinks, natural gas and confined space/equipment room requirements. Participants completing the education program received continuing education units (CEU's). Auburn University makes every effort to ensure that its' CEU granting programs conform to the requirements of the State of Alabama Board of Registration for Professional Engineering and Land Surveyors for the award of Professional Development Hours to support the annual renewal of professional registrations.

The current AAPGMI officers are: George R. Pickle, President; Kim McAbee, Vice President; John Gladness, Secretary and Eddy Velaski, Treasurer. Directors are: Joyce Hargiss, Luster Echols, Charles McAlpine and Jerry Reaves.

## 2004 Codes Forum an Education Conference

September 26 - 29, 2004  
Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, Utah

Be a part of the largest single assembly of building safety professionals in the United States at the 2004 Codes Forum - An Education Conference. The International Code Council's 2004 Codes Forum features a comprehensive education program to develop your code knowledge. Conference highlights also include the Annual Business Meeting, International Code Council Expo and the opportunity to network with your peers in the building safety field. Mark your calendar today! For more information, visit [www.iccsafe.org/codesforum](http://www.iccsafe.org/codesforum).

# ICC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In fall 2004, ICC is offering two (2) scholarships of \$1,000 each that are available to full-time college students whose parent(s) is/are employed by an ICC Governmental Member. The scholarships are offered in memory of people who were essential to the formation of ICC or its model code organizations and are funded in large part by the ICC chapters. An additional scholarship is being offered in memory of William J. Tangye, ICC's first Chief Executive Officer.

## Other scholarships are sponsored by specific chapters:

- The J. W. "Bill" Neese scholarship is offered by the Central Florida Chapter.
- The Code Officials Association of Alabama offers a scholarship in memory of C.D. Howard.
- The Building Officials Association of Georgia sponsors the Richard "Dick" Gecoma scholarship.
- The Building Officials Association of South Carolina also offers a scholarship.

Each of these chapter-specific scholarships are also in the amount of \$1,000 each, but may offer preferences to students from the home area of the sponsoring chapter or other restrictions imposed by the chapter.

Scholarship applications and reference applications can be downloaded or completed on-line by using the following link: <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/scholarship.html>. All applications must be submitted to ICC's Birmingham District Office by June 30, 2004.

## REGIONAL BULLETIN BOARD FORUMS NOW AVAILABLE

Look for information on regions activities on the Regions Bulletin Boards now available through our web site at <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/chapters/>. ICC created the bulletin board forums to help facilitate the communication and formation of Regional Chapters. A separate bulletin board forum has been created for each region. The bulletin boards will be a useful tool for chapter leaders and members wishing to communicate with other region leaders and participants.



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