

New York State Building Officials Conference Central Chapter

2011 January Newsletter

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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

Date: February 17, 2011

Time: 12:00 – 3:00

Location: Barbagallos

6344 E. Molloy Road

East Syracuse, NY 13057

Cost: FREE to all 2011 Central Chapters

Members

Non-member and guest cost: \$25.00

* includes lunch with 2 hr. in-service training credit

Topic –

1) “OSHA Overview of Fire and Health Recognition”

2) “OSHA Regulations and the 4 Main Hazards of Construction”

Presenter: Ron Williams of the Syracuse OSHA office.

Contact Cindy at 720-8102 or

cheid@townofclay.org to make your reservations.

PRESIDENT’S COLUMN JANUARY 2011

Last month, this column was devoted to reporting the significant decrease in fires and fire related deaths during the last ten years in the United States. While it is inappropriate for the code/fire prevention community to take sole credit for this decrease, the argument justifiably may be made that our activities certainly have contributed to this phenomenon.

It seems only a distant memory when the Stouffer’s Inn, Beverly Hills Supper Club and MGM Grand Hotel fires shocked the public and galvanized the code/fire prevention community into action. Like the proverbial installation of a traffic light at an intersection after a fatality, these events spurred positive code development designed to radically reduce the number of deaths associated with fires. Statistically, the argument may be made that we have been very successful in this endeavor.

Simply writing regulations in a book and passing laws, however, are not sufficient to have so radically improved public safety. Society as a whole has become far more safety conscious, some would say excessively, in the ensuing thirty years since the Stouffer’s Inn fire, and readily accepts safety related improvements in all aspects of life, the built environment being no exception. Driven by the public demand, products have been devised that either detect fire or smoke or prevent a fire from occurring at all, such as coffee pots that automatically turn themselves off.

As we recall the fiery destruction of The Station night club in Rhode Island in 2003 where 96 people lost their lives, even after several decades of fire safety advances and improvements in codes and standards, we must realize that complacency is not an option. We should be proud of our contributions in our roles as “silent defenders” but must not rest on our laurels since none of us knows what the future holds. Tomorrow’s headlines may report an epic tragedy that may have been preventable had certain codes been enforced.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal J. Smith, President

2011 Membership Dues NOW due –

Please send in yours as soon as possible so you may attend our Feb. 17th training free of charge.

For information on our TWO Scholarships, go to

www.nysboc.com

For the State Chapter Scholarship, go to

www.nysboc.net

2011 Bi-Monthly Meeting Schedule

February 17th – OSHA training – 2 hours

April 5th – 8th , 6th Annual Educational Conference –
24 hours

June 16th – Residential Energy Code – 2 hours

August 18th – Annual Picnic –
Training – TBD

October 20th – Training – TBD

December 15th – Annual Holiday Business Meeting

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NYSBOC CENTRAL CHAPTER

2010 HISTORY REPORT

Chapter Meetings

2/18/10 - Meeting with 2 hour training on green building construction presented by Kevin Stack. Held at Barbagallo's Restaurant with approximately 50 people in attendance.

6/17/10 - Meeting with 1 hour training with Dig Safely New York. Meeting held at Barbagallo's Restaurant with approximately 50 people in attendance.

8/19/10 – Meeting with 1 hour training on NYS workmen's compensation with Steve Carbone from NYS Worker's Compensation Board. Meeting held at Long Branch Park with approximately 40 people in attendance.

10/21/10 Meeting with 1 hour training on Structural, Building Envelopes & Efficiency with John DiAloisio, PE from Klepper, Hahn & Hyatt. Meeting held at Barbagallo's Restaurant with approximately 45 members present.

12/16/10 - Annual Business Meeting & Elections held at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, NY. President Smith made opening speech and remarks on the good of the chapter. Amy Bertini was given a round of thanks for her time and efforts for being a chapter delegate. Result of the annual elections were: President Neal Smith, 1st Vice President Bernie English, 2nd Vice President Jim Woods, Secretary Cindy Beckhusen, Treasurer Larry Kinne, Historian James F. Conlon. Chapter delegates: George Keeler, Ed Cusato and James Basile. Approximately 80 people present.

Chapter Members Who Have Passed On

Bill Wheelless, Jr. 82, 3/6/10 City of Syracuse, Past President

Annual Training Conference

Our annual training conference was held from April 20th to April 23rd at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, NY. Attendance was high with over 340 attendees fulfilling their in-service training of 24 hours. For the first time an outside demonstration was conducted showing overhead systems for commercial kitchens.

Ron Piester gave the opening training topic on Tuesday morning. Training topics included codes update, firestopping/life safety, residential accessibility, structural fasteners, kitchen safety, fire treated lumber, fire sprinkler history, inspection of special waste & traps, hazardous materials, mold, water & the building code and ethnics & enforcing the code.

We had eighteen vendors displaying their services along with a vendor dinner on the first night. A laptop computer was the grand prize for visiting and discussing with the vendors.

Scholarships

The following students have been awarded scholarships from the Central Chapter:

Jerry St. Hilaire Memorial Scholarship: Cameron DeOrdio, Ryan DeOrdio, Mary Mallette, Anna Mallette, Nicole Albrigo, Kelsey Balcer, Nicolas Sherman, Elizabeth Worden & Jonathan Conlon.

Daniel Evan Keeler Memorial Scholarship: Jonathan Conlon, Anna Mallette & Mary Mallette.

International Codes Council Annual Business Meeting – Charlotte, North Carolina October 2010

The Central Chapter sent a delegation to the ICC Annual Business Meeting to vote on amendments, code hearings, ICC officer elections. With the support of other ICC chapters, Ron Piester was elected to the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Chapter members attending included Larry Kinne, Ed Cusato, Jim Woods, Jim Conlon, George Keeler, Bill Reagan, Dale Hodge, Cindy Beckhusen, Rolf Beckhusen and Amy Bertini.

New York State Building Officials Conference Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting was held in Ellenville, NY. Chapter member Ed Cusato was voted in for 2nd Vice President for the State Chapter. Chapter members attending were George Keeler, Ed Cusato and Amy Bertini.