

Message from VBCOA President
Greetings to the VBCOA Membership

I'd like to provide a brief update of the events that occurred in Baltimore, Maryland during the 7th ICC Annual Conference. Code Change hearings started on October 24, 2009 and continued through November 10, 2009, with a three day break for the conference activities. A number of our members participated on Code Development Committees. Two hearing tracks ran concurrently and were well attended. It was reported that there were 285 hours of code change hearing for this event.

The State of Maryland delegation, with the assistance of ICC Region 7 (including VBCOA), hosted an event at Camden Yards at Orioles Park on Saturday, October 31, 2009. A special thank you goes out to Jean Stanley, Paula Eubank, Kris Bridges, Guy Tomberlin, Bill Dupler, and Roger Robertson. These VBCOA members were very supportive and assisted in the huge success of this event. I apologize if I left anyone out.

On Monday, November 2, 2009, ICC, with the assistance from the State of Maryland delegation and chapters of ICC Region 7, held the opening event at Legends Sports Museum. This event was also well attended and was a great opportunity to get together with other ICC members.

VBCOA owes special thanks to Regions V, VI, and VIII for making donations to sponsor the Maryland/ICC Region 7 events.

The Commonwealth of Virginia was successful in having two members elected to the ICC Board of Directors at the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. Both members are past presidents of VBCOA and remain very active in the association. They are as follows:

- William D. Dupler, Building Official for Chesterfield County, Virginia, was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the ICC Board. Congratulations, Bill!
- Guy Tomberlin, Code Specialist for County of Fairfax, Virginia was elected as a Director for the ICC Board. Congratulations, Guy!

Emory Rodgers, Deputy Director of the Building and Fire Regulation Division of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, was presented the prestigious Bobby J. Fowler award on Wednesday November 4, 2009 at the awards luncheon. Congratulations, Emory!

VBCOA was also honored during the awards luncheon by being awarded one of three 2009 Chapter Merit Awards presented. Receiving the award on behalf of the membership was immediate Past President, Lynn Underwood and President, Jim Collins. This is significant as there are approximately 330 Chapters listed with ICC and this is the third year VBCOA has received this award.

Kris Bridges and Sean Farrell were very successful in selling the VBCOA Military pins for the Walter Reed Army Medical Center fund raiser. These guys are truly salesmen.

During the Conference Expo there were numerous exhibitors displaying new technology and show casing and demonstrating new products and services available. There was also an opportunity to attend ICC Training, including updates to the 2009 I Codes which are expected to be adopted in Virginia next year.

It was gratifying for me to witness the participation at all the activities and seeing the membership being so positive for the Code Change process and the events during the Annual Conference. It was also gratifying to know that VBCOA had assisted in our membership's participation in the conference through our scholarship program. VBCOA assisted 9 members in full or partial scholarships to the conference. Thanks to all those folks that were able to attend.

Jim Collins
President VBCOA
Board of Directors