

Missouri Association of Code Enforcement

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The 2013 Annual meeting and free day of training was held at, Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia, Missouri.

Code Enforcement on a tight budget was the class presented and was taught by former AACE President, Dan Peterson.

During the board meeting, candidates for office were introduced and the membership was handed out proposed by-law revisions. Among these revisions

- Term limitations on offices were extended from two terms to four terms
- The annual board meeting was changed from being held in February thru April to “at the annual meeting”.

The by-law revisions all passed unanimously, please see the website for the updated by-laws.

MACE 2013 Board

The 2013 MACE Board was sworn in at the annual day of training. Your 2013 Board is;

President –Art Genasci

Vice President –Tamara Schenke

Professional Development Director-James Sisk

Membership Director-Lara Mormino

Treasurer-Lisa Bullock

Sergeant-At-Arms –Tracy Lambertz

Secretary-John Morgan

Immediate Past President-John Benisch

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L A K E O F T H E O Z A R K S , M I S S O U R I

The annual conference is scheduled for September 18-20th, 2013. 5142 Hwy 54 Osage Beach, MO. We have a conference planned that promises to be the best conference to date. Our classes will include;

Building a House From the Ground Up, Dealing With Difficult People, Preparing For Your ICC Property Maintenance and Zoning Test, and Are Their Terrorist Cells in Your City and How to Deal With Them.

We will have a banquet with door prizes and awards will be presented. Bring your most unusual photo of a property you have dealt with for our photo wall. Prizes will be given for four categories. 1. Most unusual, 2. Funniest, 3. Scariest (you know those great electrical hookups or the house that is nearly collapsing and has 15 people living inside) 4. Most Disgusting (you know that hoarding house or the sewage leak that kind of photo)

Bring in your best work picture in a 3x5 or 5x7 and write your name and City on the back of the picture. (your name and city MUST not be displayed for voting)

This conference will provide an excellent opportunity for networking and great classes for all who attend.

Visit our website at www.MACE-Mo.org

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**JOHNNY BENISCH PASSES
THE PRESIDENCY ONTO ART
GENASCI AND MOVES TO
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**



John has just completed his second term as President of MACE. Under his reign, we saw MACE and SLACE merge together, MACE become an ICC chapter and membership grow from 45 members to well over 200. John has proven to be an exceptional leader for MACE and with his dedication and passion for this organization, it just goes to show with all he has accomplished. If you will be attending the conference, please make it a point to stop by and see John to thank

him for all that he had done for MACE. The MACE board wishes to extend their heart felt thanks to you, John, and no worries folks, he still has two years to serve as "Immediate Past President" he cant go anywhere just yet.



**JOE NOVY NAMED MISSOURI CODE
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE
YEAR**

Joe Novy of Hazelwood, Missouri, was named as the 2012 CEO of the Year. Joe was nominated by his supervisor, Code Administrator Pat McSheehy. He has proven to be a hard working, dedicated Code Officer who strives for perfection. Joe will be retiring soon and as several of his peers said at the meeting, he will be missed by many. Joe has also proven to be a loyal and dedicated member of MACE by sharing his knowledge with many. Congratulations Joe, well deserved!



PAST PRESIDENTS

Johnny Benisch 2011-2013

Tamara Schenke 2009-2011

Pearline McFall 2005-2009

Johnny Benisch 2003-2005

Walter Hughes, Jr 2001-2003

Dwight Flowers, 1999-2001

Jim Fossell, 1997- 1998

Jim Poelker, 1996-1997

R.C. Bonds, 1995-1996

David Park, 1992-1995

A note from your President

Dear Membership,

As your president elected to serve you as members and fulfill the purpose of MACE, one must reflect on the past to determine our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Goals and objectives are then set through a plan establishing needs of the members for the short, medium, and long term assuring a vibrant organization meeting the needs of all members MACE serves.

I, as with all MACE members, applaud the extensive efforts of past president John Benisch and the previous boards which strengthen MACE these past two years. As we embark on the next two years with a new board and officers I reiterate an analogy I made to members last week at the SLACE chapter monthly lunch & learn, "The house has been built, we are tasked with improving upon it." Essentially our challenge as a board shall be renovations of the house, improving areas that members seek enhancement.

Over the years, as a MACE member, I developed my thoughts and visions of our future from discussions with membership. However, I consider that a small sampling of those open to such conversations. It is imperative that MACE membership as a whole determines what renovations are needed for our house. Within the next ten business days MACE members will receive a brief email survey seeking your input. Please take some time from your day to complete and reply to this email as it will help guide us for the future.

Very truly yours,

Art Genasci, M.C.P.



SLACE NEWS

SLACE hosted their first training seminar of the year on January 30th in Maryland Heights. The topic was presented by Amco Ranger Termite and Pest Solutions and including discussions about identifying types of infestations along with the most effective methods for eliminating them. We had approximately 25 people attend this half day seminar and were able to split about \$240 dollars between SLACE and MACE.

In April (exact dates and location TBD), SLACE will be hosting a two day training seminar, in conjunction with MACE. The topic for this seminar will be Meth Labs with speakers from Meth Lab Cleanup LLC and an agent from the Drug Enforcement Agency. This seminar will also be open to all local Fire, Police, EMT's, etc. for International Code Council continuing education credits.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on April 17th at 11:30am in Lake St. Louis. The educational topic and speaker for this Lunch & Learn series is TBA.

Membership Director News

First of all, I would like to thank you all for your prompt return of membership renewals. As of March 18th, at the Annual Business Meeting, we have 211 active/retired/associate members. MACE continually accepts new membership throughout the year with new hires and registration for training seminars. Please share our training seminar announcements with anyone you feel would benefit from our educational presentations.

As our MACE website is being revamped, please excuse that we may not have the most current information posted but I ask all of you to take a look at the roster section and make sure your name and information is correct. If you have not received a MACE membership card or your information on the roster is not correct, please contact me immediately. And while our website is under construction, keep an eye on your email for MACE announcements or feel free to ask myself or any of the board members for information.

Thank you all for your continued support of this GREAT organization!

Lara Mormino, Membership Director



American Association of Code Enforcement News

AACE is going through a few changes currently. Catherine Topple the First Vice President of AACE was laid off from her position and has decided to resign from the board so she can devote her time to finding employment. Catherine was working on the conference and doing an excellent job, the AACE board will miss her and we all wish her well in the future.

Sherri Johnston has agreed to step in as your conference chair and is currently working on the agenda. Since Sherri has just taken this over, she will be updating conference classes and the agenda in the near future. I will keep you informed as the conference progresses.

If you wish to nominate someone for the "AACE Code Enforcement Officer of the Year" award, please send a written nomination to Sherri Johnston at sjohnsto@ci.mesquite.tx.us. Please include the reason you are nominating this person as well as your name and contact information.

All of these awards will be handed out at the AACE conference. You do not need to be present to win. I hope to see a lot of you there.

John Benisch
AACE President

Committee Members Wanted

We need volunteers who wish to assist with the following committees Conference committee-Help plan the 2013 Conference at the Lake

1. Publisher committee-Review the View Point before publication
2. Membership committee-Assist with recruiting new members and keeping existing members
3. Education committee-Assist with classes and recruiting instructors.

please contact Tamara Schenke at tschenke@betlon.org if you want to volunteer.



Woman reports car stolen, then finds it's still on her lawn

An elderly woman in Dacula, Ga., called police this week to report her car had been stolen from her front yard. A few hours later, however, the 78-year-old called back to tell them to not worry, she'd located the vehicle. In fact, it was right where she'd left it -- the weeds had gotten so tall that she just couldn't see it anymore. Apparently her deceased husband's 1973 Chevrolet van was no match for the extremely tall green blades in her lawn -- and apparently she didn't notice just how tall they were getting until they sparked a stolen car false alarm. Somebody, get this lady some Round-Up.

