

# New York State Building Officials Conference Central Chapter

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## NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

Date: June 18, 2009

Topic: “Introduction to the National Flood Insurance Program” presented by William Necheman from NFIP.

In Service Credits: 3

Time: Registration - 11:30 on

Lunch - 12:00

Training - 1:00 – 4:00

Location: Barbagallo’s

6344 East Molloy Rd.

East Syracuse, NY

Cost: \$35.00 includes lunch.

**Registration Form Attached.**

## President’s Column

Code officials across our state are obligated to enforce the New York family of codes. Under most circumstances, the language in this large body of work is sufficient to regulate virtually every conceivable situation or condition, from maintenance of existing property to the erection of a multi-story building. In an effort to eliminate local laws and codes to promote uniformity, both in enforcement protocol and construction practices, New York long ago mandated that only the state codes would be recognized officially.

Those jurisdictions having local codes found themselves unable to lawfully enforce them even though many of these had been in force for decades. With the adoption of the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code in 1984, these codes lost their relevance

In an effort to provide for certain unique local conditions, the state, under Section 379 of the Executive Law, authorizes municipalities to seek permission from the State Fire and Building Code Council, the body that oversees the development and adoption of our codes, to enforce more restrictive local standards (MRLS). The burden is on the applicant to convince the Council that special circumstances exist in the municipality, which is not addressed by the New York family of codes.

Needless to say, the Council conducts a rigorous review of the alleged “special local conditions” described by each applicant, and for good reason. Wholesale approval of each and every petition would lead to destabilizing the very uniformity that the state seeks to promote.

Code officials must be vigilant that they are not enforcing illegal local laws. Unless explicit permission has been obtained from the state in the form of review and acceptance by the Code Council, these laws literally are not worth the paper on which they are written.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal J. Smith, President

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NYSBOC Central Chapter would like to congratulate Sam Chase from Clifton Park, on winning the vendor stamp drawing at our annual Conference in April. Sam won a 26-inch Vizio Flat screen television.



Bi-Monthly newsletters will continue to be sent out. Future meetings for 2009:

June 18 – Flood Insurance Program

Aug. 20 – Picnic, (Training-TBD), Longbranch Park – Free to all members

Oct. 15 – 3 hour course training (TBD)

Dec. 17 – Annual Business Meeting (Dinner) with election of officers

## NYSBOC Scholarships Available

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