

New York State Building Officials Conference Central Chapter

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2ND Annual Central Chapter Educational Conference

February 28, March 1 & 2
18 Hrs. In-service Credit

Deadline for registration is approaching.
January 31st. For those who have
registered and not paid please get your
payment in.

Go to our website:
www.nysboc.com for registration forms
or contact Gail at 448-8608 or fax at
448-8615.

****All I.C.C. members need to bring
their I.C.C. membership cards or
number with them to the conference.**

Future meeting dates:

February – conference
April 19th
June 21st
August 16th
October 18th
December 20th

President's Column-February 2007

Many of you “old timers” (I include myself in this group) who have been members of the chapter for a very long time probably realize that things have changed considerably in recent years. Gone is the “green book”. Have I heard anyone complaining that this code is no longer “the bible”? Hardly. At the same time, learning about and applying its successor, the ICC family of codes, New York edition, has not been easy either.

Suffice to say that change is often difficult and challenging. Government workers, dare I be categorical, are generally the least receptive to altering their behavior. The private sector is far more adaptable simply because competition demands frequent changes. Those who refuse to or are unable to change don't last very long, or may end up working for the government!

Your chapter has attempted to “modernize” too, in many ways, some subtle others not as subtle. We've become an ICC member chapter and have an outstanding website (Thank you, Bill Reagan.) The newsletter is emailed now, and generally during the first week of the month, so that you have plenty of time to read it before the chapter meeting in the third week of the month, unless none is scheduled. That's correct, now we have BI-MONTHLY meetings. Why, you ask. It's because the chapter now sponsors a large regional educational conference that is the centerpiece of the year's training activities.

Change of this magnitude does not occur magically. Dedicated and hard working officers and committee members have driven this chapter forward, all of whom have “real jobs”, just like you. Becoming involved in the process is not difficult; you don't need a passport or a photo ID of any kind. Simply contact any of the people whose names are listed on this newsletter or our website. They will be happy to integrate you into one of the committees.

Within a few weeks after the close of the 2007 conference, planning for the 2008 version will begin.. Becoming a part of this process will not only benefit the chapter, it will ultimately benefit the public since the 200 plus attendees will take what they have learned back to their communities. And that, as they say, is a “good thing”.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal J. Smith
President

Employment Opportunity

Village of Jordan – Part time CEO, 10 hrs. a week 689-7350,
Fax 689-9230

Village of Liverpool – Part time CEO, involves annually approximately 80 building permits, 135 apartment inspections, 75 complaints, and enforcement of the Uniform Code and the Village Zoning Ordinance. 457-3441

CEO Position in Hamilton NY - There is an open position for the Code Enforcement Officer of the Village of Hamilton. Mark Sternburg held this job for over 15 years. There is an urgent need for this full time position due to two 50 million dollar construction projects at Colgate University; located in the Village of Hamilton. Email [John Basher](#) or call him at 315-228-733 for additional information.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to all who were a part of my receiving the *Presidents Choice Award* for 2006. It was an absolute surprise and very much appreciated.

Your Chapter Secretary,
Cindy Heid

P.S. Please update me on any change of e-mail addresses at: cheid@townofclay.org

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