



NEW BRUNSWICK
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DE LA CONSTRUCTION DU
NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As we embrace the warm and vibrant days of summer, I hope each of you finds some time to relax and enjoy a well-deserved vacation. Whether you're spending it with family, exploring new places, or simply unwinding, may this season bring you joy and rejuvenation.

I am also thrilled to announce that the Executive Committee has chosen a new logo for our association. This fresh and dynamic design represents our commitment to progress and our dedication to excellence in building standards. We are excited to unveil it to you in this newsletter!

Wishing you all a wonderful summer!

Best regards,

**Julien Bouchard, NBCBO
CRBO**



Pictured: Certification Chair, Jason Bernatchez with Vern Faulkner receiving his NBCBO 3 certification. Congratulations!

NB BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATOR

At his AGM presentation, Building Code Administrator, Trevor Murray, discussed upcoming objectives of the province. Of major concern to the construction industry is the anticipated date of adoption of the 2020 series of construction codes. Trevor announced the objective was to have these adopted with an effective date of January 1st, 2025. Furthermore, Energy codes will be adopted at tier 2. To assist with enactment of higher tier energy efficiency requirements, the province was successful in securing a grant under the Code Accelerator Fund, which will enable the NBBOA to offer code update and energy code education courses for free to our members.

Trevor then discussed the intention to put certification requirements in place for building officials in the province. One of the major roadblocks in this area has been the lack of availability of French language training material. However, significant financial contributions from both the provincial and federal governments have allowed all the materials to be submitted for translation. Finally, the new Building Code Administration Act appeal system was discussed. Trevor discussed how the appeal system works before diving into some general statistics on appeals that have been heard. Members need to keep in mind that appeal decisions are not public as they deal with the application of code within a certain context, so it does not create a binding interpretation of how the code must be interpreted in every situation.

FEEDBACK FROM THE 2024 CONFERENCE

This year's conference and AGM took place in Saint John NB from April 10-12th, 2024 at the Delta Hotel. Members particularly enjoyed the chance to hear and to talk to the Building Code Administrator concerning upcoming changes. Participants also had the opportunity to learn new technical aspects of Nudura ICF, discuss standards in new construction with Troy Life & Fire and more. The Executive Committee recently agreed to hold the 2025 conference and AGM in the scenic Town of Bouctouche with the assistance from the Kent Regional Service Commission (Conference location at the JK Irving Center, hotel rooms on hold at the Auberge Bouctouche Inn). If the membership has any ideas for topics for next year's conference, forward them to your zone representative or to the Executive Assistant. More details will be sent out in the fall.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION 2024

This year we were happy to announce that **Brent DesRoches** has been selected as Volunteer of the Year!

Brent lives in rural NB in East Glassville with his beautiful wife, Lisa. They have 3 children, Katie, Corey, and Gina and 4 grandchildren, Damian, Elwyn, Oaklyn and Arden. His hobbies are snowshoeing and hiking in the woods and creating yard art & metal sculptures in his shop (You can find his work on his FB page, Rusty Nail Art). He was a construction contractor for 25 years from 1986 to 2010 and started in the Building Inspection side of things in 2006 after being approached by the local Municipalities to do their Building inspection. He enrolled in the NBBOA training at that time. In 2010 he went full time for the Town of Florenceville-Bristol to look after Town maintenance and their Building Inspection & Development. He began volunteering shortly afterwards with NBBOA, almost 14 years. He became a fully certified level 3 Inspector in 2012. He then started with the Western Valley Regional Service Commission in Jan 2014 and was able to attain CRBO Certification through ACBOA in 2019. He currently is Manager of Development and Building Inspection with The Western Valley New Brunswick Service Commission. Along with volunteering with NBBOA, Brent has volunteered for over 20 years with the Glassville Fire Department.

Thank you, Brent, for everything you do. For years of volunteering on the Executive committee and helping at each conference (making sure the Hospitality suite was always well stocked).

RECIPIENTS OF THE 2024 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 Devyn Plume (3rd photo to the right), daughter of Denessa Pollock, from Saint John. Devyn will be pursuing a Bachelor of Engineering at the University of Dalhousie in the fall of 2024. The other two bursaries valued at \$500 each are awarded to dependants of members who are pursuing any field of studies. This year's recipients are Madison & Austin Jones (see first 2 photo's below), daughter & son of Troy Jones of Fredericton. Madison will pursue a Bachelor of Arts-Social Science at STU and Austin is pursuing Kinesiology at UNB. The NBBOA wishes to congratulate all applicants and wishes them well in their future studies.

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OUR NEW LOGO

Inspired by modernity and minimalism, this logo is designed from the letters NB for New Brunswick and the O for Officials. The use of these 3 letters was chosen since they are common in French and English.

The interior of letter B forms a building to represent construction. This building in the heart of the B evokes a feeling of well-being and security.

The arrangement of the letters and the colors chosen make this logo a unique strong and coherent visual identity which has the effect of creating a young, dynamic brand signature.

WHO'S ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THIS YEAR?

Elected to represent the membership for the 2024-2025 year.

Julien Bouchard

President

Amy Poffenroth

Past President/ACBOA Representative

Kris Butcher

1st Vice President

Randy Richard

2nd Vice President

Trevor Murray

Secretary

Caroline Roy

Treasurer

Clement Surette

Zone 1 Representative

Pam Bentley

Zone 2 Representative

Kyle Arsenault

Zone 3 Representative

Marven Ouellette

Zone 4 Representative

Jules Léger

Zone 5 Representative

Marc Doiron

Representative at Large

Online Exams: Reminder for those writing online exams, that you **must** inform the Executive Assistant of your Proctor selected & exam date, **prior to registration**, she needs to be available to send Proctor codes. The Executive Assistant will be taking summer vacation soon.

