



MBOA News

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The latest news and announcements from MBOA

What's Happening with the MBOA

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Training! ICC's Region VII is partnering with MBOA to host a virtual training on Report Writing for the Code Official. This will be held on August 14th, 2025. We are excited to get all the states in our region together for our first virtual training opportunity. Please visit MBOA's website for more information.

MBOA will be hosting a fire blocking seminar this fall, details will be emailed once finalized.

Thank you to everyone who attended all, or part of, the two-day energy seminar hosted by MBOA. We are thankful to Jerica Stacey for teaching the class and leading discussion on the new energy code.

Officer Elections: This year the MBOA Board of Directors will hold officer elections at our Annual Business Meeting. If you have any questions about serving with this fun and engaging group, please reach out to Sydonia Garrott. A call for applications and further information will be emailed to the membership in September.

Chapter Leadership Academy: Members of MBOA's Board of Directors attended ICC's Chapter Leadership Academy in April. At this conference, members learned valuable skills for running a successful ICC chapter and were provided valuable insights on resources available to every chapter through ICC.





ICC Updates

The ICC Annual Business meeting will be in Cleveland, Ohio

2027 ICC Code Hearings:

Group B ICC Code Action Hearings #1 took place in April in Orlando, Florida. There will be a second Code Action Hearing at the Annual Business Meeting in Cleveland. For anyone not able to attend but still interested in watching the hearings, you can view the live webcast through ICC's Website.



Visit: <https://www.iccsafe.org/> for information on upcoming events and resources available from ICC

Important Legislation

The following legislation pertaining to the building industry was passed during the last session:

1. **Ch 384/385 - Fuel Gas Piping (including CSST) Study and Recommendations**
2. **Ch 503/504 - Study on Building Code Requirements for Single-Staircase Buildings**



State of Maryland Updates

The 2024 Code adoption process will be starting soon. The State will make an announcement to MBOA and online, as well as to those that have signed up on the Buildings Codes website.

Permit Technician Committee:

The Permit Tech Committee is always looking for new members and providing meetings and training to support the role of the permit technician.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please email Debbie Whalen at dwhalen@howardcountymd.gov.