

*Building Officials' Association of British Columbia*

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*Promoting Building Safety and Professionalism*

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# BOABC Quarterly Newsletter April 2019

## CEO Report

The BOABC Executive plans to meet on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Executive Members are looking forward to another successful year for the Association. We thank the Executive Members for their hard work over the past year. We appreciate any outgoing member's dedication and volunteerism to the Association and look forward to working with any new members to the Association.

BOABC – Working with the Province of BC – The Building Act and the Administrative Agreement

Collaborative efforts between the province of British Columbia and the Building Officials Association of British Columbia culminated in the terms of an Administrative Agreement entered into and allying those parties on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017. The purpose of the Administrative Agreement as clearly set out in said Agreement is 'to satisfy the requirements of sections 14 and 15 of the Building Act and to establish the rights and responsibilities of the parties

in respect to the delegation to the BOABC of the administration of the provisions of the Act specified in a Delegation Regulation. A mutually agreed core tenet of the Agreement is in relation to qualifications of building officials and is expressed and identified as; to increase the competency and professionalism of building officials and achieve greater consistency in the interpretation, application and enforcement of provincial building regulations.

The administrative agreement calls for mutually agreed performance objectives, measures and targets in relation to the qualifications of building officials. The BOABC collaborates regularly with the Government of BC to track progress and success in fulfilling its obligations to the Agreement.

The 2015 Building Act marks the first time any provincial qualifications have been required for building officials. To be qualified, building officials have to:

- \*be a member in good standing of the BOABC,
- \*pass exams according to the level of responsibilities,
- \*undertake annual continuing professional development,
- \*be entered in the register of qualified building officials, and
- \*pay an annual fee and submit an annual report to the registrar.

### ACBOA

ACBOA administration and corporate functionality is now being conducted through the BOABC office. This requires part-time staffing and associated costs which are funded by a \$30,000 plus contribution annually from ACBOA. This is a great step forward for both organizations.



## Meet Brian Acting President & Vice - President - Examinations

Throughout the years, Brian has been involved in many organizations and continues to volunteer his time promoting Health and Structural Fire Life Safety through education in our regional building communities, and is an advocate for life long education.

He is grateful for the opportunity to serve on the BOABC Executive

Committee and encourages others to volunteer their time as well as a way to give something back to the association and the communities we serve. He acknowledges that volunteering has many benefits for participants apart from meeting new friends and colleagues, but provides opportunities for professional development and learning how to collaborate with each other in a professional and transparent manner while working as a dynamic team member to support the needs of the members and goals of the association.

Brian believes that transparency is paramount in any organization, but honesty, integrity and putting the interest of the association first are equally important if the organization is looking to prosper and grow and continually reminds all of us that there is no "I" in team.

He is an avid Photographer, aspiring artist and published poet. He enjoys each day to the fullest, is married to Wilma Champlin, and has two wonderful

children: Aaron and Christina.

**BRIAN CHAMPLIN – ACTING PRESIDENT  
AND VP - EXAMINATIONS**



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We are excited to announce that Catherine Ernst has joined the BOABC staff as Business & Professional Development Manager effective March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. In keeping with our operational staffing mix, all staff will be involved in some aspect of education, training & professional development, which we all recognize as a very important part of what we are doing for our membership now & moving forward.

Amongst other attributes, Catherine brings to our staff her years of experience & skill set as a Building Official. She received her Level 1 Certification in Building in 2012 and Level 1 Certification in Plumbing in 2013. Catherine is looking forward to taking her Level 2 and working towards her

## Meet Catherine – Business and Professional Development Manager

Level 3 starting in 2019/20. Her experience will be meaningful in helping to assemble and manage our education teams now & from time to time, inclusive of subject matter experts and facilitators/instructors at the various levels of certification.

As you know, Catherine is also very good with building and maintaining relationships which will be very helpful as we move forward in our increasingly collaborative industry endeavors. In the position of Business & Professional Development Manager, Catherine will be responsible for such duties as are ordinarily associated with that capacity or as may from time to time be assigned,

including but not limited to providing support to the organization and its other staff in matters related to administration and resource management, communicating effectively with the BOABC's membership on various matters, and performing education and professional development services for the BOABC and to some extent ACBOA (Alliance of Canadian Building Officials Associations).

**CATHERINE ERNST – BUSINESS AND  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
MANAGER**

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## BOABC EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

**Executive**

Acting President – Brian Champlin

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

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Information for each Executive  
Member can be found at [www.boabc.org](http://www.boabc.org)*2018 BC Building Code to take  
effect December 10, 2018*

## 2018 BC Building Code Exams

All BOABC Exams are revised and updated to the 2018 BC Building Code for all three levels of Building Officials Certification and for the two levels of Plumbing Officials Certification. They are expected to be ready for on-line testing May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The BOABC is now and will be in the future in possession of its own profound and complete examinations data bank.

### FAST FACTS – OVERALL BOABC EXAM PASS RATES - PRONTO

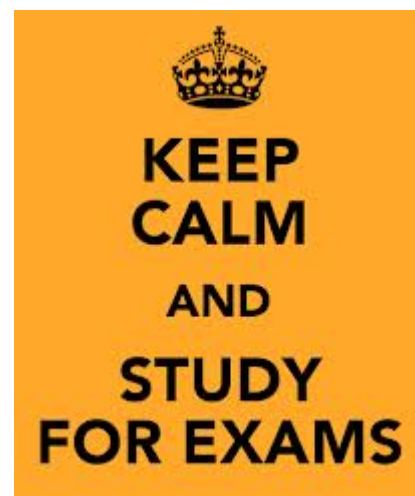
Level 1, Exam 1 – 76%  
Level 1, Exam 2 – 41%  
Level 2, Exam 5 – 56%  
Level 2, Exam 6 – 74%  
Level 3, Exam 7 – 78%  
Level 3, Exam 8 – 73%  
Level 3, Exam 9 – 100%  
Level 3, Exam 10 – 74%  
POABC Level 1 – 89%  
POABC Level 2 – 89%

### FAST FACTS – OVERALL BOABC EXAM PASS RATES – PAPER AND PENCIL

Level 1, Exam 1 – 47%  
Level 1, Exam 2 – 54%  
Level 2, Exam 5 – 53%  
Level 2, Exam 6 – 50%  
Level 3, Exam 7 – 100%  
Level 3, Exam 8 – 81%  
Level 3, Exam 9 – 80%  
Level 3, Exam 10 – 100%  
POABC Level 1 – 72%  
POABC Level 2 – 85%

2019. There is a higher pass rate for those who have taken a computer based or pronto based exam.

Throughout 2018-19, the Association made a number of important changes to bring a more positive and potentially successful exam writing experience to the membership. Some of these changes include longer write times for specific exams requiring it and the capacity for examinees to print relevant plans ahead of time and to bring those plans into the exams along with notes and other materials for reference (the previous electronic experiences offered were not working with functionality that would properly give the examinee a reasonable view of the plans).



The examination summary shows the period April 1, 2018 through March 31,

# BOABC Certification and Member Services

## Newsletter

The BOABC Executive is dedicated to transparency. In an effort to reach more members, we implemented the Newsletter in 2018. We hope you are enjoying the content. If you have any ideas or information you'd like to see in the newsletter contact Zara Rockwell at [zrockwell@boabc.org](mailto:zrockwell@boabc.org).

## Certification Process

In the interests of expedience for our membership, the Association has taken the steps to delegate the formal certification process to an office function. Given that it can and often does affect the promotion and livelihoods of BOABC members, an efficient process substantially cuts down on wait times. This has been working extremely well for membership and staff is now regularly up to date with providing the appropriate certification to membership. This does not take away from a Zone Director delivering in person a ceremony for a Registered Building Official or other designate.

## Certification Summary April 2018 to March 2019

Level One – 42 members

Level Two – 26 members

Level Three – 20 members

Plumbing Level One – 21 members

Plumbing Level Two – 10 members

RBO to BCQ – 1

BCQ to RBO – 1

RBO – 13 members

## Continuing Professional Development

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.

In accordance with the Building Act, the Administrative Agreement and BOABC Policies, the BOABC and other building community partners offer continuing professional development sessions to BOABC members. BOABC members are required to complete 10 CPD Points annually. BOABC offers sessions to its members and in turn to other associations such as AIBC and EGBC and other in the industry. BOABC has been focusing on the 2018 Building Code Change Education and the development of the core course offerings. Continuing Professional Development opportunities have been made available to BOABC members through alternative means such as BC Housing and AIBC. With the advent of BOABC's on-line education system, the offering of Province wide CPD sessions will pick up substantially through 2019-20 as the Association provides relevant content that it has either developed or acquired elsewhere.

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.

## 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)

## Awards – Seeking Nominations

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

## 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

2019 Trade Show, Education Conference and Annual General Meeting  
Vancouver May 29 to 31, 2019

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



# Education

At the BOABC's Executive Committee meeting on January 19, 2019, Wayne Robinson was appointed as the Vice President of Education.

Over the course of 2018/19 the BOABC engaged industry consultants – both paid and volunteers – to help develop the substance and design of Level 1, 2 and 3 course offerings – and to thereafter keep those courses up to date on an ongoing basis.

Editing of all courses developed will have to happen – whether electronic or paper format – and whether on-line or traditional class offerings. Those who will become trainers or educators or facilitators will have to be trained and educated themselves – and they will have to be compensated when they commence with their work.

## Mandatory Code Change Education and Training

Our BOABC code change team and others, worked hard to develop curriculum and deliver Education Conference and roadshow 2018 BC Building Code Change sessions. We have had 797 attendees to the Code Change sessions.

## November 2018 Education Conference - Recap

The November Education Conference had a total of 926 registrations.

Energy Step-Code Training had two sessions and was reasonably well attended. The Energy Step-Code training was facilitated by our contracted consultant, Passive House Canada with financial support from BC Hydro.

Industry Executives Panel was well attended with attendees between 200 - 250 people. We thank our two sponsors

for this event: BC Housing and IPEX. The Panel Executives made very thankful commentary with respect to thanking BOABC for setting up a collaborative experience and stated that they industry needed more of the same moving forward.

Video and Audio Production – One full session of Code Change education was recorded for subsequent release and use online.

## Technical Education – Building Officials for Levels 1, 2 & 3 and Plumbing Officials for Level 1 & 2

We are now moving forward expediently with course development for all levels related to our member certification achievements. The Executive Committee will be making significant and strategic decisions in 2019 with respect to ownership of BOABC Education, Training and Professional Development.

The BOABC now has possession of the instructor manuals for each of these courses and material from the national courses and is currently being incorporated into the design and construction of courses and updated to the 2018 BC Building Code. These courses will be both on-line and in-class offerings.

The target delivery date for on-line Level One course is May of 2019. The target delivery date for on-line Level Two and Three courses is fourth quarter of 2019. The target delivery date for on-line Level One and Two Plumbing courses is third/fourth quarter of 2019.

## Energy Step Code

During the course of 2018/19, the BOABC has been extremely active building an Energy Step Code education and training program, inclusive of the construction of competency framework, a building officials handbook, and the design, construction and delivery of specific Energy Step Code/Energy



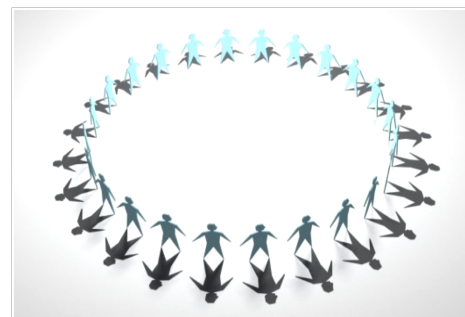
Efficiency educational offerings. The plan in the more immediate time period is to offer sessions to membership through BOABC's on-line and in-person Continuing Professional Development program.

## BOABC On-Line Services – Learning Management System (BOABC LMS) for education, training and continuing professional development

BOABC's On-line Learning management System came to be up and functional as an internal pilot on or about March 31, 2019. Staff has been trained in the administration of the on-line Learning Management System underwritten by Moodle technology. Content is currently being finalized and loaded on the system.

The BOABC On-line Learning Management System will allow us to create and regularly update BOABC core courses and Continuing Professional Development.

Leah Hemeon will be on hand May 28 and 29, 2019 at the 2019 BOABC Conference to instruct members on the use and mechanics of BOABC's new on-line education system, using Level 1 modules 1-12 in her demonstration.



## **Register Now - Annual Conference & AGM - Spring 2019**

Registration is now open for the Spring 2019 AGM and Education Conference. Keynote Speakers: Will Johnston & Gary Doer plus the Gala Dinner with Juno Award winner Chantal Kreviazuk.

Register today at [www.boabc.org](http://www.boabc.org)

# Financials

BOABC operates by fiscal year April 1 to March 31 in each calendar year.

Over the past few months the Association has now come to terms with the actual cost of fulfilling its obligations under the Administrative Agreement. Securing of human and technological resources is required to complete properly the obligations of the Administrative Agreement and to provide an appropriate and acceptable level of service to the membership.

The Executive Committee, by approved motion, established a 5 year \$200 per year membership assessment. This assessment has been reflected in recent invoicing to membership.

## Revenue and Expenses

### 2017 – Year End March 31

Revenue – 594,360

Expenses – 663,264

Surplus/Deficit – (68,904)

### 2018 – Year End March 31

Revenue – 739, 253

Expenses – 778,202

Surplus/Deficit – (38,949)

### 2019 – Year End March 31

Revenue – 1,337,642

Expenses – 1,289,572

Surplus/Deficit – 50,079

The BOABC did see new revenue come from third party sources such as two significant levels of BC Hydro funding for education and training. The BC Hydro funding was complimented in 2018/19 by funding gained through Zeebex and National Resources Canada. CMHC and BC Housing also provided meaningful resources for the development of core and other education.

BC Government Funds will be critical to bring sustained success for the Association and its stakeholders.

## Revenue and Income from Examinations

Through the 2018/19 year, membership paid approximately \$117,780 to write exams. During this period, exam supplier, ICC received \$95,675 and BOABC's portion was \$22,105. This being a serious issue, and now with more leverage to do so, the BOABC is currently taking steps to rectify, whether in terms of developing a much better revenue/income sharing or securing a new supplier to provide acceptable terms.

## Revenue from the Private Sector – Home Builders and other Contractors

These efforts have commenced slowly in 2018/19 and will be moving forward quickly toward our May 2019 Trade Show, Conference and AGM and beyond through an enhanced team approach.

## Other forms of Revenue

BOABC is working towards receiving further funding from the following:

- \*Owning Education
- \*Provincial Government Funding
- \*Services to BC's Indigenous population
- \*Education Conference

## **BOABC 2019/2020 Fees**

Regular and Associate Members Fees for 2019/2020 are now due. The fees are \$441.53 plus \$200 assessment = \$641.53 + GST = \$673.60. The assessment includes funding to meet BOABC's obligations and requirements in accordance with the Administrative Agreement with the Province. Invoices have been sent.

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)

## Building Inspector Memories



Ron S. North

## Building Inspector Memories

BOABC Member, Ron S. North has written put together this book of tales from the Building Inspection Industry. Order your copy today at:

<https://www.amazon.ca/Building-Inspector-Memories-inspector-inspectors/dp/099375452X>



Our CEO, Dave Schoiler with Premier Horgan & Minister Robinson & the CEO of Structurlam at the Premier's announcement made at Structurlam plant in Penticton - Code changes will allow 12 storey wood engineered buildings.

## BOABC Community

BOABC intends to soon identify and announce a community or charitable cause that it will support strategically. The Association and its members can soon contribute and the BOABC will be recognized as a socially responsible organization.