

The O·C·E·O·A Enforcer

The Newsletter of the Ohio Code Enforcement Officials Association

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Midwest Hotel & Conference Center

Not a New Home Just a New Name

Don't let the caption confuse you! We are still meeting at the same location in the same building on Sinclair Road in Columbus.

The Ramada is simply making a name change as of March 1, 2005. The new name is "Midwest Hotel & Conference Center." In case you have any questions or if you need to make reservations for the May meeting, their Toll Free Phone Number is 1-877-609-6086.

Trustees and Officers Elected in February

The results of the elections were as follows: Mr. Don Tate, from the City of Kettering, was re-elected to the office of President. Mr. Gerry Wasserman, from the City of Oregon, was re-elected to the office of Vice President. Mr. Mike Farrenkopf, from the City of Columbus was re-elected to the office of Secretary. Mr. Richard Osgood, from the City of Sharonville, was re-elected to the office of Treasurer.

Those re-elected as Trustees at Large were Janette Matala, from the City of Fairfield, Dana Rose, from the City of Columbus, Scott Wallace, from the City of Moraine, Farrell Humphreys and Denver A. Williams, from the City of Dayton.

Barb Ferebee-McGilvray, a Code Enforcement Official from the City of Reynoldsburg is our newest board member who was elected to the board as a Trustee at Large.

Were looking forward to working with Barb to make 2005 another enjoyable and productive year.

Who Said What?

"Thanks to the Interstate Highway System, it is now possible to travel from coast to coast without seeing anything." — Charles Kuralt

Meeting Topic 'Increasing the Credibility Of the Code Official'

Our May meeting will be a little different in form and function. We will be covering one general topic which, will be broken up into a three-hour session in the morning beginning at **9:00 a.m.** We will break for lunch at our normal time **12:00 noon** and wrap the workshop up with a two-hour session in the afternoon beginning at **1:00 p.m.** This should make it possible to adjourn at our normal time.

The workshop 'Increasing the Credibility of the Code Official' will be presented by Laura Scott from the International Code Council.

Your success as a code enforcement professional is largely dependent upon credibility. Credibility and trust are necessary for effective relationships with the public. Credibility is taken into consideration by every person, client or citizen with whom you interact. The goal of this workshop is to increase the credibility of the code enforcement professional by assisting us in becoming more aware of our strengths and weaknesses and in developing an action plan that focuses on enhancing our performance.

The course objectives are to empower the code enforcement professionals to list their personal strengths and weaknesses identifying them through a self-assessment inventory, which assesses our personal interaction, our professional presentation, technical competence and work process skills and abilities. We'll learn how to define the personal interaction qualities of a credible code enforcement professional.

When finished we'll understand and be able to describe how a credible code enforcement professional conveys a professional presentation. We will be able to explain essential practices and communication skills needed to be a credible code enforcement professional. We will know and be able to describe basic technical competencies that code enforcement professional must

possess to be perceived as credible. We'll understand and be able to describe the critical knowledge and skills necessary for managing efficient work processes in a building department. We'll learn how to develop personal improvement objectives and devise a successful action plan.

There is a workbook required for the workshop, which will be used and kept by the participants. OCEOA will be sharing in the cost of the workbook, however, we still found it necessary to increase the fee for the meeting to **\$35.00 for members and \$55.00 for non-members.**

All registrations must be prepaid and must reach us by April 25th.

Any registrations received after the 25th will be considered alternates and will only be allowed to attend if someone previously registered is unable to attend.

This seminar is approved by ICC for 6 CEU's.

All registrations must be sent to OCEOA c/o Denver Williams, City of Dayton, 371 West Second Street, Room 324, Dayton, OH 45402.

You can fax or e-mail your registration but if we don't receive the payment by the 25th you will

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Please send us your e-mail address, it makes communicating so much faster. Denver.Williams@ci.dayton.oh.us

2005 OCEOA Meeting Dates

- May 19 •
- August 18 •
- November 17 •

All meetings will be held at the Midwest Hotel & Conference Center on Sinclair Road in Columbus, Toll Free Phone No. 1-877-609-6086

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only be permitted to attend if someone already registered cancels out. FAX: 937-333-4294 or E-Mail: Denver.Williams@ci.dayton.oh.us

Our Instructor

LAURA L. SCOTT will be our instructor for the entire program. Laura is Manager of Chapter Programs and Relations for The International Code Council (ICC).

As the Manager of Chapter Programs and Relations, Laura is responsible for the administration of the chapter program and the coordination of chapter benefits and services to chapters of the ICC. Serving nearly 300 chapters, chapter staff is the point of contact for hundreds of chapter officers and thousands of chapter members. Laura develops programs to assist chapters in promoting the ideals of the ICC to advance their under-

standing of the International Codes and increase their professionalism through participation in the ICC and it's local

chapter activities.

Laura held a similar position with Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. (BOCA), prior to their integration into the International Code Council in February of 2003. She was hired in 1996 for her extensive background in housing and zoning regulation and inspection. Laura still teaches seminars in these subjects, as well as several non-technical topics.

Prior to joining BOCA, Laura was employed by the City of Columbus, Ohio, for ten years, where she was a successful Code Enforcement Officer, Supervisor, code writer and trainer.

Jobs for Home Inspectors Flourish

(March 15, 2005) -- The nationwide real estate boom has led many individuals seeking a career change to enter the residential inspection business, as

homebuyers—and, in some cases, sellers—are increasingly hiring experts to scrutinize homes before deciding whether or not to make a purchase.

According to a study by the American Society of Home Inspectors, about 77 percent of homes on the U.S. and Canadian real estate markets are inspected before they are sold. In recent years, 29 states have responded to the trend by passing legislation governing home inspections.

Inspectors typically are knowledgeable in a variety of aspects of a dwelling, from the electrical work to the plumbing systems. Errors and omissions insurance can be expensive, but full-time inspectors typically earn \$81,000 annually and part-time inspectors earn about \$30,000, the American Society of Home Inspectors reported in 2002.

Source: Baltimore Sun (03/13/05)

You can now download the meeting registration form and copies of the Enforcer by typing meetings.oceoa.org where you would normally enter a URL address. Notice you do not need to include a www, doing so will prevent you from reaching the files. Need help? Call 937-333-3916.

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