

Colin Bollinger, RBO  
for  
Director at Large  
Building Officials Association of BC

I have been a member of BOABC for seventeen years. Some highlights of my time as a member include achieving my RBO Certification. The new regulation from the province of BC requiring building officials to be qualified to practice is another important highlight. I also volunteered on the Building Officials Executive Board for twelve years. At one of my first executive meetings we were asked to write down what we felt the main priorities BOABC should focus on. I wrote down "BOABC should work with the Province to achieve mandatory certification." And now many years later, BOABC has achieved that. While I had some role in this, there were a few persons that were instrumental in making this happen. I am grateful Richard Bushey, Ron Dickenson and Manjit Sohi put in so many tireless hours with this goal in mind. It is volunteers like Ron and Manjit and countless others that have carved out a spot for BOABC within the building industry of British Columbia.

I am currently working as a Senior Building Official for the Town of Ladysmith, and previously held a position of Building Official in the City of Nanaimo. Ladysmith is a small town, with myself being the only Building Official, but it is experiencing tremendous growth. We are currently processing a building permit application for our largest apartment complex yet, with approximately one hundred units.

I was the BOABC Vancouver Island North Zone Director for five years. During this time I chaired 3 zone meetings a year and organized numerous presentations from industry partners. Most recently my board position was the Treasurer in which I was appointed seven times. I also sat on various BOABC committees.

At the last conference, I organized a tour of the 'Vancouver House' tower construction site. This type of site visit provides an opportunity for many building officials to experience a construction project of this size that they may not otherwise get to see. I also organized having Will Johnston, Chief Building Official, City of Toronto as a keynote speaker. Will spoke about how Toronto is adopting best building department practices and was well received. Continuing education and best practices are important as they provide consistency throughout the province.

Achieving mandatory certification with the Province of BC is beneficial to members. While I have never been in favor of charging a special levy on membership dues, I am in favor of charging appropriate dues based on the service needs of the membership.

BOABC has had some trying times in the past with many leadership and staff changes but I feel we are heading in the right direction with our new Executive Director and staff. I believe my experience can provide stability and help BOABC move forward in a consistent and transparent manner.

Regards,

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