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## BOABC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT 61<sup>st</sup> Spring Education Conference and AGM May 2016, River Rock Casino Resort, Richmond, BC.

Dear Members and Delegates:

Welcome to the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual BOABC Spring Education Conference. Thank you for attending and supporting your Association.

Since our last AGM the new BOABC website has been put online, complete with member forums and added functionality. We received lots of positive feedback from our members who appear to be delighted with the new website and it's user-friendly navigation aids.

Additional features that were added to the new website include:

- A searchable membership list, including level of certification and employer.
- On line registration and payment capability for seminars and conferences.
- On line self reporting of CPD points.
- A member discussion forum.
- A code interpretation forum.

We have been working with BC campus as Program Manager to implement their "Recommendations for a Quality Competency-Based Framework for Training, Assessment and Professional Development of Building Officials in British Columbia". It will be a four-year project in total. Phase 1, the environmental scan, is complete and thank you to those of you who answered the survey questions. The response rate was very high and we elicited a huge amount of useful information and ideas. Thanks also to BSSB who funded Phase 1 and contributed to the planning.

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We presented the new Level 2 training modules at the 2015 Fall Training Conference and we will be presenting the Level 3 modules at the 2016 Annual Spring Conference. Thanks to Herman Koolman for converting the material to the BC Building code and the BOABC Education Committee for reviewing the converted training modules. Conversion of the Level 1 modules will begin in June 2016.

There were 33 participants in the Level 2 training. So far:

- 5 participants sat and passed both of the Level 2 exams.
- 1 participant sat and failed both exams.
- 2 participants sat and passed one of the two exams.
- 3 participants sat and failed one of the two exams.

This means that so far we have 17 exams taken with 12 passes and 5 fails. A 70% pass rate.

Prior to dividing Level 2 into two exams the pass rate was 28%. After dividing Level 2 into two exams the pass rate rose to 33%. For participants of the five-day Level 2 training course the pass rate has jumped up to 70%. All positive moves in the right direction.

The BOABC is now an approved provider of CPD points to HPO licensed builders and we have been given access to the HPO education portal to list our events and seminars. We hope to see more licensed builders attending our seminars and conferences in the future. Licensed builders now have to earn annual CPD points.

### **Current Membership:**

Membership currently stands at over 700 members, a new record. Full details and statistics are included in the Registrar Report.

### **BOABC Finances:**

The BOABC finances are in good order and the financial statements are posted. The overall reserves are lower than last year due to expenditure on the new website, additional functionality and consultants.

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## **Education and Examinations:**

The Education and the Examination Development Committees have been working hard this year and thanks are due to the participating committee members who generously give their time, energy and expertise to these committees. Expect to see some new education programmes for Level 1 later this year. All examination questions have been updated to reflect recent changes to the BC Building code.

## **Thanks also to:**

While thanking committee members, let us also recognize the work of the members of the BOABC Executive Committee and thank them for their commitment to the BOABC. Let us also not forget the BOABC staff, Jennifer Schwaertzel in the BOABC office, always assisting members, and Herman Koolman, arranging the education component of our conferences and seminars plus handling many member questions during the year.

Respectfully submitted.

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