

*Building Officials' Association of British Columbia*

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*Promoting Building Safety and Professionalism*

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# Building Officials Association of BC

This newsletter is created to keep Building Officials located within BC informed of the progress being made within the Association.

We are an Association with membership approaching 1000. The BOABC primarily represents local government Building Officials, including Plumbing Officials.

The BOABC has grown since 1954 from 24 members largely situated in the Greater Vancouver area to seven geographic zones across BC and the Yukon Territory. It fulfills much of the same objective as originally proposed; consistent Code interpretation; a forum for discussion; education, standards of Code knowledge and since 1981, a technical certification program for our membership.

BOABC members serve on many provincial committees that review building regulatory issues in the Province of BC. We liaise with inter-provincial and international councils of Building Officials to bring about greater national and international understanding of accreditation, and recognition of commonality of our respective endeavors.

We are closely affiliated to our colleagues in the building industry and interact through zone meeting, seminars, executive meetings, workshops, our annual conference and annual general meeting, various association committees, appointment to various building industry committees and provincial committees.

The Building Act received Royal Assent on March 25, 2015, with expectations that all regulations in the Act being adopted by the Province in March 2016.

The POABC members voted to dissolve the POABC and to have members join the BOABC.

On February 28, 2017 the Province adopted the Competency regulations in the Building Act and mandated that all Building and Plumbing Officials become members in good standing with the BOABC within 6 months and to become qualified within 4 years.

## ACBOA

ACBOA administration and corporate functionality is now being conducted through the BOABC office. This is a half time role and is funded by a \$25,000 payment from ACBOA. This is a great step forward for the BOABC organization and the ACBOA organization.



## BOABC 2019/2020 Fees

Regular and Associate Members Fees for 2019/2020 will be \$4 \$441.53 plus \$200 assessment = \$641.53 + GST of \$32.07 = \$673.60. The fee assessment includes funding to meet BOABC's obligations and requirements in accordance with the Administrative Agreement with the Province. Invoices will be sent early 2019.

## Meet David

BOABC CEO

A licenced lawyer of 27 years, Dave Schioler has spent the last 17 years as an executive with various Canadian business interests, including his current contract position as CEO of the Building Officials Association of British Columbia (BOABC), and his recently completed role serving for 12 years as CEO (& General Counsel) of the Insurance Brokers Association of Manitoba (IBAM). An accomplished public speaker, Dave is well recognized for his outstanding work and success in political and industry advocacy – and in business leadership and general management. An “Associate” of the Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba, Dave is involved in many business, professional and community activities, including current service as Chair of the Riverview Health Centre Capital Campaign to raise funds for a new Alzheimer’s & Dementia Unit, and past service as a Board Director on the Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Corporation, as Chair of Legal Aid Manitoba, and as a Director on the Boards of Special Olympics International Council, Special Olympics Canada, Special Olympics Manitoba, Deer Lodge Hospital,

St. James-Assiniboia Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. In 2010, the Prime Minister appointed Dave to Canada’s National Parole Board. Throughout 2006 – 2012, Dave was featured with his IBAM executive teams in the Winnipeg SUN’s “Manitoba Profiles in Business Excellence”. Dave is also a former professional hockey player and currently a long time member of the renowned & community oriented Winnipeg Steelers Hockey Club. Dave holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the Queen’s University Smith School of Business, a Juris Doctor degree from Dalhousie (Schulich) Law School and Bachelor of Arts (HONOURS – Political Studies) and Bachelor of Education degrees, both from the University of Manitoba. A four time Manitoba Provincial “Sports Excellence” award winner, Dave for a number of years coached his sons’ hockey teams in Winnipeg. Dave was born in Montreal, Quebec. He is married to Sharon Clarke from Belfast, Northern



Ireland – and together they have three sons: Jordan, Connor & Dane.

David has accomplished much in his short time with the Association and we look forward to working with him in the future.

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## Meet Michelle and Rawya

by Zara Rockwell, RBO, VP – Certification and Member Services

Michelle Lee is the BOABC Administrative Manager. Michelle joined the Association in May of 2018. Her duties include membership services inclusive of examinations registration, assisting the Registrar with membership registrations, website administration, Board assistance and general assistance to staff and members on just about everything. Her background will prove to be a great asset to the functionality of the BOABC. In her free time she enjoys listening to live music.

Rawya Moustapha is the Controller & Administrative Coordinator for the BOABC. She joined the BOABC in May of 2018. Her duties include accounting and control for the organization, inclusive of support to the CEO on matters related to financial, management

accounting and financial reporting. She also provides membership services with respect to the payment of invoices & various registrations including those related to membership dues, education and examinations, conferences, suppliers and consultants – and the invoicing & payment on those accounts with respect to which the Association is responsible. Rawya’s experiences will provide strength to the operations at the BOABC. In her free time she is busy with her 2 children and all of their activities.

Michelle, Rawya and David are working well as a team and are proving to be excellent fits for the organization – skill wise and culturally.

## BOABC EXECUTIVE MEMBERS



## Executive

President – Tony Bartko

CEO – Dave Schioler

Past President – Manjit S. Sohi

Vice President of Certification and Member Services –  
Zara Rockwell

Vice President of Examinations – Brian Champlin

Vice President of Plumbing Officials – Andy Wilson

Director at Large – Wayne Robinson

Director – South Central Interior Zone – Jeremy Frick

Director – Central and North Interior Zone – Blaine  
Harasimiuk

Director – Vancouver Island North Zone – Vacant

Director – North West Zone – Todd Loucks

Director – Lower Mainland Zone – Belinda Moen

Director – Lower Mainland Zone – Jacek Redlinski

Director – Kootenay Zone – Vacant

Director – Vancouver Island South Zone – Chris Leek

Registrar – Arne Dohlen

Secretary – Catherine Ernst

Provincial Government Appointee – Don Pedde

Treasurer – Colin Bollinger

Historian – Bob Buckland



2018 BC Building Code to take  
effect December 10, 2018

## 2018 BC Building Code Change

by Dave Schioler

The new BC Building and Plumbing Code will be effective on December 10, 2018 and will apply to building permits applied for on or after that date. The BC Fire Code is anticipated to be adopted in the fall of 2018 and effective December 10, 2018. Buildings with permits in place under the previous 2012 BC Building Code will generally not be affected by the adoption of the new code. The BC Building and Plumbing Code is based on the model National Building and Plumbing Codes of Canada. The 2015 National Codes adopted 600 technical changes to improve clarity, introduce new concepts, and expand existing requirements.

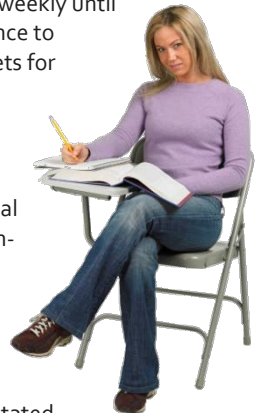
### Mandatory Code Change Education & Training

BOABC has taken the lead and we have picked up the pace and have taken swift steps in order to assemble a 'code change team' complete with lead educational and building and plumbing official consultants in order to build training curriculum/course design and the requisite substantive content for both in-person/facilitated and on-line capacity. Where required, the team will utilize the help of additional designated building officials in order to construct and deliver the content.

In addition to continued collaboration with organizations such as AIBC, EGBC, Certified Professional's and BC Housing, Building Safety Standards Branch and with volunteers, the code change team created thus far for both curriculum development and delivery includes but is not limited to:

- Lynn Berlin – Building Official and Educator

- Frankie Victor – GHL Consultants Ltd
  - James Nyhus – Plumbing Official
  - Doug Vance – Plumbing Official
  - Andy Wilson – Plumbing Official
  - Brian Husband – Plumbing Official
  - Maura Gatensby – AIBC
  - Amy Fernandez – EGBC
  - Denisa Ionescu – BC Housing
  - Leah Hemeon – Hemeon Learning
  - Jun'ichi Jensen – BSSB
  - Emily Sinclair – BSSB
  - Steven Bishop – Curriculum Expert – Douglas College
  - Patrick Shek – Head Building Official Burnaby
  - BOABC Staff – Admin Support
- Various members of the team will be meeting weekly until the conference to ensure targets for completion and delivery are met. The target date for initial delivery of in-



person/facilitated sessions is set for the BOABC education conference November 27 – 30, 2018. The delivery of the in-person/facilitated sessions will continue thereafter in the various Zones and regions of the Province, as is and will be posted on the BOABC website for choice of session and registration.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Information for each Executive Member can be found at [www.boabc.org](http://www.boabc.org)

# BOABC INDUSTRY EXECUTIVES PANEL – NOVEMBER 29, 2018 SHERATON VANCOUVER AIRPORT



We are pleased to have Ben Mulroney join as our moderator for our Building Industry Executives Panel taking place on Thursday, November 29, 2018. With more than 16 years of experience in broadcasting, Ben Mulroney is one of Canada's most respected journalists. As the co-host of CTV's new program, Your Morning, and Anchor of Canada's most-watched entertainment news program, etalk, he brings the best to what he does as a speaker, emcee, event moderator, and interviewer. Mulroney has covered several renowned events including: Oscars, Golden Globe Awards, Emmy's, Toronto International Film Festival and the Juno Awards. Mulroney has a law degree from Laval University and a history degree from Duke University. He is married to lifestyle expert Jessica Mulroney, and is father to their two twin boys, Brian and John, and daughter Ivy.

Invitations to this event are extended to the broader building community at \$50 per attendee. Those attending the November BOABC Education conference will have their attendance included in the registration fee.

This event is a marquis event that will draw a good crowd. The intent of the event is designed to be a display of spirit and collaboration from all angles of the building community. The audience will be treated to the addressing of issues from a number of different perspectives. The panelists will deliver substantive content and opinion, performance and humour.

#### Panelists:

- Anne McMullin – President & CEO – Urban Development Institute.
- Neil Moody – CEO – Canadian Home Builders Association BC
- Wendy Acheson – VP and Registrar – BC Housing
- Tony Bartko – President – BOABC

- Bob Deeks – Principal – RDC Fine Homes
- Ann English – CEO & Registrar – Engineers and Geoscientists BC
- Andrew Pape-Salmon – Executive Director – Building Safety and Standards Branch
- Patrick Ryan – Head Building Official – City of Vancouver
- Mark Vernon – CEO – Architectural Institute of BC
- Bob DeWit – CEO – Greater Vancouver Home Builders Association
- Theresa McCurry – CEO – Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of BC
- Bob Heikkila – CFT Engineering Inc
- David Tupper – Claims Analyst – Municipal Insurance Association of BC
- Chris Atchison – President – BC Construction Association

#### Topics:

- Importance of effective political advocacy and government relations to associations and their members,
- Are we as a 'building community over-regulated'?
- Is collaboration amongst the various professions and forces in the building industry a necessity?
- How do Home Builders and other contractors feel about the role that building officials play in the building community? In what ways can that role be improved and enhanced?
- How does the Building Act of BC and the relevant regulations attached to the Act affect your particular association/organization and its membership?

- Can any real change take place in the building industry without regard to insurance considerations?
- The rules in Vancouver are different? Without affecting the Vancouver Charter and causing political upset, should we strive for consistency across the Province regardless?
- Through legislation, regulation and an Administrative Agreement with the Province, the BOABC is in the early stages of moving into self-governance of Building Officials. What are the benefits and what is the significance of having self-governance in a profession? What can we learn from other professions as we move through these developments? Why is this also a good development for builders and how can the builders help?
- What do you see as some of the significant things happening in the building industry currently?
- Do you think we need more collaborative efforts to promote the building industry to the public – through collaborative public relations and marketing efforts that will focus on the connection of the building industry to public safety and 'in the public interest'?
- How can the industry speed up processing and awarding of Development and Building Permits across the Province? Is that even necessary?
- And others.

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## Policy Changes

The Executive Committee has been hard at work to update Policy to be more consistent and clear and to meet the requirements of the Administrative Agreement. See our website at [www.boabc.org](http://www.boabc.org) for updated policies:

- Continuing Professional Development Program,
- Policy 1.1,
- Policy 1.3,
- Policy 1.4,
- Policy 1.5,
- Policy 1.7,
- New Policy 2.9 – Senior Leadership Team
- New Policy 4.16 – Sick Leave

A highlight from the Policy changes is 1.3. The changes now permit staff to review and approve the certification requests without having to wait for an executive meeting for vetting. This will greatly increase the speed to which certificates will be approved. Registered Building Officials will still be sworn in at a Zone or the Annual General meeting. Celebrating the success of members who reach this level!

At the September 2018 Executive Meeting a motion was made and passed to create a special committee to review all BOABC Bylaws and Policies to clarify any language or terms that may lead to misinterpretation. Any proposed changes will be brought forth for review by the Executive Committee and reviewed by a lawyer prior to the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

Proposed Bylaw changes will be presented for the general membership to vote on at the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

## Continuing Professional Development Program

Regular and Associate 1 Members, including those who hold RBO and BCQ designations, are required to participate and satisfy requirements of the CPD program for the purposes of maintaining certification levels

pursuant to BOABC bylaws and policies and/or for accreditation purposes pursuant to the ACBOA Building Officials national certification model.

Retired, Life, Honorary, Associate 2 and 3 and Student Members are exempt from mandatory participation in the CPD Program.

The requirements are as follows:

Within each calendar year, a qualified/certified building official must complete a minimum of 10 points of continuing professional development from Schedule A.

The CPD program cycle has a one-year time frame for completion. Members are responsible for self-reporting CPD points.

Failure to complete your CPD Requirements may result in the removal of your certification. Please take the time to report your CPD Points today.

## History of Canadian Building Codes

Regulation of building construction can be traced back through world history for more than 4,000 years. People have become increasingly aware of the ability to avoid consequences of building construction catastrophes.

The first National Building Code of Canada was published in 1941. The National Building Code is the model bylaw for Canada and was adopted by the various provinces and municipalities over the next 20 years. Since 1960, there has been a revised document approximately every five years. In 2000 the code was changed to an objective or performance-based code. This took longer than projected and was issued in 2005.

The British Columbia Building Code is based on the core concepts of the National Building Code with some variations specific to the Province. The Code applies throughout BC, except some Federal Lands and the City of Vancouver.



### Request for Documents

Do you have any BOABC historical documents, photographs from past conferences, past newsletters, member focus write-ups? If yes, please forward copies to the BOABC Office.



### Save the Date - Annual Conference & AGM - Spring 2019

Work has already begun on the planning for the 2019 Spring Annual Conference & AGM which will be held May 27- 31, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency. Objectives are to grow the Association and transform into a more professional Association. Identifying and influencing the building community and beyond will be a focus. This presents for exciting times for the building industry and the lives and livelihoods of Building Officials.



### EXAMS

Exam sitting for exam 7 and 8 now up to 2.5 hours from 2.0 hours.

Paper and Pencil Exams will be available at the November Education Conference. See [www.boabc.org](http://www.boabc.org) for details and to register.

You can also register for a Pronto exam at <https://boabc.org/pronto/>. Plan Sets can be downloaded and brought to the exam sitting for exam 1, 8 and plumbing level 1 and 2.

# About Building Officials

Accolades for the silent heroes, our Building Officials, who protect our health, safety and property by helping to ensure that the dwelling and environment where we live, work and play meet the highest standards of construction and safety.

The public tends to take building safety and efficiency for granted, however they don't wonder if the floor is going to give way or if the ceiling is going to stay above, if the building is energy efficient or how close the exits are located for a safe evacuation in the event of an emergency.

Building Officials are skilled, highly dedicated building and safety experts. Their actions help save countless lives despite fires, floods, earthquakes and other natural disasters. They are the silent first responders who ensure the building is built right and built strong, and are going to save the lives of the people occupying the building and the lives of the emergency and fire personnel. These silent heroes ensure that the buildings that we live in, work in, send our children to school and play in are safe.

Building Officials have positive impact on local communities through code compliance and through lessons learned from disasters, new research, new building materials and building practices over time. These can include flood proofing, fire resistance, structural strength, building for high winds, and building sustainability to making sure we have safe drinking water, proper airflow and higher energy efficiency.

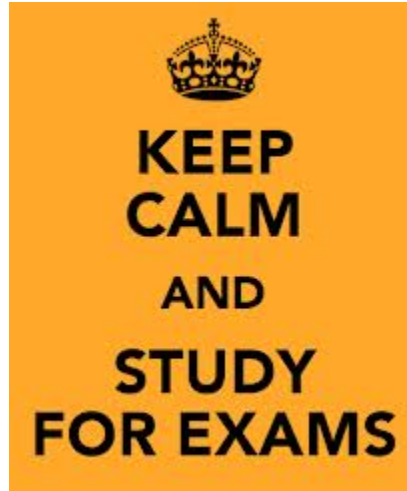
There is a caring nature and reward that comes with this career. However, a Building Official's greatest satisfaction comes from knowing that they have helped people and protected them in health, safety and life and one life saved shows we have done our job.

## FAST FACTS – OVERALL BOABC EXAM PASS RATES

Level 1, Exam 1 – 46%  
 Level 1, Exam 2 – 37%  
 Level 2, Exam 5 – 55%  
 Level 2, Exam 6 – 61%  
 Level 3, Exam 7 – 74%  
 Level 3, Exam 8 – 32%  
 Level 3, Exam 9 – 76%

Level 3, Exam 10 – 67%  
 POABC Level 1 – 78%  
 POABC Level 2 – 65%

There is a higher pass rate for those who have taken a computer based or pronto based exam.



## Lower Mainland Zone Representative

At the most recent Lower Mainland Zone Meeting held at HILTI Canada office in Burnaby, Jacek Redlinski, City of Richmond Plumbing and Gas Inspector 2, was nominated and elected to replace the vacancy left with Tony Bartko being elected as Association President. Below is a photo of Jacek and the current Lower Mainland Zone Director, Belinda Moen. Congratulations Jacek.



## Casey van den Broek Award

Policy 5.5 – Recognition of Service states that Members shall be recognized for their service and dedication to the betterment of the Association.

The Casey van den Broek award is awarded to a member of the association for continued leadership of and service to building safety and code education field. Casey van den Broek was recognized throughout the building industry for his continued efforts in building code work and as an educator. Active in all phases of BOABC Proceedings., Mr. van den Broek served as President of the Association during 1991 and 1992. The award in his honour is presented to a member of the association whose continuing service to building safety and code education deserves distinctive recognition.

Charlie Hoeller is 2018's recipient of this award. Charlie has been an advocate for education for 20 years. He has retired from his role as Building Inspector Supervisor at City of Surrey. Charlie has been active in teaching at BCIT, presenting at BOABC Seminars, has acted as Lower Mainland Zone Director and so much more. His dedication to the Association is greatly appreciated. A past student had this to say "Charlie Hoeller at BCIT also teaches a single family detached building code course which is outstanding! He is the best teacher/instructor I've ever had in my entire life, in any subject!" (credit: Reddit). We could not agree more. Congratulations Charlie!



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