

New York State Building Officials Conference Central Chapter

2008 September/October Newsletter

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Congratulations goes out to our

delegates for their newly elected

positions with the NYSBOC

State Chapter.

Ed Cusato – NYSBOC State Secretary

George Keeler – NYSBOC State

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Amy Bertini also received an

appreciation award

The Town of Oswego is in the process of adopting a local law regulating windmills. If there are any Municipalities that have a permit application in place at this time would you please contact Wayne Newton at the Oswego Town hall, 315-343-0485, Fax # 315-343-4414, or e-mail Wayne at ewtonwayne51@yahoo.com.

President's Column Oct 2008

I attended two Code Council meetings recently, one in June and one in August, as the representative of Mayor Randolph Bateman of the City of Oswego. Needless to say, it is an honor and a privilege to participate.

The Council has been the governing body for all code related matters since its inception in the early 1980's, chiefly to oversee the "new" New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (9NYCRR) also known as "the green book" The Council's 17 members are a diverse group of government (non-elected), elected and private sector representatives. It is essentially an independent body able to act on behalf of the legislature, although the legislature may from time to time direct the Council to adopt rules that it deems necessary.

The Council's responsibilities have greatly expanded with New York's entry into the International Code Council (ICC) family of states. Adopting the latest ICC codes does not mean "rubber stamping" the latest edition. Like many states, New York continues to reserve the right to modify any and all of the ICC codes. As an existing body with years of experience, the Council was a logical choice to integrate the ICC code review process into its deliberations.

It could not, however, be expected to analyze on its own the vast number of proposed changes during a given code cycle. By establishing technical subcommittees for each of the codes (Building, Residential, Fire...etc), the Council is able to manage the task. The subcommittees, made up of Codes Division staffers and volunteers, meet independently via teleconference and at the Codes Division offices as needed. Periodically, the chairpersons of the various committees brief the Council on the state of code review process.

The Council's final vote on the subcommittee recommendations essentially establishes the law that code enforcement officers across the state will inherit. Then, as the next ICC update cycle concludes, the process begins again, assuring that we have the most advanced codes and standards available.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal J. Smith
President

Please see the attached registration for our October training.

Once again it is time for our new election of officers. Please submit any nominations to Jim Conlon- jconlon@townofdewitt.com or call 446-3768. The following positions are open for nominations:

President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, Delegate 1, Delegate 2, and Delegate 3.

There are two sections of the New York State Building Officials Conference Central Chapter Inc. Constitution and by-laws that have had slight changes made due to meeting schedules.

Article VI

Section 2 - Regular Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held **bi-monthly**.

Article IX

Section 2 - Nominating Committee. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting consisting of three (3) members in good standing. The personnel of the Nominating Committee shall be composed of two (2) members in good standing and one (1) officer. The Committee shall meet on the call of the Chair and shall make the nominations for the positions of the Officers. The Nominating Committee shall make its report to the Corporation **on or before the Annual Meeting.**

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