

NBBOA NEWSLETTER



Summer 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you all know, the NBBOA has one staff position in addition to a number of volunteers who work hard to support and serve the membership. Over the last year and a half, we have had the pleasure of Megan Stewart's support and leadership as our very valued administrative assistant. Megan will be leaving us at the end of June as she moves out west with her spouse. I want to sincerely thank Megan for her hard work, diligence, creativity and initiative. She has been a large part of implementing recent improvements in the NBBOA and the support she has provided to the membership has been outstanding. Please join me in wishing Megan well! Recruitment for her replacement has already started – big shoes to fill!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

-Amy Poffenroth



Pictured: President Amy Poffenroth with Zone 4 Representative Jules Leger receiving his NBCBO 2 certification from the Certification committee representative Jason Bernatchez

What do you need to know about our new certification policies?

Have you heard? Our policies have changed to better align with national standards and to benefit the membership, of course! Please visit our website (www.nbboa.ca/certification) and read the FAQs below to learn more.

Q: So, what changed?

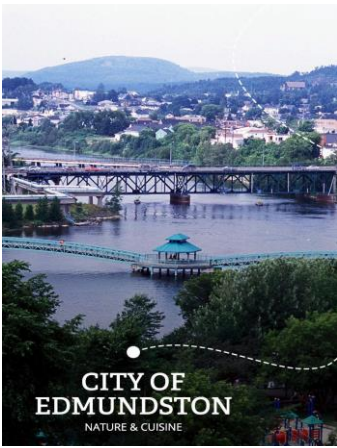
A: First, let's talk about what hasn't changed. The Building Code Qualified Official (BCQO) program has not changed. Members are still required to take all the same courses for levels 1, 2, and 3. The New Brunswick Certified Building Official (NBCBO) and mentorship programs have seen some significant changes. The NBCBO level 1 has remained the same, where experience starts the day a member was hired. However, for levels 2 and 3, experience is now concurrent with taking your courses. For example, this means a member's NBCBO level 2 experience starts on the day they pass their first level 2 exam. Members are reminded that they can only apply for an NBCBO designation after receiving their BCQO designation at that level. The mentorship program has also changed for level 3, where members now have the option to use 5 years of experience instead of choosing a mentor.

Q: How does the mentorship program work now?

A: Members can now opt to submit a log book with 5 years of experience as opposed to finding a mentor. The 5 years of experience will be concurrent with a member earning their BCQO level 3 designation. The benefit of taking the mentorship option is that a member can reach their level 3 certification quicker and has a trusted building official to review plans with them. Supervisors will need to sign log books regardless if a mentor is chosen or not. Members are reminded to visit the website under the certification section to familiarize themselves with certification policies and forms.

FEEDBACK FROM THE 2018 CONFERENCE AND AGM

This year's conference and AGM took place in Miramichi from April 25-27, 2018 at the Rodd Miramichi River. Members particularly enjoyed the maintenance courses with Orr Brown Engineering and Building Knowledge Canada. Alison Orr and Marianne Brown were very knowledgeable in their field and gave a great presentation on liability within municipalities. Gord Cooke with Building Knowledge Canada was a fantastic presenter who made energy efficiency the most fascinating



The city of Edmundston, where the 2019 Conference and AGM will take place.

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topic of the day. Amy Poffenroth delivered a fantastic presentation on how the changes to the Community Planning Act and the Local Governance Act affect building officials and she provided some paths forward for municipalities. The membership was especially receptive to more building code refreshers like the one provided by Mark Slader as a topic for next year's conference. The AGM saw many bylaw amendments and the membership is encouraged to review these new bylaws under the membership section on our website. Some changes include a quorum reduction for executive meetings, new zones, and a new executive position. The executive recently passed a motion to hold the 2019 conference and AGM in the beautiful city of Edmundston from April 3-5, 2019. If the membership has any ideas for topics for next year's conference, forward them to your zone representative. Save the date and stay tuned for updates!

RECIPIENTS OF THE 2018 NBBOA BURSARIES

The recipients of the 3 NBBOA bursaries are chosen by random draw at the AGM each year. The Michael O'Neill Memorial Bursary is awarded to an applicant who is pursuing a technical field and is valued at \$1000. This year's recipient was Alexander Taylor, son of David Taylor, from Grand Bay – Westfield. Alexander will be pursuing a computer science degree at the University of New Brunswick in the fall of 2018. The other two bursaries valued at \$500 are awarded to dependants of members who are pursuing any field of studies. This year's recipients are Claudie Plourde, daughter of Guy Plourde, and Julien Pitre, son of Guy Pitre. Claudie will be pursuing a Bachelor of Education at the Universite de Moncton and Julien will be pursuing Translation at the Universite de Moncton. The NBBOA wishes to

congratulate all applicants and wishes them well in their future studies.

WHO'S ON THE EXECUTIVE THIS YEAR?

The following members have been elected to represent the membership for the 2018-2019 year. Members are encouraged to review the new bylaws under the membership section of the website to see what zone they now fall under.

Amy Poffenroth	President
Jason Madore	Past President
Julien Bouchard	1 st Vice President
George Paulin	2 nd Vice President
Andrew Newell	Secretary
Robert Mazerolle	Treasurer
Justin Graveline	Zone 1 Representative
Trevor Murray	Zone 2 Representative
Brent Desroches	Zone 3 Representative
Steve Bosse	Zone 4 Representative
Jules Leger	Zone 5 Representative
Marc Doiron	Representative at Large

Stay tuned for our next newsletter in the fall of 2018!