

## **2025 ICC Board of Directors Candidate Letter**

### **Ben Pothoff, Deputy Code Official, City of Dubuque, Iowa**

My name is Ben Pothoff, and I am a candidate for the International Code Council (ICC) Board of Directors, either as the Section B representative or in another role if recommended by the Nominating Committee. I respectfully ask for your support as I seek the opportunity to serve ICC members and advance our shared mission.

My career in building safety began in the construction industry as a carpenter, job site foreman, and rental property manager. In 2010, I joined the City of Iowa City as a Housing Inspector, where early mentors inspired me to pursue this profession fully. A year later, I was honored to receive the ICC Code of Honor Scholarship, which gave me the opportunity to attend my first ICC Annual Conference, a transformational experience that solidified my commitment to the mission of ICC.

Since 2012, I have served my hometown of Dubuque, Iowa, where I am now Deputy Code Official. In this role, I have embraced being a change agent, focusing on collaboration, innovation, and continuous improvement as an enterprise-wide High-Performance Government Ambassador. Leadership development has become one of my greatest passions; I have individually helped seven emerging professionals attend their first ICC Annual Conference, many of whom now serve in leadership roles within ICC committees, membership councils, and chapters. In addition, through my influence, the Iowa Association of Building Officials is helping nine first-timers get the most out of their experience at this year's Annual Conference in Cleveland.

Beyond my city role, I serve as President of the Eastern Iowa Construction Code Council (EICCC) and Treasurer of the Iowa Association of Building Officials (IABO). I have worked to grow membership, increase engagement, and highlight opportunities for service within ICC. Recent highlights include moderating a leadership pathways panel at the 2025 IABO Annual Conference and presenting "Growing ICC Chapters and Cultivating Future Leaders" at the ICC Leadership Academy in Orlando.

I am seeking a position on the ICC Board of Directors because I believe in the power of mentorship, collaboration, and innovation to move our profession forward. I am committed to serving ICC members, supporting the work of our organization, and helping cultivate the next generation of leaders.

I would be grateful for your support and the opportunity to represent you on the ICC Board of Directors.



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