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Duncan,  
B.Sc. Degree in Architecture*



*Bill Duncan 2015*

Recently, I had the good fortune to renew my acquaintance with Bill Duncan, whom I had not been in touch with since 1983 when the BOABC annual general meeting was held at the City of Nanaimo. At that time Bill was employed by the City of Nanaimo as Manager of Building Inspections. I remember being very impressed with Bill's successful efforts in having his department's procedures improved by way of implementing digital processing.

Bill was born and raised in around Eugene, Oregon on a dairy farm where one had to do a lot of thinking to figure out how things worked properly. Following his graduation from high school, Bill enlisted in the US Air Force and served in Korea, Vietnam, and stateside. Upon discharge, proceeded to attend Oregon State University with the financial assistance of the GI Bill, which is a veterans' program that provides assistance to

those vets who wish to obtain a higher education. Bill studied Architecture and graduated in 1973.

1973-74 Bill was successful in obtaining employment as a Building Inspector for the City of Salem, Oregon.

Bill met a lady from British Columbia while attending university; they married following Bill's employment with the City of Salem, and moved to Vancouver Island, BC. Bill and wife have 2-grown sons now, Ian and Donal. Ian, recently married, lives in Las Vegas with his wife Rebecca and is very busy in the computer business. Donal lives on the southern tip of Vancouver Island with his wife Sara and their 2-year old son. Donal is a high school teacher of math and physics which he enjoys.

Bill was again successful in 1974 in obtaining employment with the Nanaimo Regional District as a Building Inspector, where he managed the District's first field office located in Parksville. Bill remained with the District until 1981.

Bill's employment and experience then followed:

1981-1983 City of Nanaimo BC  
Assistant Manager, Building Inspection Division

1983-1986 City of Nanaimo BC  
Manager, Building Inspector Division

1988-1989 Resort Municipality of Whistler BC  
Senior Building Inspector

1989-1999 District of West Vancouver  
Assistant Director of Permits and Licences BC

- Responsible for the enforcement of the BC Building Code and the District's Bylaws. Provide technical support for 12-employees including Building, Plumbing, Electrical, and Licence Inspectors. Assist with technical Plan reviews, inspection of dwellings, commercial projects, high rise structures, for conformity to building codes.

- Inspected all types of building construction.
- For conformance to the BC Building Code.
- Maintained computer tracking program.
- Wrote reports and acted as an adviser to the Board of Variance and Design Review Panel.

2000-2003 City of Maple Valley, WA  
Building Official

- Responsible for the daily operation of the Building Division, accepted building permit applications, conducted plan reviews, issued building permits, supervised the staff, conducted code enforcement as required.
- Plan reviewed and inspected all types of buildings for compliance with local codes.
- Staffed the Building Division.
- Wrote reports and conducted code enforcement actions deemed necessary.

2004-2006 Willdan, San Diego, CA  
Building Inspector

- Worked as contracted Building Inspector for the County of San Diego following guidance of the Supervising Building Inspector.
- Inspected Single Family and multi-family dwellings, commercial retail buildings, schools.

2006-Present County of San Diego, San Marcos, CA

- Inspected Single family and Multi family dwellings, commercial retail buildings, schools, dormitories at San Pasqual Academy and the Palomar Airport Terminal for Code conformity.

Upon leaving the District of West Vancouver, Bill returned to the United States where he encountered another challenge to his career, he would have to learn a different set of Building Code requirements and obtain certification if he was to obtain employment.

When he landed at the City of Maple Valley, just outside Seattle, he obtained the Codes that he needed to study. Following successful completion of this studying he went to work as Building Official for the City of Maple Valley.

Since retiring, Bill has regained an interest in trout and steelhead fishing on lakes and rivers in southern Oregon. To assist with success in the sport, he has been actively tying fishing flies which he learned to do many years ago while living on Vancouver Island. He is also active with photography and the outdoors, and is looking forward to traveling for exciting fly fishing trips to wherever the fish are biting.

Bill mentions that he had met and worked with some of the most talented individuals in the building inspection field while working on Vancouver Island and the lower mainland of BC. This gave him incentive to become the best possible Building Inspector and Registered Building Official.

Bill takes pride in being able to use any of the educational opportunities that were available to him while working in BC. He believes that he was the 12th inspector to obtain Level-3 Certification as reflected by Bill Jones. Further, there were opportunities to work on BOABC committees such as Conference Chairman, Educational Committee, and Professional Committee (developed guidelines for the ROB program), and these are but a few of the enrolments made available to him by BOABC. An opportunity came about to travel to the Yukon Territory to facilitate Code education for resident inspectors, as BOABC members, were entitled to direct Code education. Bill mentions that this was a great experience to work and learn with northern BOABC members.

Respectfully submitted:  
Bob Buckland