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Code Administrators Association of Kentucky

2017 ICC ABM and Conference is in Columbus, OH, September 10-13

CAAK Fall Conference - October 15-18, 2017

Clarion Hotel - Lexington, Kentucky

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Not too soon the hot and hazy days of summer 2017 will be over. I for one bid it a fond "FAREWELL." Thankfully, the occurrence of the Autumnal equinox revives us all with hope for beautiful fall colors, Fall football games, Fall festivals and other rituals of the fall season. As I look back on what we have accomplished so far this year, I cannot help but marvel at the good work of our organization.

We had a great turn out for the 5 one day KRC educational classes that were held in early March. I want to thank the facilitators and all our members that attended for making these classes a success again this year. Our spring conference was well attended and had well received training classes. Also congratulations to our Texas Hold'em winner Nathan Benge and Cornhole champs Jim Branham & Bob Carpenter. We also led the nation again this year with building safety month proclamations. I congratulate each of you for your role in our success.

Fall is a transitional season-from hot, humid summer to cold, blustery winter. But before winter is here we will be getting together for our Fall training conference and annual business meeting. The conference is being held in Lexington at the Clarion Hotel, October 15th-18th. Your education committee has been working hard to provide a wide variety of code classes for the conference. Also our annual business meeting will be on Monday morning October 16th

I look forward to seeing everyone at the conference.

Thank you for your service to our association.

Robert Kirchdorfer, President



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The 2018 Legislative Calendar is quickly approaching. Currently there are 15 prefilled bills going into this session which are not related to our discipline. However, there will be one anticipated change coming and that would be the adoption of the new KBC and KRC codes. The Advisory Committee at DHBC will be hearing the proposed changes that CAAK took part in for the 2015 International Codes on August 22nd. We look forward to hearing the possible effective and mandatory dates soon and we will notify our members once we get these dates finalized from the Department. If you are interested in serving on the Legislative Committee, please send your President, Robert Kirchdorfer an email at robert.kirchdorfer@louisvilleky.gov. You can also follow the LRC session if you have other interests on their website at www.lrc.ky.gov. From there you can search several topics or specific bills and set up a Bill Watch account and get automatic email alerts when actions are taken.

KY LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Brian Sims, Chief Building Official—Kenton Co. KY

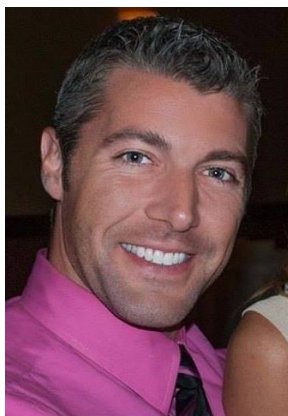


ICC NEWS

Roblee promoted to Director of Strategy

Many of you know Corey M. Roblee from our Chapter conferences and meetings as our Government Relations liaison to the Code Council. Corey will continue to be Government Relations Senior Manager for his state and local responsibilities (including KY), but for the past two years Corey was assigned additional work. He assists Sara Yerkes, Senior VP Government Relations, with national and state work, such as coordinating the development of strategies and planning. To better reflect Corey's additional workload and national scope, his title is now **Senior Manager and Director of Strategy, Government Relations**.

Congratulations Mr. Roblee !



Early bird registration deadline is Aug.4 for the 2017 ICC Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio

The International Code Council's (ICC's) 2017 Annual Conference and Expo is September 10 – 13 in Columbus, Ohio, and [you can add value to your experience](#). This year's conference features [industry-leading educational sessions](#), networking, historic tours, the Building Safety & Design Expo and inspiring keynote speakers such as the only two-time winner of the prestigious Heisman Trophy, **Archie Griffin** at the Members' Luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 12. This year's conference will be a great opportunity to engage with building industry experts, share ideas, expand your code knowledge and take home information you can use on the job the next day. Spread the word among chapter members and industry colleagues by forwarding them the conference registration link www.iccsafe.org/conference.





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Elizabeth Arrington, Chair of the newest council and CAAK member, encourages all jurisdictions to mentor younger generation to join The Newest ICC Emerging Leadership Council.

“The Emerging Leaders Membership Council (ELMC) is ICC’s newest membership council. The ELMC is geared towards young and/or new professionals. The goal of the ELMC is to engage the next generation of code professionals in the code development and enforcement process. A survey released in 2014 highlighted the need for the creation of the ELMC. Though the survey, it was determined that the average code official was between the ages of 55 and 64 with plans to retire in the next 5-15 years.

https://cdn-web.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/ICC_NIBS_Survey_Summary.pdf

When this mass exodus from the code profession happens there will be a loss of skill and knowledge in the regulation and enforcement of building codes. The ELMC is trying to fill this gap by helping ICC recruit and educate the next generation.

“How can I help?” you ask. There are several things you can do from the comfort of your home town. First, choose someone to mentor. Second, allow the newer and younger code professional in your jurisdiction the opportunity to participate in the code development process by attending the code hearings and using CDPaccess to vote. A third thing is to participate in ICC’s initiative “Raising the Profile”.

If you or a new and emerging professional in your office would like to join the ELMC an application can be found that the following link: <https://www.iccsafe.org/membership/councils-committees/membership-councils-application/>.

Our next meeting will be held at the ICC annual conference in Columbus, OH.”

CAAK member, Elizabeth Arrington, Building Inspector - City of Lexington, leads the ICC’s newest Emerging Leaders Membership Council - (ELMC)





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THE KENTUCKY RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CODE IMPROVEMENT STUDY UPDATE



"The Kentucky Residential Energy Code Improvement Study is in its final weeks of its 3 Phase study. Over the last 3 years, this Study has analyzed and collected data on new single family residential construction, met one-on-one with over 1400 builders and residential inspectors, developed training based on the data collected, provided 26 classroom style training opportunities with over 400 attendees and distributed over 200 energy code books. From all this work in Phases 1 and 2 the result has been an increased awareness and understanding of the impact and effect of the energy code when applied properly along with improved application of the energy code across the state.

Now we are in the last weeks of Phase 3. Our field team is wrapping up on-site data collection. The data collected will be analyzed as was done in Phase 1. It is too early to identify trends and possible results from this new data. Rest assured, the data will be analyzed and conclusions presented at the final stakeholder meeting being scheduled for the last week in September. The actual date will be shared with the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, CAAK and the Home Builders Association of Kentucky.

The one-on-one visits has resulted in some interesting and encouraging findings. Builders and contractors are very much interested in building energy efficient homes. Construction involving unvented crawl spaces is increasing across the state. We have also seen the increase and improved efforts to air seal the thermal envelope. What was also very encouraging and unexpected is the number of home owners building their own homes that have done their homework to build an energy efficient home. All this is very encouraging for our built environment.

There remain areas we can improve; house ventilation, proper insulation installation and eliminate HVAC oversizing. All these areas are addressed within the energy code, yet design, construction and inspection efforts tend to overlook these areas. The effect noncompliance of one, two or all three of these have on the energy efficiency of the home is huge and costly to the homeowner.

The homeowner is aware of and wants good energy construction and an energy efficient home. We can help make this a reality. If you need more training, seek it out. Don't let a lack of knowledge or understanding of the code prevent you from assisting the homebuyer/homeowner reach their goal of an energy efficient and comfortable living environment

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CAAK BOARD MEETINGS

Even when the classes are over, the work doesn't stop.

The CAAK Board of Directors working on doing Association business, plan education conferences, discuss changing legislation, and help you do a better job for the citizens of Kentucky.

KDV Spring conference, April 2017 (Right)



We were honored to have DHBC director, Duane Curry and Commissioner, Steve Milby.

Radcliff, KY.—June 2017 (Left)

PERSON OF INTEREST - Alan Brady - City of Lexington

Where are you from?

I have lived my entire life in Kentucky. I was born in Louisville but have been living in Lexington for the past 16 years with my wife and sons.

Why did you get into the Building Inspection profession?

I have always enjoyed building things by hand and appreciate craftsmanship. I received a Bachelor of Architecture from the University Of Kentucky but found myself drawn to the details of construction instead of the design. Standards and consistency in the construction world keep people safe and I wanted to be part of that. In anticipation of a career in code/inspection, I took the required tests to become a Level 1 Building Inspector. My career started with a short run as a plans examiner for the State of Kentucky but an opportunity to become a Building Inspector opened up in Lexington and I applied. My career started with the LFUCG in April of this year. I enjoy an industry that is constantly trying to improve itself through education. I look forward to attending CAAK and ICC conferences annually and climbing higher in my education and certifications.

When did you join CAAK?

I have been a CAAK member since March of 2017 and plan on becoming involved in the decision making process with CAAK after I gain more insight into the world of code administration.





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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS



Congratulations !!! to all CAAK family members who were awarded the following Scholarships as part of CAAK's ongoing support of our members and their families to pursue post-secondary education opportunities.

Code Related Studies — Rebekah Bryant
Tommy Larrison Scholarship — Sydney Carpenter
Joel Scarbrough Scholarship — Cami Flowers
Robert Blanton Scholarship — Delany Taylor



Remember that CAAK offers numerous scholarship opportunities which we award each year.

CAAK again this year is offering financial assistance to help offset the cost to attend the ICC conference for 10 members with a reimbursement in the amount of \$250.

The deadline is August 15th.

HELLO
my name is

CAAK WELCOMES new faces at KDBC — BCE.



Amanda Aylor, Plan Reviewer Trainee
Justin Kimes, Field Inspector Trainee
Elizabeth Murphy, Plan Reviewer Trainee

State Fire Marshal
Recognizes September
as Campus Fire Safety
Month



<http://dhbc.ky.gov/sfm/Pages/default.aspx>

THE CAAK MISSION



CAAK's strategic mission is to advance the professionalism of code users by expanding CAAK's membership base and loyalty, and by asserting the influence of the organization upon the adoption, use and efficient and effective enforcement of model codes. For a membership application go to caak.org.

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