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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY MARK RICE

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a very Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that we are starting the year 2018 already. BOAG will be celebrating its 60th anniversary this year and our association is continuing to grow and prosper. I want to thank every member, sponsor, chapter, and supporter of our association for allowing us to reach 60 years in service to our state and local communities.

BOAG continues to represent the membership on important issues at the legislative level, at both the state and local levels. We have been working with GMA on Senate Bill 2. If you are not aware of this bill, please look it up and read it. If it passes, it will affect all of us in our professional jobs. This bill needs to be defeated, in its current form, so please contact your state representatives and ask them to vote against this bill.

There is a new electrical code in effect in Georgia as of January 1st. The 2017 NEC became the new code and is the only new code that was adopted for this year. There were several new amendments to current 2012 codes so make sure you are up to date with them as well.

The 2018 International Residential & Building Codes and currently being evaluated by separate task forces. We have representatives on each of these task forces.

Our 2018 Annual Educational Conference will be held in Young Harris at Brasstown Valley Resort. This will be our 60th Anniversary and we are already planning for this conference to be one of the best that we have had yet. It is not too early to for you to plan to attend. The conference will be held from May 20th through the 24th, 2018, so go ahead and mark your calendars now and plan on a great conference with lots of vendors, shopping, golf, training classes, time on the beach, and some great time visiting with friends.

Thank you for again trusting me with the leadership of this organization. I am proud to be a part of this association and I hope that I can continue to provide the leadership and direction that our previous leaders and members have provided as a foundation to this association.

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## CERTIFICATION

BOAG is proud to provide its members with state recognized inspector certification program. This program works in conjunction with ICC's industry wide accepted certification program. This program provides for Levels 1 through 5 in certification with appropriate documentation to prove training and/or education requirements. Visit our website for more information.

## CHAPTER REPORTS

### **NWGIA, by Todd Gregory**

The Northwest Georgia Inspector's Association started off the New Year with a class on the 2017 NEC changes taught by Greg Nelson of Cobb County Building Inspections. The class was very informative and will be the topic of discussion at next month's meeting also. We had 26 members from 5 jurisdictions.

### **CGIA, by Jerry Sizemore**

CGIA will have our regular meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>. We just voted in our new officers in December. We had a training day in December, the subject was fire walls and class was full. Hope everyone made it through Christmas!

### **MAIA, by Susan Carpenter**

Greetings and Happy New Year! We are excited about the coming year and are ready to roll up our sleeves and work hard to provide our members with quality training and networking opportunities in 2018. We are an ICC Preferred Provider so all our training counts toward your required ICC CEU requirements. Our first training opportunity of the year will be February 8 and will be held at Brookhaven City Hall.

As with all our jurisdictions, MAIA recognizes the increasing shortage of inspectors and will be focusing our efforts on working closely with ICC and the local high schools to help develop and encourage the next generation of inspectors. It is a great opportunity for us to help high school and technical school students find an opportunity for a career path that they may not have otherwise considered.

If you are not a member of MAIA, we highly encourage you to join our great organization. If you have been a member in the past, it is time to renew! Please visit our website at [www.maia-ga.com](http://www.maia-ga.com) for more information.



## CHAPTER REPORTS, Contd.

**MGIA – No Report**      **GSIA – No Report**  
**NEGIA – No Report**    **MWGIA – No Report**  
**NGCOA – No Report**   **WGIA – No Report**

## ICC Region VIII

ICC Region VIII will hold their next training session February 28 in Greenville, SC. Visit [www.iccreg8.com](http://www.iccreg8.com) for more details. Please consider joining if you are not already a member.

## DCA

"Tiny houses" have received a lot of attention and interest in recent years. A tiny house is typically defined as a single-family home, generally 400 square feet or less, excluding lofts. The four types of tiny homes are:

- Recreational Vehicles
- Manufactured (mobile) homes
- Residential (modular) industrialized buildings
- Site built dwellings

Regulations for each of these four types may vary, but generally, the state's building codes only apply to tiny homes that are modular dwellings and site-built dwellings. Recreational vehicles and manufactured homes are not regulated by building codes but fall under other HUD and other industry standards.

The following codes apply for tiny houses:

- International Residential Code (IRC), 2012 edition with Georgia Amendments
- International Plumbing Code (IPC), 2012 edition with Georgia Amendments
- International Energy Efficiency Code (IECC) 2009 edition with Georgia Amendments
- National Electrical Code (NEC) 2017 edition

Some of the code-related issues that might affect the design and construction of tiny homes are

- Room Size and Dimension
- Lofts
- Headroom
- Means of Escape
- Egress Width
- Stairs



## DCA, continued

To help address these concerns, the 2012 IRC has been amended to change the minimum habitable room size from 120 sf to 70 sf and add a new Appendix for Tiny House Construction. **However, the Appendix must be adopted locally to be enforced.**

Copies of these amendments are available at:  
<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/development/constructioncodes/programs/codeamendments.asp>

For more information, please visit  
<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/development/ConstructionCodes/documents/GEORGIATINYHOUSEFACTSHEET7-Final.pdf> for the Tiny House Fact Sheet.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Don't forget to renew your association memberships for 2018.

Visit [www.boagcodes.org](http://www.boagcodes.org) to renew your BOAG membership. Visit your local chapter and [www.iccre8.com](http://www.iccre8.com) to renew these memberships as well.

## ICC

The 38th annual Building Safety Month theme is Building Codes Save Lives

This international campaign, led by the International Code Council, is celebrated by jurisdictions worldwide during the month of May

"Building Safety Month brings attention to issues that are not regularly considered unless disaster strikes. Modern codes and standards incorporate the latest technology and provide the safest, most resilient structures for our families and communities to protect against building failures, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, high-rise fires and other modern-day disasters," said Code Council Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO. "Building codes really do save lives."

Weekly themes throughout the month will spotlight specific areas of building safety.

Week One (May 1-5): Partnering with Code Officials to Build Stronger, Safer Communities

Week Two (May 6-12): Advancing Resilient Communities Through Science & Technology

Week Three (May 13-19): Protecting Communities from Disasters

Week Four (May 20-26): Safeguarding Our Water

Week Five (May 27-31): Improving Education & Training Standards for a Safer Tomorrow

To learn more about the campaign, visit [www.buildingsafetymonth.org](http://www.buildingsafetymonth.org).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

2/7/18 – BOAG Board of Directors Meeting

2/8/18 – CGIA Meeting

2/8/18 – MAIA Meeting

2/28-3/2 – ICC Region VIII

3/5-8 – GACE Annual Conference

4/15-25 – ICC Committee Action Hearings

May – Building Safety Month

5/20-24 – BOAG 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference

10/21-24 – ICC Annual Conference

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