

This is an interim report to keep you occupied and informed until the spring conference. If have not already, go to the SCC website to find the dates and details as they come out on the conference. Another reason for this e-mail is to request assistance from you, the membership. The SCC is seeking volunteer assistance in the review of the updated training materials. The previous modules are all currently being updated and reconfigured to match the revised certifications levels. They will be ready for review shortly after the code is available. The issue is the number of courses, which are less than originally, but they all need to be reviewed by BTC. Since that would be physically impossible in a short time frame BTC is seeking assistance from its members. I volunteered to contact the ABOA membership, as your representative on BTC, to see if anyone could volunteer their time to review a course or two when they are available this spring. You would have about 3 weeks to review the course and provide feedback to BTC. If you are willing and able please let me know, along with your level of certification. I will forward your name on to the contact with SCC. Now is a time to show BTC what we are capable of. Belly up people.

These are some of the current issues at BTC.

1. Standata - in the works for: fire water during construction; food fixed suppression systems; non-food suppression systems; occupant load calculations
2. Revising Certification - News letter coming about the end of January regarding the changes coming to certification
3. Code Update Training – to come with new code when it comes. Will be a course and exam
4. Course costs – due to the number of courses required over the next year or so, and due to the realignment, the cost of courses is being decreased to \$200. More from SCC in the future
5. Energy Code for buildings and energy requirements for houses – expected to come out with the next code (hopefully this spring or summer) but will not be in force for an undetermined period (likely 6 months or a year after the general code). There will be a course and exam
6. Changes to entry level requirements – some minor changes along with needing to show that you have certain competencies. One major change that makes entry more restrictive is the addition of a mandatory 1 year on-site construction experience. If you know someone who is thinking about getting started and who maybe does not have this I recommend they apply ASAP. I voted against this.
7. Green Roofs – start calling them vegetated roofs. Other than that, requirements are still under consideration by the Chief Building Administrator based on discussion and information at BTC
8. Continuing education – you all heard about this at the last conference. This is still under development as a means of expanding our professionalism. You will hear more from SCC
9. NBC changes – during the last round of NBC public review of proposed changes BTC decided that they should play a more active role in commenting on the changes and should perhaps be looking at proposing changes themselves to the NBC.
10. SIPs- information was presented that has been provided to the Chief Building Administrator for consideration of a Standata on the use of SIPs.
11. Pictogram exit signs – are coming in the next ABC. Until then most AHJs recognizing by variance. Issue will be with mixing of old and new signs. Will look at clarification of this through standata in the future
12. AMA has started working with other departments on the requirements for aging in place and seniors accommodations. When they get far enough along internally they will be include other parties such as BTC to develop interpretations for these types of occupancies
13. BTC is going to look at the variance statistics to see if the new code may deal with some of them or if there needs to be revisions to code articles dealt with in the variances that have a high number of reoccurrences.

14. Working group on the Professional and Constructor responsibilities, including the schedules, is still ongoing
15. Work is ongoing to assist SCOs on being able to obtain warrants 24 hours around the clock and possibly telewarrant for those that deal with things like grow ops or unsafe sites.
16. Engineering Judgements – these are referring to fire stop systems. BTC accepted a report from the Working Group on this issue that is now going to the Chief Building Administrator for consideration of a Standata

If any of these items are an issue to you or your AHJ please let me know. In the mean time, as minutes are approved they are posted on the SCC website. The minutes will show what my voting record is if you are concerned about any item. It will also show my attendance record.

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