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Dear Members & Delegates:

Welcome to the 61st Annual Spring Education Conference and AGM at the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond. I would like to thank the BOABC staff for planning and organizing this year's event. I would also like to thank the presenters and Trade Show Partners for their contribution towards making this event a success.

In 2014 your Executive Committee endorsed and adopted the strategic plan "**BOABC Strategic Priorities 2014 & Beyond**" (the Plan). This Plan is a guiding document for your Executive and the staff to ensure we are working towards achieving the priorities and tasks outlined by our members. Your Executive Committee and staff were busy developing and implementing plans to achieve the goals set by you.

It is my honor to update you on the progress of the implementation plans and goals achieved by your executive Committee and the staff on behalf of our members.

Priority One - 'Improve Access for BOABC Members & Non Members to Education and Training in all Regions of BC and Yukon'.

Due to unforeseen reasons, John de Ruiter stepped down from the position of Vice President of Education. I am happy to report to you that under section 16 of BOABC Bylaws, your Executive has appointed Michael Mark to the Vice President of Education position. After a successful transition, Michael has continued from where John left off. Last November during the Education conference, BOABC delivered a five (5) day Part 9 (Level II) course. We received good reviews, and suggestions for improvement on the material covered and delivery methods from those who attended the course. We are working on the improvements.

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I am happy to report to you that we received the Part 3 (Level III) Building Code course from ACBOA. This course like other ACBOA courses was based on NBC 2010. Herman worked tirelessly to convert it into the 2012 BC Building Code. This course is being delivered as part of our 2016 Spring Training sessions. We have received assurance from ACBOA that we will receive the Part 9 (Level 1) course by the end of this summer. This course will be converted to the 2012 BC Building Code and hopefully will be ready for delivery for the Fall Education Conference.

With the financial help and professional guidance of the Building and Safety Standards Branch staff, BOABC has engaged the BCcampus to help develop its educational delivery programme to ensure the education programme will meet the needs of our members and the industry stakeholders. This past winter, as part of the BCcampus's programme, they conducted an "environmental scan" of our members and other stakeholders to conduct the needs assessment. We received over 300 hundred responses. This survey will help guide us to develop the programmes to ensure we meet the needs of our members and industry stakeholders. I can empathise with the members that the education delivery is not coming fast enough, but we want to ensure our materials are technically sound, our delivery methods are appropriate and the education and training meets the professional standards and the needs of our members and industry stakeholders.

Priority Two - 'Achieve Mandatory Certification Legislation'.

As I reported last year, the Building Act received Royal Assent on March 25, 2015. Several Parts, Divisions and Sections of the Building Act have already been brought into force by various regulations. The Part 3, Division 1 Section 11 to 13 "Building Official" has not been brought into force yet. Your Executive, staff and legal counsel have been working with the BSSB staff to develop the regulations and supporting administrative agreement to implement the mandatory qualification framework for building officials. We are hoping to have a resolution on this matter soon.



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Priority Three, - Improve consistency of the code interpretation among BOABC members and the Building Community.

In 2015, the BOABC website was revised to be consistent with newer technologies and to be mobile friendly. The new website is interactive, user friendly, allows members to make online payments and report CPD points on line. In addition, it allows registered users to access a secure, online discussion forum to seek peer help on various code matters. This forum will enable members in the remote communities to communicate and seek input from members in other communities. This new feature on the website will help improve consistency of code interpretations. The staff has received positive feedback on the new website.

Priority, Four and Five

We are in the process of developing goals and objectives for these priorities and a robust implementation plan to achieve the desired results.

Financial Report

BOABC's finances are in good and healthy condition. The auditors have reviewed the statement of the financial position of BOABC. The unaudited report stated, "*Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations*". BOABC reserves are at the level they should be for a non-profit organization.

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In October 2015 in Toronto and in February 2016 in Fredericton, as a BOABC delegate and representative, I attended the ACBOA fall and spring meetings. ACBOA has delivered Part 9 (Level II) and Part 3 (Level III) courses. ACBOA has promised to deliver Part 9 (Level I) this summer. ACBOA is working with provincial members to develop national educational and training materials based on the National Building Code, to promote uniform training and professional development of building officials, throughout the nation.

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I am honored and humbled by the memberships' support, trust and faith in me to serve you. Please accept my heartfelt thank you. We are almost at the end of accomplishing our Priority Two. There is still some important groundwork left to do in order to implement the building official qualification programme. I believe it will be important to have the continuity; therefore, I will be asking you for your support for another term as your President.

Respectfully submitted,

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