

BOABC Newsletter

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BOABC is dedicated to serving the best interests of the public in building safety by moving forward with the highest standards in professionalism, competency and consistent practice in the Building Community.

2022 Conference & Annual General Meeting

The Association is pleased to announce that it is hosting its 2022 Association Conference and Annual General Meeting at the Delta Ocean Pointe Resort in Victoria, BC from May 15-18, 2022. We are excited about having the opportunity to bring members and guests together for our first conference since fall 2019.

Delegate registration is now open on [the Association website](#). Room reservations can be made directly with the hotel [through this registration link](#).

The conference agenda will be similar to past events. Delegate registration and check-in takes place on Sunday afternoon. A trade show with exhibitors from across the building regulatory system will be held on Sunday evening and Monday morning. The AGM and professional development sessions will then be offered between Monday and Wednesday afternoon. A hospitality suite will be hosted for delegates on Sunday evening and the banquet dinner will be held on Tuesday night.

As always, the event will provide building and plumbing officials with many opportunities to participate in professional development and network with peers. There will be four learning streams: building, plumbing, Energy Step Code, and building regulations. The agenda has not yet been finalized but presentation topics include mass timber construction, micro-distilleries, alternative solutions, plumbing code appeals and interpretations, energy step code implementation, and the legal mechanics of local governments. Presenters will include the Office of Housing Construction, Technical Safety BC, Hilti, Canadian Wood Council, and more! A complete agenda that sets out trade show exhibitors, professional development sessions, site tours and other event details will be available closer to the event.

Vendor registration for the trade show is now open. Submit your [exhibitor registration form](#) early to take advantage of early-bird pricing and pick your booth location.

The Association is also seeking conference sponsors. The various sponsorship opportunities available are described in the [conference sponsorship information package](#) and [sponsor registration is completed through the Association website](#).

If you have any questions about trade booth registration, sponsorship or other aspects of the Conference and AGM, please contact the Association at 604-270-9516 or info@boabc.org. We look forward to seeing you this May in Victoria!

Welcome New Members!

Harsimrit Cheema • Stephen Patterson • Michael Higgins • Kelsey Versteeg • Chris Gainham • Cody Bougerolle • Timo McElderry • Tess Osborne • Daniel Clark • Danni Singh • Won Seok Song • Travis Friesen • Owen Kendal • Clint Clarke • Derek Bachynski • Alyson Farey • Colby Bernes • Sujith Valath • Zohreh Mahdiar • Amy McCarthy • Demetri Hofer • Amir Zarghami • James Stewart • Miyuki Tomioka • Jonathan Phelan • Greg Reid • Musaab Al Dabbagh • Brenton Graham • Josh Lalande • Jason Robinson • Connor Galozo • Jack Pound • Nicholas Coray • Garrett Perkins • Deanna Sweet • Graham Cross • Byron Thelner

Congrats New RBOs & BCQs

- Richard Diamond
- Joy Chen
- Ben Robertson
- Timothy Byron
- Brian Kennett
- Rene Buser
- Rajneesh Dalla
- Ted Swardh
- Amanda McIntyre
- Brett Mortlock
- Sasha Choiselat
- James McDonald

Community Energy Association

Many building and plumbing officials attended the Cold Climate Heat Pumps: Mysteries Unraveled webinar that the Canadian Energy Association helped deliver before Christmas. The Association provides other services and resources that may be of interest to qualified officials and members. Visit the Association website to access [past webinars and other resources](#) or find out more about [upcoming educational sessions](#).



Awards and Recognition

[The Association maintains two awards programs](#) to help qualified individuals become building or plumbing officials and recognize the contributions of members to the building regulatory system.

NEW Student Awards Program

The Association is now accepting applications for its new Student Awards Program. This program is being introduced to increase access to its educational programs and encourage skilled individuals from across the province to become qualified building or plumbing officials.

A Student Award is comprised of a level 1 building or plumbing course, one attempt at the exam(s) required for level 1 qualification, and a one-year student membership in the BOABC. Each zone will be allocated one student award each year to promote regional equity.

To be eligible, an individual must be in a related program or field of study or working in the building construction industry, not already be a qualified official, and submit a [completed application](#) by February 28, 2022.

Association Service Awards

The Association also maintains an awards program to recognize the contributions and efforts of members who dedicate their time to the betterment of the Association and broader building regulatory system.

The Casey van den Broek Award and Jim Robison Award were established in 2000 for outstanding service and contributions to the Association and broader building regulatory system. These awards are not given annually and are instead presented at the annual conference when notable achievement warrants. [Nomination applications are available on the Association website](#) and must be submitted by February 28, 2022 to be considered for presentation at the 2022 Conference and AGM in Victoria.

Kootenay Zone Profile

The Kootenay Zone makes up the southeast corner of BC, and begins at the Alberta border, US border and extends west to the Monashee range of the Columbia Mountains. The Kutenai peoples (Ktunaxa, Syilx, Sinixt, Secwepemc nations) were the original inhabitants of the area until the first European explorer, David Thompson explored the area between 1807-1811. The area was first inhabited by prospectors looking for a lucky strike. Many mine boom towns were created over the area that are now ghost towns, and many have flourished into regional centers today. The Kootenays cover an area of 86 649 kms and are comprised of four Regional Districts, 14 municipalities, and numerous small towns. The area is growing at a rapid pace with many people relocating for the recreational lifestyle the Kootenays are known for. The largest city is Cranbrook, a hub for railway, transportation and has an international airport. (EK pop 60 439, WK pop 59 517). The predominant industries of the area are mining, forestry, agriculture, electric power generation and tourism. The Kootenay's rugged topography ranges from the forested lake lands around the Kootenay and Arrow Lakes, to the lush wetlands of the Columbia River in the southern Rocky Mountain Trench (a unique geological mystery that is one of the only natural phenomena that can be seen from space), and the main ranges of the Canadian Rocky Mountains that make up the region's eastern flank. Not only the Rockies, but also the nearby Purcell and Selkirk Mountain range border the valleys of the region with glaciated mountain peaks, unique fossil formations and endless hiking, biking, climbing and skiing terrain. There are many National and Provincial parks, hot springs, river systems and lakes, and of course the 'powder highway' that draws so many skiers and snowboarders to the area with more than 20 ski resorts. The Kootenay Zone is served by 49 qualified building officials and 39 qualified plumbing officials.



Jim Robison Award

As mentioned in our Summer Newsletter, we shared the sad news of the passing of David Pope. Staff met with David Pope's wife, Leslie, to present her with the Jim Robison Award in her late husband's name. She was honored and appreciative. Leslie will be attending the banquet at the 2022 Spring Conference in Victoria.

Robert Buckland

It is with great sadness that we share the news of [the passing of Robert Buckland](#) on November 3, 2021. Robert served as the Historian for the BOABC and contributed greatly by producing the 'Graduate' columns which would spotlight other members of the BOABC. He was very informative and talking about the Association was something he enjoyed.

Exam Pass Rates (YTD)

Building

Level 1, Exam 1 – 45%
 Level 1, Exam 2 – 46%
 Level 2, Exam 5 – 66%
 Level 2, Exam 6 – 64%
 Level 3, Exam 7 – 96%
 Level 3, Exam 8 – 79%
 Level 3, Exam 9 – 86%
 Level 3, Exam 10 – 69%

Plumbing

Level 1 – 72%
 Level 2 – 59%



Partner Profile



Interior Technology Canada Ltd. has been a partner of the BOABC for several years. Interior Tech supports BOABC with educational opportunities, and we are thankful to have had the opportunity you have given us to present to many of you.

We consider ourselves to be a cradle-to-grave industry organization, meaning that we:

- Regularly provide education (AIBC Recognized Educational Provider and ICC Preferred Provider in the US, and two courses approved by BOABC)
- Assist in evaluating new fire / life safety solutions
- Work with designers and FPE firms in solving code-related challenges
- Provide and install wide-span opening protectives and many different fire and smoke opening protectives
- Provide long-term service and maintenance for the life of the building

Dan Quatier is co-owner of Interior Tech Canada. Dan graduated from Washington State University in 1980 with dual degrees in Construction Management and Architecture. Dan also has a master's degree in Fire Protection Engineering from Cal Poly-SanLuis Obispo. He loves working with the design community and code officials, as well as assisting with providing solutions to complex fire and life safety challenges.

Interior Tech provides design assistance early in the process, for anything related to fire separation, emergency egress and smoke control. Interior Tech works with architects, engineers and building officials to maintain the design vision while ensuring building code compliance.

Interior Tech is very much looking forward to being the Title Sponsor of the BOABC 2022 Annual Conference and AGM in May!

Education Updates

Post-disaster assessment training is now available through BC Housing. This course teaches skills to identify unsafe conditions in non-complex wood frame, masonry and concrete construction caused by floods, earthquakes, or windstorms. Participants learn to assess damage to determine whether buildings can be occupied. Registration and other information about the training can be found on the [BC Housing website](#).

Ken Kunka, Vice President of Education, is developing a series of lunch and learns for 2022 that will focus on important code, legislative and other topics that are related to the work of building and plumbing officials.

Financial Update

As we have moved into the fourth quarter of the 2021-22 fiscal year, staff and the treasurer have been preparing the budget for 2022/23 to present to the Executive Committee. In the budget process, staff and the treasurer work collaboratively, with input from the Finance Committee, to present a budget to the Executive Committee that will achieve the operational and strategic goals of the Association, while maintaining a balanced budget. The Association's fiscal year is from April 1st to March 31st, in accordance with Section 22 of the Association's bylaw. If you have any questions on the budget's development and approval process, please feel free to reach out to the Association's treasurer at twelsh@boabc.org.

Newly Certified Members

Cindy Liu – Building Level 1
 Ryan Johnson – Building Level 1
 Cody Roberts – Building Level 1
 Trevor Stead – Building Level 1
 Roger Smith – Building Level 1
 Ted Swardh – Building Level 2
 Clay Ahola – Building Level 2
 Tim Warner – Building Level 2
 Richard Diamond – Building Level 3
 Rajneesh Dalla – Building Level 3
 Larry Lorette – Building Level 3
 Ted Swardh – Building Level 3
 Brett Mortlock – Building Level 3
 Amanda McIntyre – Building Level 3
 Sasha Choiselat – Building Level 3
 Daniel Siminoff – Plumbing Level 1
 Cody Roberts – Plumbing Level 1
 Jagwinder Dhaliwal – Plumbing Level 1
 Faruq Patel – Plumbing Level 1
 Erik Stout – Plumbing Level 1
 Brett Mortlock – Plumbing Level 1
 Ray Berkeley – Plumbing Level 1
 Brady Shields – Plumbing Level 1
 Roger Smith – Plumbing Level 1
 Allison Morton – Plumbing Level 2

Newly Qualified Members

Hyungiun Ahn – L1(B)
 Maximilian Kazakoff – L1(B)
 Chantelle Opdahl – L1(B)
 Ryan Paulson – L1(B)
 Demitri Hofer – L1(B)
 James Stewart – L1(B)
 Nikola Pavlovic – L1(B)
 Travis Friesen – L1(B)
 Roger Smith – L1(B)
 Troy Greek – L1(B)
 Stephen Patterson – L1(B)
 Ronny Pahl – L1(B)
 Russell Hamilton – L1(B)
 Ted Swardh – L2(B)
 Tim Warner – L2(B)
 Ferdinand Csaky – L2(B)
 Luka Mladin – L2(B)
 Tina Nobari Moghaddam – L2(B)
 Bryce Novak – L2(B)
 James McDonald – L3(B)
 Larry Lorette – L3(B)
 Ted Swardh – L3(B)
 Brett Mortlock – L3(B)
 Amanda McIntyre – L3(B)
 Sasha Choiselat – L3(B)

Brody Ferguson – L3(B)
 Jeremy Bell – L1(P)
 Manmohan Singh – L1(P)
 Tyller Slade – L1(P)
 Brett Mortlock – L1(P)
 Donald Gotobed – L1(P)
 Roger Smith – L1(P)
 Ferdinand Csaky – L1(P)
 Faruq Patel – L1(P)
 Erik Stout – L1(P)
 Ray Berkeley – L1(P)
 Dusan Jovicic – L1(P)
 Allison Morton – L2(P)
 Manmohan Singh – L2(P)
 Amy McCarthy – BOIT L1
 Natasha Gojevic – BOIT L1
 Amrit Brar – BOIT L1
 Adam Chima – BOIT L1
 Kelsey Versteeg – BOIT L1
 Iosif Marian – BOIT L1
 Troy Greek – BOIT L1
 Travis Backmeyer – BOIT L1
 Miyuki Tomioka – BOIT L1
 Ali Khalaj Asadi – BOIT L1
 Tess Osbourne – BOIT L1
 Andrea Roberts – BOIT L2
 Troy Greek – BOIT L2
 Daniel Salas – BOIT L3
 Lance Riemer – BOIT L3
 Travis Backmeyer – POIT L1