WELCOME!

THE CHAPTER’S NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERSHIP BY THE MEMBERSHIP

COVID-19 EDITION

Chad Root and myself, Hope Medina, would like to thank everyone who has provided information for the newsletter this quarter. This edition of the newsletter may appear to be a bit different than what you may have been used to in the past. We feel it is important for our membership to understand we are all in the same boat, and that we are here for each other by providing information and having a connection. We have provided you with information on how jurisdictions across the state are handling their offices with the stay at home orders by the governor. We are providing how a jurisdiction has planned for post Covid-19 operating procedures. We want to provide you with information from our committees, and our sister organizations. Normally on the last page we list the upcoming training, but due to the current situation it will remain blank. For a bit of fun we are adding the fun facts from the CCICC Board of Directors. Grab a cup of coffee and open up the newsletter and connect with the Chapter through the words on these pages.

CCICC
Our Mission:
The Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council is dedicated to the Improvement of building safety, by promoting and improving the International Codes, educating the building industry, public, and our membership, and providing mutual aid to building professionals.

CCICC is Dedicated to Building A Safer World
Greetings fellow Colorado Chapter Members. We all are finding ourselves immersed in some very difficult times. With the Building Industry being designated as “Essential,” we have all been faced with the challenges of doing our jobs outside the normal scope of our day to day operational procedures. Most importantly, trying to keep our families and personal health intact. I have found myself wondering what the future will bring.

From the beginning, I have witnessed this group’s ability to improvise, adapt, and overcome. There have been countless emails from ICC and jurisdictions across the Front Range sharing information and ideas on how to deal with current situation at hand. This indeed is truly what the Chapter and its members are all about. We come together in times of need. With that being said I would like to inform the membership on some of the more recent Colorado Chapter Board activities.

In early February, then Vice President Mike Sizemore took the job as the Chief Building Official in Allen Texas. While this came as a big surprise no one could find fault with a person looking to find a better opportunities for himself and his family. After all, Mike is a Texan at heart, plus he loves Bass fishing. Since then, based on recommendations from the Nominations Committee the Board voted to move long time Director at Large Dan Reardon to temporarily fill the vacant VP position. Andy Blake will be filling the vacant position on the Board of Directors.

This year’s Colorado Chapter Educational Institute hosted by the Education Committee at the Embassy Suites in Loveland Colorado by all accounts was a resounding success! With a star studded line up for instructors, new classes, plenty of free parking and coffee among other things. I can say with certainty this was another banner year for Dave Horras and his committee.
With Building Safety Month literally just around the corner, the work our members do is essential to the overall health, welfare, and safety of the communities we serve. Now is the time to highlight and educate the public and our elected officials of the importance of the work we do. If you haven’t already done so get your proclamations signed by your elected officials and submitted to ICC. Our very own Becky Baker has submitted a proclamation to Governor Polis on behalf of the Colorado Chapter and with any luck that will get signed and submitted to ICC.

For the first time in recent history we had to cancel one our regularly scheduled Chapter meetings, in accordance with guidelines from the CDC and the State of Colorado. Please rest assured Program Committee is working hard to find alternative solutions if it such that we are faced with not being able to meet in person for another extended period of time.

On the lighter side of things the Chapter is still planning on several Give a Day events; Wilderness on Wheels, the Boy Scout of America, and a potential project on the Western Slope being organized by Dan Reardon. For details on the Boy Scouts project please reach out to Past President Mark Gurule as this project was last reported to be tentatively scheduled for May 23, at the Boy Scouts camp in San Isabel. Be on lookout for scheduled dates and times to be posted on the Colorado Chapters website and also notifications sent out via Constant Contact. If you haven’t participated in one of these event its great way to get to know your fellow Chapter member in addition to doing something for folks who may be less fortunate. In addition to the Give a Days, Board Director Tim Moroney will be working on scheduling the Chapter’s 3rd annual Shooting Day.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Sincerely,

Scott Greer CBO
Last Thanksgiving you would of never thought that the economy would come crashing to a halt in less than 6 month because of some virus. Hell, we have all dealt with viruses and bacterial infections before. If Uncle Ronny told you and the family what would happen at that Thanksgiving Dinner you would have had him checked into a mental ward. Poor Uncle Ronny he has really lost it, he is saying strange words like Civid-19, flattening the curve (what curve is he talking about) and he keeps telling us about a corona virus. What corona has a virus? This just shows how the world can change. We as Code Officials need to be able to compromise overcome and adapt to the situation not because Uncle Ronny has gone local. I previously heard of jurisdictions that were doing video inspections because of huge amount of window time for a hot water heater inspection in some very rural parts of the country. I never thought I would be one of the Code Official's endorsing video inspections by inspectors sitting at home doing the inspection. This is even better than drive by inspections they don’t even need to leave their bedroom to do an inspection, here I am endorsing the video inspections from the inspector’s bedrooms.

The next year is going to be interesting with the CDC and other professionals predicting that this fall we will have a larger outbreak of Covid-19 then we had this Spring and with what they feel is only about 2% of Colorado’s population that has been infected. The fact is Covid-19 is here to stay until there is a vaccine.

Compromise, Overcome and Adapt, how we do the normal inspection of physically being there in person when we can be there in the care facility or someone’s home that is quarantining themselves or a hospital, we compromise and meet the intent of the code the best we can. By using video inspections affidavits and qualified contractors that are licensed by the State and the local jurisdictions be lesson the liability and have overcome the fact that we are not able to be able to be physically there to do the inspection. New technologies such as face time, zoom, skype, 4G Internet and working at home while the office is closed to all personnel has helped us to adapt to do inspections, collect permit fees, plan reviews and online meetings from your home.

Preparing for the long term compromise. In Louisville we have drafted up a Post Stay at Home Standard Operating Procedure that we are planning will last for about a year since the virus is not going away. Inspections inside Occupied structures will be done with video inspections unless it is critical that an inspector is there in person. For commercial inspections the premises must be empty of all occupants overnight and until the inspector arrives, Residential structure must be vacated 3 hours before the inspection takes place and in both situations no contractors can be onsite other than the general and the head sub for the inspection type.

For all outdoor, open air, new construction we plan to be onsite to do our inspection as before no contractors shall be onsite from 5 pm the night before until the time the inspect shows up. Inspectors and contractors must have a mask on during the inspection. This is where the contractors and inspectors both have come to the realization that they both must compromise, overcome and adapt for a little while longer to keep projects moving forward for better days ahead.

Uncle Ronny was wrong about one thing. There was no virus in the corona. It is still great to have with a lime.
HOW DID YOUR COMMUNITY RESPOND TO COVID-19 AND THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER?

Jurisdictions in Colorado were trying to do the right thing to limit the spread of the virus while still providing a service need to keep progress moving forward, while keeping their employees and community safe. Take a look at a few approaches in your neighboring community.

ERIE, colorado

The Town of Erie, as with every other municipality, immediately closed our Town Hall to public access. The Building Division began requiring only electronic submittals of building permit and contractor licensing applications. We used our website, customer service portal, telephone voicemail message and email signatures to communicate this immediate change. Most permits and licenses are being issued electronically as well. Permits that cannot be accommodated electronically (production homes and large commercial projects) are received and issued by appointment at the main entry to Town Hall by staff wearing appropriate PPE. Accepted hardcopy documents are set aside for 24 hours prior to processing.

We temporarily suspend our Wednesday morning “rapid review” of simple residential projects, adhering to our established plan review turn-around time as office staff (Permit Techs and Plans Examiners) began rotating working remotely in early March (every other day) to establish office social distancing practices.

Inspection of unoccupied projects (production homes and commercial) continue to be performed on site subject to having no more than one person, other than the inspector, on the job site during the inspection with the inspector wearing the appropriate PPE. As of April 1st we began requiring virtual inspections for permitted work within an occupied residential dwelling, limited to water heater and furnace/AC replacements, basement finish and simple remodels. A virtual inspection is required to follow our established policy and procedure to be accepted (inspector discretion). The inspector enters a statement in our permitting system that a virtual inspection was performed with the results.

All in all, our daily tasks to address the current situation appear to be operating smoothly at this time.
ARVADA, COLORADO

Despite our City Buildings being closed to the public and the majority of our employees working remotely, we have continued to successfully provide Building Department services to our customers.

Safety of our employees is of the utmost priority, and each of our Inspectors as well as other essential staff that are still required to go out into our community to provide essential services has been provided with a mask. We are staggering the shifts of our Inspectors and we are limiting the number of people allowed into city buildings as well as maintaining physical distancing requirements. Although our inspectors are not required to come into our City buildings, they can if they need to, provided that they wear a mask. We have been able to continue all new single family home inspections, new commercial construction, commercial tenant spaces, all inspections that take place on the exterior of a building, and we are continuing to do basement finish inspections if they can be done without entering the home through any occupied space. We have started testing options for virtual inspections to allow more flexibility for our customers and we believe this will help us avoid a large amount of roll over inspections once things return to normal.

Our Plans Examiners are all working remotely and are able to access our permitting system and plan review software to continue performing plan reviews from home. They were able to successfully use "gotomypc" to access our work desktops, and this way they did not need to take home any equipment from our City offices. The Plans Examiners are still available by phone and email and they stay in touch with regular zoom staff meetings and phone calls. The City of Arvada was already providing online permitting and digital submittal options before this pandemic, and we have been able to continue offering all of our permitting and contractor licensing services while working remotely. This includes continuing to maintain our same day over the counter permits in a digital format and maintaining all other permits with the same time frames as we were able to complete before. We are still collecting any mail that comes in with hard copies of permits, and we are still allowing checks as a form of payment as well as credit card payments online.

The rest of our Community and Economic Development Team have been able to successfully work remotely as well. Our Planning staff is continuing to complete pre-application meetings through Zoom and continuing to offer permitting services electronically and in digital formats. They are still completing reviews and continuing with our "Planner of the Day" set up to assist our customers. We have been able to successfully set up our City Council Meetings remotely as well. Although our Admin staff have been very busy, they have been able to successfully keep up with our workflow. Our Public Works Department and Stormwater Departments are working remotely when they can, and the employees required to provide inspections are maintaining their workflow. Our Fire Protection Division is still completing plan reviews as normal and are continuing to perform inspections on a limited basis while prioritizing essential processes.

Over all, the City of Arvada has stayed strong and continued to offer exceptional services to our customers and citizens. We have embraced this time as a way to show all that we can do and put our heads together to come up with new and innovative ways of handling our current situation. Our City Manager held an all employee zoom meeting to go over our situation, discuss the next steps and thank us for our hard work. Over 380 employees attended and it was very successful. Although this is a difficult time, it has proven that we are a strong community and we have a very talented, dedicated staff!
GUNNISON, COLORADO

Hi all, I have been practicing similar protocols as everyone else I believe. Since City Hall is closed to visitors, I have basically created a situation where I can work out of my vehicle and from home. Inspections are still being performed as long as the jobsite has been approved by the local Health Dept. I show up with my PPE on and maintain my distance from everyone. Otherwise, it is pretty much business as unusual. I still need to go into my office from time to time because it helps me to try and keep some sense of normality during this situation that unfortunately doesn’t seem like it’s going to go away anytime soon. 😊 Hope everyone finds this email healthy, safe and sound.

LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO

When the world turned upside down in April, and we had to close Larimer County to public contact while still providing services to customers, we had to get creative. Construction was deemed an essential business, and building and fire code enforcement as essential government services, so we had to carry on.

We sent most of our staff home to work remotely, reviewing plans and answering customer questions. Building permit technicians take turns working remotely and coming into the office to process permits. Inspectors still visit job sites for new construction, and within two weeks we worked out a process for performing remote video inspections of occupied buildings. It's not "business as usual," because there is no "usual" anymore, but it's working. It's not "business as usual," because there is no "usual" anymore, but it's working.

GREELEY

The City of Greeley closed most of the buildings to the public, and sent all non-essential staff home on effective 3/17. As construction was determined to be essential, Plan Review and Permitting functions carried on remotely seamlessly, as did inspections on the exterior of structures, or unoccupied structures. As of 3/20, we started doing remote virtual inspections in occupied structures using FaceTime and Zoom meetings.
With the re-opening of the City after the COVID-19 Stay at Home Order, we have implemented a number of emergency measures to help prevent spreading the COVID-19 to the public and staff as we try to slow the spread within the community. This public health crisis has directly impacted how we perform our duties as the Department of Building and Life Safety and will continue to do so until a vaccine has been made.

OFFICE HOURS AND OPERATIONS:
Before you come into City Hall, schedule an appointment with the person that you’re interested in meeting with. The staff member will schedule a phone call or a zoom meeting. We understand this creates a temporary hardship to some contractors. The department staff will be working staggered office and home office hours until further notice. Most of the plan reviews will be done from our home offices. There will be limited in person inspections. Occupied buildings will have the majority of the inspections done with a video inspection by using face time, skype and zoom. We are allowing applications for permits to be submitted online. Payments for permits will be done online as well.

OVER THE COUNTER PLAN REVIEWS:
Reviews that take less than 10 minutes. Over the counter plan reviews drop offs for paper submittals will be done 8am-12pm every Tuesday. Paper reviews will be returned by 3 pm the following day. Electronic over the counter submittals will be accepted until 3 pm and returned the same day. Electronic over the counter reviews will allow for minor commercial permits (very minor such as RTUs) along with minor residential permits.

Questions that arise from the plan review applicants will be contacted by phone first and zoom is optional.

PERMIT APPLICATIONS:
All permits shall be applied for through the portal at www.louisvilleco.gov/css. **Exception**-- a home owner builder where the homeowner is the general contractor may submit using paper plans. If you have questions regarding the portal please email echettler@louisvilleco.gov OR jburgener@louisvilleco.gov

BUILDING INSPECTIONS:

**Outdoor Inspections:*** Inspections of items that are fully outdoors (such as roofing, siding, underground plumbing, decks, etc.) will continue as normal.

**New Build Inspections:** Inspections on new buildings, remodels and additions with no occupants will continue as long as there have been no contractors on site during the day of the inspection and no contractor’s on site the day before. If any contractors are found at the job site the day before the inspection, all inspections will be put on hold until approved by the CBO with a $100 re-inspection fee.

**Occupied Buildings and Residences:** Most of the inspections at these buildings will be done by video inspection. The inspector will call you the morning of the inspection and set up the video inspection with you. All electrical, plumbing and mechanical work on top of the video inspections will require a signed affidavit for rough and final inspections. Electricians and plumbers must include their state license number on the affidavit. The inspector may require to have a physical inspection at the property. If it is a residence, the home must be vacated for 3 hours before inspection and should be vacated for a period of time after the inspection. Commercial properties are required to be vacated the night before the inspection and remain vacant until after the inspection. These inspections can be done first thing in the morning.

NO INSPECTIONS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING: The Louisville Building Department will not do inspections on any buildings that the inspector considers not safe from lack of social distancing, employees working while the inspection was called in or sick people on the job site. There will be a re-inspection fee imposed on any jobsite considered not safe or has sick people on the job site.

Inspectors must be able to maintain a minimum distance of six feet (6’) from all other persons during the entire duration of the inspection. A face mask must be worn on the jobsite by the contractor and his subs for all interior work

**Plan Review:**
Plan Review services will be limited to electronic submittals only except for homeowner builders and minor over the counter permits.

**Meetings:**
Staff can meet by phone, zoom, skype or face time.

All public meetings are limited and must consider using zoom first. Pending CBO/Planning Building Director, some meetings can be done face to face in an open and safe environment.

Contact information:
Please email the appropriate department for more information on services:

Building Code & Building Plan Review: building@louisvilleco.gov

Building Permits & Contractor License Applications: building@louisvilleco.gov

Due to the impact of COVID-19, we will be doing our best to maintain operations but are anticipating some disruptions and distancing requirements compared to normal operations. We will continue to keep you updated on our procedures as these may change and will email you again with any changes to our office or procedures.
Contribute to the SolarAPP: The Emerging US Solar Permitting Solution

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) is collaborating with key code officials, building officials, and industry members to standardize the solar permitting process in the United States and manage the growing workload that’s placed on permitting personnel of authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs).

What will the SolarAPP do?

SolarAPP (Solar Automated Permit Processing) will:

Provide a flexible, web-based PV-permitting tool for residential systems at no-cost to AHJs.

Enable standardization of instant permitting processes.

Evaluate applications for safety and code compliance.

Offer opportunities to incorporate energy storage and expand to other market segments.

The Solar Automated Permit Processing (SolarAPP) platform will provide automated code-compliance review and instant approval of certain qualifying residential systems—representing a new, standard permitting approach. Workmanship is then verified at inspection. Permits for those systems that do not qualify for the SolarAPP will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by AHJ personnel.

NREL conducted a demonstration of the software on April 14th and a recording is available here: https://youtu.be/wMDZYo7wf4I

How can you get involved?

NREL is soliciting feedback on the permitting requirements incorporated into the application and you can request a copy of those draft requirements here: https://solarapp.nrel.gov/. There you can also request more information from NREL regarding how your community might get involved in the project including testing and piloting the system.

If you have any questions about the project, you can contact solarapp@nrel.gov.
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

35th Educational Institute a Success

Sometimes timing is everything. The Colorado Chapter ICC Educational Institute was held the first week in March, just before much of the county was ordered to stay-at-home. For only the 3rd time in 35 years, the Institute was held somewhere besides the Denver Tech Center, moving this year to the Embassy Suites in Loveland. While not knowing exactly what to expect with such a move, almost all reports confirmed that it was a good decision. Attendance was strong once again with many of the classes filling up well before the registration deadline, classes and instructors were again first-class, the hotel layout was much more functional, the food was good, and the parking was MUCH better. If you are interested in the numbers, there were 1,781 individuals registered for a total of 4,390 classes throughout the week, almost identical to attendance numbers of the past few years.

The Educational Institute will again be held in Loveland again next year, March 1st to the 5th. We do not anticipate any increase in registration fees, however, hotel rooms at the Embassy Suites will increase slightly to $164/night, again including their complementary made-to-order breakfast and managers evening reception.

Thank you to the Education Committee members, the instructors, and all the others volunteers that helped throughout the week, it can’t be done without your help and dedication. We learned many things in our first year at the Embassy Suites and we are very excited to be returning again next March. If you attended this year’s event we would be interested your feedback, please reach out to Dave Horras or Shaunna Mozingo if you have comments or ideas to share. Hopefully, we will see you all at the 36th Educational Institute next March.
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CODE CHANGE COMMITTEE (BUILDING)

To the members of the Colorado Chapter. We know everyone is struggling with dealing with the ongoing coronavirus situation both in our professional and personal lives but we wanted to get everyone’s mind off these things and start thinking about more exciting things - the upcoming code change process for the 2024 Codes!

Applications are now being accepted to serve on the various code change committees for the 2024 codes. The deadline has been extended until June 1, 2020. Here is the link for all of the information you need.

https://www.iccsafe.org/membership/councils-committees/call-for-councils-and-committees/

If you are interested you can contact Tim Pate, Matt Archer, or Steve Thomas for input on filling out applications. This is a tremendous opportunity to take part in the code change process by sitting on a committee and helping to review the various code change proposals. You get a good background in what goes on behind the scenes with how proposals go through the process. You also are able to make tremendous contacts with other building code enforcement officials along with industry professionals.

The 2021/2022 ICC Code Development schedule kicks off later this year with Group A proposed code changes due January 11, 2021.

See this link for the 2 year schedule which also lists the different codes for Group A and Group B along with the dates and locations of the committee action hearings and public comment hearings.


Matt and I will be setting up virtual meetings beginning this fall (assuming we are able to make our way through the current situation successfully to begin discussing any proposed code changes anyone may have to the 2021 codes.

If you have ideas for a proposal and have never submitted on feel free to reach out to us and we can help you put one together

Thanks to all and be safe and stay healthy.

Tim, Matt, and Steve

WHY ARE THERE SO MANY CHAIRS FOR THE CODE COMMITTEE?

Years ago when Mike Metheny was the president for the Colorado Chapter he recognized the need to have subcommittees that were focused on specific areas of the code.

Matt Archer—Chair
Tim Pate— Co-chair
Shaunna Mozingo—Energy Code Chair
Hope Medina—Green Code Chair

This report addresses concerns that some participants had expressed to ICC regarding the Group B code hearings, and more specifically, the Energy Code portion of those hearings. Issues identified and addressed include eligibility of voters, results of the Public Comment Hearings (PCH) overturned, Cost impact, voter guides, and scoping of proposals.

The 2021 Energy Code results originally became controversial to many individuals when it was noticed that a large surge in voter registrations took place, getting many people from jurisdictions who hadn’t typically participated in code development or the process, get registered to vote at the urging of one non-governmental entity. Many jurisdictions were able to increase the number of votes they get by registering their departments separately instead of as one jurisdiction, which allowed each department to get the allowed number of votes that typically went to one jurisdiction. The Colorado Chapter learned early in the process that this was happening and called to talk to ICC Membership. We were assured that the voter registrations would be looked at for accuracy, and they were. The report shows how ICC Staff did a comprehensive review of all governmental memberships and governmental voters.

Another issue identified was the fact that 37 proposals had been completely overturned in the online governmental consensus vote, and specifically that 20 of those proposals had been disapproved at both the Committee Action Hearing (CAH) and the Public Comment Hearing (PCH) but somehow passed in the online vote. The report shows us how, even though it is not common for this to occur, it can occur and there were no violations to Council Policy 28 (CP 28) for the Code Development Process.

You can read about these and other issues that arose regarding the code hearings as well as the comprehensive analysis done by ICC in partnership with their third-party auditors and their Validation Committee. Any issues remaining or recommendations will continue to be looked at by ICC’s Board Committee on the Long Term Code Development Process.

At this time, the Group B codes will go in front of ICC’s Code Correlation Committee for another review for any correlation issues and then the board will do their final review and the codes will go out to print.

We will have lists of the significant changes to all the 2021 codes out very soon.

While the Group B hearings for the 2024 codes will not be until 2022, we will be starting soon to review what did pass through that online governmental vote, and what we need to work on as a Chapter for proposed changes to the next edition. If you are interested in getting involved in the Group B Code Development Process, please let us know. If you are interested specifically in the Energy Code, the Chapter will begin work to overhaul the Existing Buildings Chapters to more align with the International Existing Buildings Code (IEBC). This will take a while, so we need to start right away.

Thank you and stay safe,

Shaunna Mozingo, sdmozingo@mozingocodegroup.com & Hope Medina, hmedina@coloradocode.net
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

We have started the process to upgrade the Chapter website. By the end of this year managers will have the ability to renew membership for several members at the same time. This would be the same as managers can currently do when registering members for events, like chapter meetings. Additionally a jurisdiction website manager has the ability to post jobs on the chapter website. If you do not have a website manager or would like to know who your current managers are, please visit the website. After you login as a member at the top of the page click on ‘My Account’. Then on the left side click on ‘My Agency’. You will then see what agency (that is how the website labels a jurisdiction) you are in and anyone who is a manager.

Visit the Chapter's website at:  www.coloradochaptericc.org
Follow the Chapter’s Facebook page: Colorado Chapter of ICC

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CHAPTER SHOOTING DAY UPDATE

We have scheduled our annual Chapter shooting day for September 19 at Colorado Clays. Pistol shooting in the morning, followed by sporting clays in the afternoon after a lunch bbq. Stay tunes for further information

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

During the Covid period the programs committee is working towards the challenge of providing training for our membership. As we do not know if a group meeting will be allowed in June, plans are being made to provide the training online. This may take the form of something like Go to Meeting or it may be a webinar.

We are looking at the easiest way for or membership to attend with positive results. Emails will be sent out when details are firmed up.

At this point no firm decision has been made.

June: Location: Pikes Peak Regional Building Department (Colorado Springs) Date: June 12, 2020 Theme: Special Inspections


October: Location: Louisville Date: October 9, 2020 Theme: Residential for the Roaring 20’s – Innovation and Design Trends to Combat an Angry Climate

December: Location: Colorado Springs (Broadmoor) Date: December 10 & 11, 2020 Theme: TBD

If you are not assigned or should not be part of an ‘Agency’ or need manager permissions, then please send an email to Gil Rossmiller. Gil can then make the needed changes. He will also send any new manager a few help documents on posting jobs etc.

As always please send any of us on the communications committee any suggestions you may have for the website, news letter or whatever.

Chair- Gil Rossmiller
Co-Chair- Cornelia Orzescu
Hope Medina  Leslie Carpenter  Tim Swanson
Janine Snyder  C.J. Jarecki
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The legislative committee monitors proposed legislation and strives to keep members informed of bills which would impact building departments. This year had been a quiet year at the capitol compared. The House and Senate have been suspended since mid-March due to the heath emergency. When the legislature reconvenes, the committee will continue to monitor the actions of the General Assembly and will send out a final report upon adjournment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Legislative Committee members.

Membership Committee

Yes, we are excited about the website update! When complete, Agency Managers will be able to add, delete and select staff to add to Membership, print an invoice, and pay online via eChecks, or credit card. Or, print an invoice, and send it through their Finance Department to drop in the snail mail.

Currently, Membership for 2020 is sitting right below 400 A and B Members, along with Professional/Associates. We are one third of the way through 2020, so if you have not renewed or started your Membership, you will still get some mileage out of your Membership. Remember, when we do start getting back together, you must be a current Member to take advantage of the Chapter meetings excellent preferred provider training.

You can do single membership online at https://coloradochapterice.org/product/ccice-membership/, or if you need an invoice for multiple memberships, contact me, Tim Swanson, and I can get that taken care of.
With the Colorado Chapter of ICC 60 years in the making, we have had many people step up and take the helm to sail this well-built vessel. Just about every year we have the pleasure of welcoming a recruit into our group of “has-beens” who have served and lead the organization. At the end of their term they join the ranks of the ever-loved Past Presidents Committee.

This committee of individuals supports the Chapter’s Board of Directors and members by embracing change while also offering experience, guidance, historical data, and humor. By continuing to serve on various committees within the organization they are an instrumental part of the past and present. While you cannot move forward by always looking in the rear-view mirror, it is important to remember how we arrived to where we are going - and the important decisions that were made along the way.

This year the Past Presidents Committee was joined by our current President, Scott Greer, for our 9th Annual Past President’s Luncheon. This is a time where we gather as many past presidents as possible and thank them for their support of the chapter over the years. Additionally, it’s a chance to introduce the incoming president to his or her group of predecessors who are there to support. A great time is had by all.

This year’s event was held on February 21st at the Texas Roadhouse in Thornton. We chose Thornton as our location to honor our ICC National President, Greg Wheeler, who serves as the Building Official for the City of Thornton. We had a great turnout and amazing conversations. Attending this year’s luncheon were current President, Scott Greer, and past presidents Greg Wheeler, Becky Baker, Dave Horras, Noel Vargo, Steve Byer, Gerry George, Tom Thompson, Bob Foote, JD Potter, Brice Miller, Dan Weed, Matt Archer, Mark Gurule, Kirk Nagle, Tim Swanson, and Shaunna Mozingo.

As a nod to the last time the Chapter hosted an Annual Conference/Business Meeting – 30 years ago in Denver – attendees were provided with white carnations.

Each year we try to move the location and we have tried offering it at different times of the year to allow for more folks to travel to attend but it has come back to being held near its original date surrounding President’s Day each year. We know that it’s hard for everyone to make it, but we do appreciate all who can come and just catch up and get to know the current Chapter leader.

Past Presidents Committee Chair: Becky Baker, Jefferson County; Co-Chair: Shaunna Mozingo, Mozingo Code Group.
BUILDING FUTURES COMMITTEE

Our committee has grown this year, and we are happy to see so many people interested in promoting this career with high school students and those looking at a second career.

The Building Futures Career event in Montrose was canceled due to the Covid 19 and the schools closing for the year. They are already working on setting up the event for 2021 with the continuing support of the Montrose community.

Currently the 2nd annual Building Futures with a Career in Construction event in Steamboat Spring this September will still take place. There is already interest from the schools to participate again this year. We will need volunteers so mark September 23rd in your calendar.

Don’t forget to visit our webpage on the Chapter's website and our Facebook page for further information.

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STORAGE/ HISTORICAL SOME CHAPTER HISTORY

Have you ever wondered why the Chapter displayed these framed pictures of doors at the Education Institute? The Education Institute is the brain child of Chapter members Greg Keith, Dave Nickel, Pete Tyre, and Gerry George which was based on a failed Southern Chapter’s idea. The concept was to offer multifaceted education for multiple days, and the Chapter was able to successfully provide this. There was at one point where the ICBO had wanted to take the Education Institute over, but the Colorado Chapter refused to allow this to happen.

Nevada’s Educode was the first Chapter to base their Education Institute after Colorado’s concept, but many others have followed since. The first Education Institute used the slogan of “The Door To Education In Colorado Is Finally Open” The first brochure displayed a hand drawn door on the front. For the following year the Chapter found the multiple door graphic and used it for it’s brochures. The framed pictures are displayed to pay homage to our successful past.
CAPMO

Just as a friendly reminder our CAPMO members may be down but we are not out. Currently we started thinking about code changes and are starting to make preliminary drafts of changes we think are important. We encourage all members to take part and get involved in the Group A hearings in Pittsburg in April of 2021 and now is the time to put the bug in the ears of our supervisors. It’s a fantastic learning experience and there is much to be learned. The CAPMO members are here for you and we are happy to help with any questions in the PMG world that you might have. Just reach out to a member. So until September stay safe and healthy. Best wishes!

No meeting in MAY

Sister organizations

CAPT

May is Building Safety Month. This year building safety takes on an entire new meaning. With most jurisdictions closed and employees working remotely, we are all trying to find a new normal. The Colorado Association of Permit Technicians had an exciting year of training planned. Unfortunately, COVID19 threw a huge wrench in our plans. The May meeting scheduled to take place at the City of Edgewater has been cancelled. The board is looking into rescheduling the training for September mid-month, stay tuned on that aspect. The July meeting in Black Hawk is still on the plate as of this writing. We hope to see all of you in July to reconnect and share our pandemic stories. A huge thank you to the jurisdictions that support CAPT, we could not do this without all of you. The CAPT board is always available to help with any issues you may encounter. Stay strong, be safe and live life.
Amidst the current COVID-19 pandemic, most if not all fire departments are trying to get a handle on what people are considering to be the “new normal”. We are holding out hope that this new normal will not continue for too long. Even though this has made us all look at our current operations and determine what is essential and what is not, we are steadily moving forward. A survey was conducted of the FMAC group to determine what, if any, changes have been enacted in our individual jurisdictions in response to COVID-19. What the results showed is that each agency is finding ways to provide the highest-level fire code enforcement while at the same time protecting their employees and the communities they serve. By-in-large, we are all conducting plan reviews electronically and conducting construction inspections in limited capacities. It has been determined that construction inspections need to continue to ensure projects are installed per approved plans. There are a few jurisdictions that have begun virtual inspections via video conferencing platforms, others that conduct inspections with required social distancing and PPE in-person, and others who are utilizing photographs to take place of in-person inspections.

At this point in time, most fire departments ceased conducting compliance inspections. This is to reduce the possible exposure to the virus and slow the spread. The challenge with not conducting these inspections is that many buildings are not being inspected for fire code compliance, which increases the interval for businesses to be checked for ongoing fire and life safety hazards. Some departments have instituted temporary self-inspection programs in lieu of in-person inspections. This is a document or online form that is provided to businesses to conduct their own inspection of their facility. This does not truly replace fire inspectors being in these buildings, but it helps keep the occupants aware of many common fire and life safety hazards that exist within their buildings.

In times like this it allows us to look internally and determine if the way that we are operating is the best, most efficient and effective way to go about serving our communities. There is always room to find the good out of difficult situations. This pandemic will affect some ways that we operate not only in the short-term, but quite possibly forever. But our perspective is that if it helps us provide a better service to our communities while maintaining fire and life safety, is it something that we should be doing anyway?

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Region XI Update:
Due to the current pandemic, Region XI has moved our annual Spring Meeting and Training in Albuquerque to August 23-24th. There is planned a Golf Tournament on Sunday with local chapters, our Regional Business meeting Sunday evening, and classes on the following days.
As always, we will provide lunch and a free day of training from a preferred provider, and this year it will be followed by 2-3 days of other classes sponsored by the local chapter for a fee for those who wish to stay and continue with more education. Details will be sent out as they are finalized.
In the meantime, please check out our webpage at www.iccregionxi.org and find out the latest on your Regional Chapter! Emails to the Region representatives with questions or suggestions may be sent to regionxioftheicc@gmail.com.
Save the date and see you there!
CCICC Board Member’s

FUN FACTS

Scott Greer
President

Did you know I’m a Stroke and Turn Judge for USA Swimming?

Dan Reardon
Vice-President

My wife, Cindy, and I hand-dug a 4.5’ deep Coy Pond in our backyard this past summer. She dug 85% of it, I dug 15%. I then completed the masonry border after she installed the liner and rock bottom.

Don Marchbacks
Director

My camper also doubles as riding lawn mowers

Hope Medina
Director

In my family practical jokes and comedy is highly prized. AS LONG AS I’M NOT THE ONE TELLING THE JOKE.—Just can’t make it through without laughing.

Janine Snyder
Director

Retired Fire Fighter from Red White & Blue Fire Department, and Life-time Honorary Member

Tim Swanson
Past-President

The house that I mentioned in a previous newsletter that we have lived in for 22 years, I built the kitchen cabinets myself, and they still don’t have any doors on them!
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