

*Building Officials' Association of British Columbia*

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*Promoting Building Safety and Professionalism*

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Newsletter  
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## CEO Report

The BOABC Executive met on January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Some Executive Member changes include the movement of Wayne Robinson from Director at Large to the role of VP – Education. The Director at Large role is currently vacant. Also, we wish to welcome Andy Christie as the zone director for the Kootenay Zone as Catherine Earnst has moved into the role of Secretary.

Building Official Technical Education for Levels 1, 2 and 3

We are now moving forward expediently with course development for all levels related to our member certification achievements. Our Learning Management System (BOABC LMS) for on-line education, training and Continuing Professional Development is expected to be up and functional on or about March 31st, 2019.

The BOABC On-Line Learning Management System will:

- allow us to create and regularly update our own course(s) and CPD,
- contain both self-paced and instructor led courses

Level 1 – Building Official Training

We are well on our way with building our Level 1 Course(s) for both on-line and in class. In accordance with the Admin Agreement, we are obligated to provide for both on-line and in-class education for all Levels. The target date is the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2019. Charlie Hoeller is our Lead on this project, working closely with our on-line educational design consultant Leah Hemeon. .

### 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.



ACBOA  
alliance

### 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 Zara

Vice –President – Certification and Member Services

A Registered Building Official having 18 years of experience with municipalities in various roles – regulating building codes, bylaws, and regulations. Zara has spent the last 3 years as the Chief Building Inspector with the District of Lake Country. In 2005, Zara joined the BOABC Executive Committee as the Zone Director for the South Central Interior Zone. Shortly after, she became Vice-President (Certification and Member Services). Zara has a diploma in Building Engineering Technology from BCIT and is currently working on her Bachelor's Degree in Commerce (Public Sector Management). Zara regularly volunteers at the local homeless shelter. Zara was born in

Vancouver, BC. She is living with her boyfriend, Kraig and their cat P.I.T.A. (Pain In The Ass) and they are planning to build a duplex in the near future. Zara has two grown children, Steven and Jagger.



ZARA ROCKWELL – VP CERTIFICATION AND MEMBER SERVICES

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## In Memory - Darryl Plotnikoff

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of one of our members, Darryl Plotnikoff on December 31, 2018.. Darryl obtained a Civil Engineering Diploma from SAIT. Darryl began his career as a building inspector for the Municipal District of Foothills. In 1990, Darryl began working for the Regional District Central Kootenay and was a well-respected official for over 28 years.

He had a passion for woodworking and working in his orchard. He found pleasure playing slow pitch softball and camping. Darryl will be

missed by his family and fellow BOABC members.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Darryl's name to BC Children's Hospital Foundation, 4480 Oak Street, Vancouver BC, V6H 3V4

*In Loving Memory*




## 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 Education – Wayne Robinson

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 – Andy Christie

Director – Vancouver Island South Zone – Chris Leek

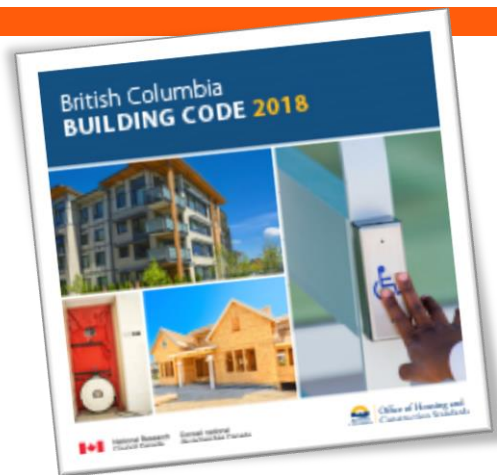
Registrar – Arne Dohlen

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

Our BOABC code change team has worked hard to develop curriculum and deliver at the Education Conference and the travelling roadshow sessions. Sessions held so far have attendance as noted:

- Education Conference – 290
- Prince George – 42
- Kelowna – 84
- Surrey – 168
- Courtenay – 34
- Nanaimo – 34
- Victoria – 63
- Nelson – 24
- Cranbrook – 16
- Total – 755 attendees

### Video and Audio Production

We recorded one full day of the Code Change session at the November 2018 Education Conference for release and use online. Expected delivery date along with the Power Point Slides and relevant material for 2018 Code Change On-Line is March 15 – 31, 2019.

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 – GHLC Consultants Ltd
- Charlie Hoeller – Building Official
- 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
- Don Pedde - BSSB
- Steven Bishop – Curriculum Expert – Douglas College
- Patrick Shek – Head Building Official Burnaby
- BOABC Staff – Admin Support

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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



# CEO Report - Continued

## Building Officials Levels 2 & 3 Training

We are in the process of compiling materials for Levels 2 & 3. Expected delivery date for both on-line and in-class offerings is 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019.

## Plumbing Officials Level 1 & 2 Training

Plumbing Level 1 and 2 training offerings require an update to accommodate the 2018 BC Building Code changes. Our VP – Plumbing Officials, Andy Wilson has been and will continue to lead and bring us to completion in this regard. A full 2 day session of Level 2 Plumbing was well attended at the November 2018 Education Conference. A Plumbing Level 1 course was offered and well attended prior to the Christmas Break. Plumbing Level 2 courses are currently being offered in Richmond and Lake Country in the near future. See [www.boabc.org](http://www.boabc.org) for further details and to register.

## November Education Recap

We are pleased that Ben Mulroney was able to join as our moderator for our Building Industry Executives Panel. Between 200 and 250 attendees were recorded for the Panel. Thank you to our sponsors for the Industry Panel – BC Housing and IPEX.

The Education Conference was successful with 926 total registrations, 386 attendees and 16 educational sessions.

There were two Energy Step-Code Training sessions that were reasonably well attended.

## Examinations

Our VP of Examinations and Chair of the Examination Committee held and initial exam update meeting in November, 2018. Further meetings were held for 5 days – February 1 through the 5<sup>th</sup>. Doug Hatch of International Code Council was in attendance.

The examinations committee is instrumental in our success in terms of meeting requirement of the Admin Agreement; and is well stocked by the Chair and others with a breadth of experience and knowledge.

All exams will be updated to the 2018 BC Building Code in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2019.

## Revenue Generation and Expense Management

A bulk of the revenue comes from Membership Dues. Other sources of Revenue include:

- Building Code Change Education Seminars,
- Education Conference,
- Spring Annual Education Conference & AGM

Efforts are being made to generate revenue through:

- Private Sector – Home Builders and Other Contractors
- Provincial Government
- Other Building Community Stakeholders
  - BC Housing
  - BC Hydro
- Education Royalties
- Building Official Services to indigenous population

## Operations, Office Management

Our staff, Rawya (Controller and Admin Support) and Michelle (Admin Manager), joined the BOABC in Spring 2018. Both have been performing very well. Each has proven to be excellent fits for our organization. They work extremely well under David's leadership.

## ACBOA

The transfer of ACBOA administrative, financial and corporate functions to the BOABC office in near completion. ACBOA has allotted \$25,000 annually for staffing contributions.

## Website and Social Media

We continue to make operational changes to refresh and improve the look and mechanics of our website.

Like and Follow us on Facebook.

## CURRENT COURSE OFFERINGS

Plumbing Level 1 Exam Preparation Course  
Richmond  
February 20 and 21, 2019

Plumbing Level 2 Exam Preparation Course  
Lake Country  
February 28 & March 1, 2019

Code Change Seminar  
2018 BC Building Code  
Richmond  
March 11, 2019

For Further Information or to Register contact  
[www.boabc.org](http://www.boabc.org)

## 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:

- BOABC Mentorship Program,
- New Policy 2.10 – CEO Duties and Responsibilities

Policy 1.3 was changed back in September 2018. 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. As anticipated this has greatly increased the speed to which certificates have been approved. There have been over 30 certification requests approved in the last 3 months. Registered Building Officials may 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.

## BOABC Community

BOABC intends to soon identify a community or charitable cause. The Association and members can contribute and be recognized as a socially responsible organization.

## 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:

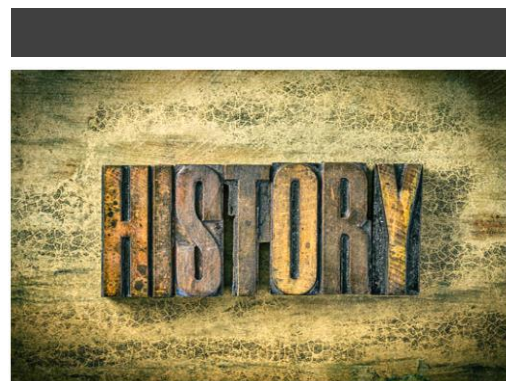
Within each calendar year, a qualified/certified building official must complete a minimum of 10 points of continuing professional development from Schedule A.

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.

## Mentorship Program

We are proud to announce the adoption of the Mentorship Program. For further details please visit [www.boabc.org](http://www.boabc.org)



### 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.

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.

## Reminder

We have many members who have yet to pay their 2018 membership dues. Please login in to your account at [www.boabc.org](http://www.boabc.org) and pay your invoice.

If you are no longer practicing as a Building Official please contact our office at [info@boabc.org](mailto:info@boabc.org) to update your status.

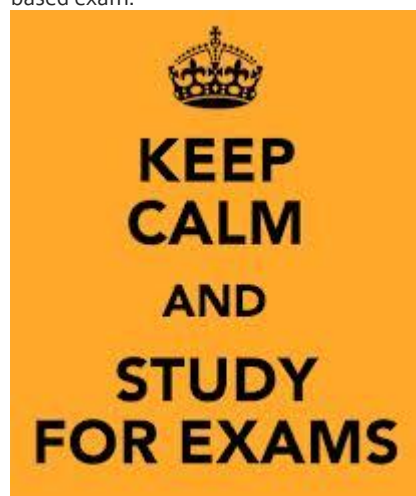
Also, please keep the office informed of any email, address, job changes by emailing [info@boabc.org](mailto:info@boabc.org)

You can also use the website to login into the forums to discuss any BC Building Code or other issues that you may have.

### FAST FACTS – OVERALL BOABC EXAM PASS RATES

Level 1, Exam 1 – 59%  
 Level 1, Exam 2 – 60%  
 Level 2, Exam 5 – 59%  
 Level 2, Exam 6 – 54%  
 Level 3, Exam 7 – 100%  
 Level 3, Exam 8 – 78%  
 Level 3, Exam 9 – 43%  
 Level 3, Exam 10 – 100%  
 POABC Level 1 – 68%  
 POABC Level 2 – 79%

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



## Congratulation- Mo Bayat

Former BOABC VP Mo Bayat is recognized in both the 2015 NBC and 2018 BCBC for his contribution to develop the very first National Energy Code For Buildings as a member of national standing committee of Code.

In addition, he has been recently selected as a member of Technical Advisory Council with International Accreditation Service which is part of International Code Council

## Recognition – David Schoiler

BOABC CEO Dave Schioler was recently recognized in the Winnipeg Free Press for contribution to community having Chaired a capital campaign that successfully raised the \$ 9.5 million necessary to construct an Alzheimer's & Dementia Centre of Excellence at Riverview Health Centre. We are pleased that Dave has brought his commitment to community to his new home of British Columbia.

## Honorary And Life Members

The Executive may grant complimentary Honorary memberships on an annual basis for those members who have displayed exceptional service and dedication to the Association. The term of an Honorary member is one year, however may be reappointed in subsequent years. Honorary members are not required to pay Annual membership dues for the year they are appointed.

The Executive shall consider Life membership for any current or past member who has provided outstanding and extraordinary service, which has positively influenced the growth and stature of the Association. Life membership continues for the life of the recipient.

If you know of a member who is a great candidate for Honorary or Life Member please send you nomination to [zrockwell@boabc.org](mailto:zrockwell@boabc.org)

## Awards – Seeking Nominations

Policy 5.5 – Recognition of Service states that Members shall be recognized for their service and dedication to the betterment of the Association. An award of appreciation may be provided to a Member who has served on the Executive, as Newsletter Editor, Historian, Chair of Member who has been in good standing.

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.

The Jim Robison ward shall be presented to a Member of the Association or the Building Industry for significant contributions to the code development and goals of the Association.

These awards are presented at the Spring Annual Banquet.

If you are aware of someone deserving of an award or recognition, please send your nomination to [zrockwell@boabc.org](mailto:zrockwell@boabc.org)