

# New York State Building Officials Conference Central Chapter

2009 September/October Newsletter

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## Next Meeting - 2 Hour In-service Seminar

## “Quality Electrical Inspections for New York State Building Code Officials”

Presented by: Larry Kinne of Commonwealth  
Electrical Inspection Service

Where: Barbagallo’s – IVORY ROOM  
(west side of building)

6344 East Molloy Road - East Syracuse

When: October 15, 2009 Time: 12:00-3:00p.m.

COST- member \$15.00 (includes lunch)

Registration- 11:45 a.m. Lunch-12:00

Please register with Cindy @

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or call 315-720-8102

Space will be limited-

Deadline to register October 9.

President’s Column October 2009

Fundamental duties of the code enforcement official (CEO) include interpreting the ICC based New York codes and applicable local laws. In fact, reading and applying the various codes is one of the most important tasks we face, much more important than virtually any other facet of the job.

Fortunately, New York’s traditional emphasis on training is a benefit that code officials enjoy. Since the activation of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (the green book) in 1984, CEO’s have been required to be certified, thereby creating an educated cadre of officials who, at least in theory, read and interpret the code “uniformly”.

In order to retain certification, a minimum of twenty four (24) hours of approved training is required annually. With the adoption of the ICC codes, this in-service training became more critical than ever since this “family” of codes is far more complex than the old green book and constantly evolving. At the end of a “code cycle”, a lengthy review process that may take up to two years or longer, new codes emerge, complete with a new training course created by the Codes Division that is designed to highlight the changes.

Working closely with Codes Division personnel, various chapters of NYSBOC, including your chapter, provide comprehensive training courses that encompass many code related topics. One of the fixtures of our annual conference is the “Code Update” segment, generally presented by Codes Division Director Ron Piester or Assistant Director Sam Ricotta. This important briefing does not supplant the required formal course offered by the Codes Division but does summarize in detail what CEO’s may expect in the future.

Clearly, the CEO in New York is well supported by both the Codes Division and NYSBOC, support that is often lacking in other states. This unusual and highly successful relationship guarantees that our state will continue to be a national leader in code enforcement program implementation and enforcement.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal J. Smith  
President



Also at our October meeting, Central Chapter President, Neal Smith will be appointing 3 members for the nominating committee for the election of new officers for the year 2010.

All officer and delegate positions will be open for nominations once committee is appointed.

## NYSBOC Scholarships Available

### **CENTRAL CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP - JERRY ST.HILAIRE:**

Is now available on our website at [www.nysboc.com](http://www.nysboc.com) or contact Jim Conlon, [jconlon@townofdewitt.com](mailto:jconlon@townofdewitt.com).

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