

# New York State Building Officials Conference Central Chapter

March/April 2008 Newsletter

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**2008 Membership Dues Deadline = April 1<sup>st</sup>**

## Next Meeting Dates

April 14 thru 17-Third Annual Educational Conference-Holiday Inn- Liverpool - 4 hours CREDIT

June 19-New York State Workman's Compensation- 1 hour credit. Location-Barbagallo's

August 21-Codes Update & PICNIC- 4 hour credit  
Presenter-Sam Ricotta- Assistant Director for Educational Services for New York Department of State Division of Code Enforcement. Location to be determined. Free to members

October 16-Full day training by I.C.C.-Topic TBD-5 hours credit  
Location-Barbagallo's

December 18th-Annual Christmas Business Meeting  
Please see membership newsletters, mailings and website for locations and registration information.  
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## President's Column-March/April 2008

The third annual educational conference is fast approaching. I cannot help but marvel at the strides this organization has made with this event in but a few short years, due largely to the incredible dedication and perseverance of the committee members and officers. Many of you have taken advantage of the educational and social opportunities that the conference offers.

For those of you have not attended, I urge you to do so for a number of reasons. First, the state requires twenty four (24) hours of in-service training annually. The conference provides that, and more. Second, you will be able to socialize and share information and experiences with your peers. As the poet says, "no man (or woman) is an island". Networking and trading "war stories" is just as important as the educational content. Frequently, gathering information in informal discussions helps answer long standing or nagging questions about code related or procedural matters.

Third, its location is highly accessible and convenient in the heart of our chapter region. With soaring gas prices, the economic sense of attending an event "in your own backyard" is compelling. Convincing your town board or city council that attending our conference will stretch their tax dollars has never been easier.

Finally, both state officials and ICC representatives contribute significantly to the success of our conference and other similar conferences hosted by our sister NYSBOC chapters. They lend expertise, and give the attendees a sense that they belong to an organization that transcends the central New York area because, truly, your chapter is a part of a much greater whole.

Membership increases have also been dramatic in the last several years. Central Chapter, now also an ICC affiliate, has the second largest in the state, totaling some 189 members for 2007. This certainly is a positive development, which illustrates the vitality of the chapter. Revenues generated from our conference and training classes have been expended so that some of your officers have been present at the annual ICC conventions since 2004, yet another indication of the growing sophistication and involvement of the organization in national affairs.

Change is, and will be, constant. What will not change, however, is a commitment to the members and their needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal J. Smith  
President

**Delegates Report of March 7th, 2008 meeting:**

**Reminder: Building Safety Week, May 5th-11<sup>th</sup>.**

ICC has promotional materials available ([iccsafe.org](http://iccsafe.org)). Each Chapter president will receive an information packet with sample resolutions supporting a proposed Federal Grant Act for Code-Enforcement and a request for each chapter to pass a resolution supporting it. (Senate bill S2458 and House bill H4461). ICC annual business meeting is Sept.14th-22nd, 2008 in Minneapolis Minnesota. Delegates have authorized the State NYSBOC president to speak in support of the proposed residential sprinkler code change and any other code changes we endorse if asked to do so.

The State NYSBOC organization Annual Conference and Business Meeting is Sept.3rd, 4th, 5th, 2008 in Lake Placid at the Crown Plaza Hotel and Conference Center. The total cost this year per person is \$300, which includes the conference registration, hotel (3 days, 2 nights) and all meals. Registration forms and further details to be available at a later date. The tentative schedule is for a dual track for Wed. and Thurs .of a 3 hr. in-service training or an ICC test overview class for Wed. and for Thursday 3 hr. in-service training or an ICC certification test for the Property Maintenance Code or any other ICC test you may wish to take.

Be aware the ICC class and tests are on the International Code not the NYS amended codes, You may need to purchase or borrow the International Code books to study for any of the ICC tests. In addition the cost of any ICC test you take is extra (Property Maintenance test is \$55) according to the ICC test schedule. You will receive NYS In-Service credit for the overview class. On Fri. there will be a D.O.S. update and a full delegates meeting, which will also be worth 3 hours of In-Service credits. There is a concentrated effort to have the 54G bills passed this year in the state legislature. If passed, the amounts allocated will be based on each municipality's Annual Report submitted to the D.O.S.

A reminder; the State NYSBOC scholarship applications are due by July 7th 2008 (forms and instructions are available on [nysboc.net](http://nysboc.net)). D.O.S. has moved. Their new address is NYS Dept. of State Codes Division, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave.Albany, NY 12231. All phone and fax numbers and e-mail addresses remain the same.

Once again this year D.O.S. is proposing that the State pay membership dues for all municipalities. The result of this effort may not be known till June or July. If successful, this initiative will ensure that our code officials will be able to vote on proposed code changes to be presented at the ICC Annual Business Meeting (ABM) to be held in Minneapolis, MN in September. You may wish to have your municipality pay the dues themselves and if the State pays later, your municipality would have a credit with the ICC for next year's dues. Check the D.O.S.training site for new in-service training classes and schedules. Respectfully submitted George Keeler

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