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From the President's Desk

Just over a year ago, I wrote my first President's column for NWBOCA. At the time, we had no idea of the changes and challenges we would face in 2020. I'm glad our organization was resilient enough to adapt to the new reality of virtual programs due to covid-19, while still providing programs that are popular and well-attended. (And we were able to accomplish one in-person event, the Golf Outing, safely outdoors.) I'm sure 2021 will bring its own challenges as we (hopefully) transition back to some in-person events. Our newest virtual program, Coffee and Codes, will debut today. Jorge Torres will be the moderator and begin with a discussion of how building departments are doing outreach to their residents and customers in the covid era, and then will open it up to a discussion of any topic anyone would like to talk about with their fellow building officials.

Getting under the hood and into the nitty-gritty of how our organization works, we are looking to fine-tune a couple of details. In order to be consistent with best practices for non-profit organizations, the Board is looking to adopt a policy defining what size of purchases or financial commitments requires approval by a vote of the Board, and which small purchases may be made by an individual Board member. We are also planning to ask the membership to approve a change to our bylaws to make the formation of a nominating committee optional. The nominating committee is intended to screen and select a slate of recommended nominees for Board positions. In practice, it hasn't been formed in recent years and perhaps never was. Our intent is to have the bylaws better reflect actual practices. This change will be put to a vote of the membership at a future monthly meeting. Myself and the other Board members welcome input on this and all aspects of our programs here at NWBOCA. Feel free to use our contact info on the left, or the open discussion at Coffee and Codes, to let us know your thoughts. Suggestions for programs and speakers are especially welcome.

We are doing the certification contest again this year and hope that, by announcing it early in the year, more people will have time to participate. To do so, just email a copy of any new ICC certifications that you earn this year to Sanyo. The person in First Place with the most certifications will win \$250. Second place wins \$150, and third \$75.

On the second page of this newsletter, you will find our draft calendar for the year. I hope it helps you plan to join us for many events this year!



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2021 NWBOCA Calendar

Monthly Meeting Dates

April 13
May 11
June 8
July 13
August 10
October 12

Golf Outing

September 17

Fall School

November 5, 12, & 19

Annual Luncheon

December 10