



## Oklahoma Code Enforcement Association

201 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Street – Oklahoma City OK 73105

Happy New Year OCEA Members:

**AGENDA:** For our first day of the conference, prepare to be impressed and ready to learn from one of the Best! We have Mitch Hammes, coming from Colorado Springs to present – A Strategic Approach to Doing Code Enforcement Effectively. Mitch teaches at AACE events frequently, along with a lot of online training opportunities with Kelvin Beene and others. For our second day, we will have some amazing local instructors along with a Q&A Session, in which you will have an opportunity to submit specific questions on a note-card that we will have available on Day 1. Each class will have a specific ICC PP course number for ICC credit.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** If you would like to win a scholarship to cover this year's spring conference fee and hotel stay, please write a brief essay on how the code enforcement profession has helped you grow professionally and/or personally. You can send your submittal to the OCEA President Travis Guess at [tguess@cityofpragueok.org](mailto:tguess@cityofpragueok.org) and the deadline to receive essays is February 1, 2024.

**CODE OFFICER OF THE YEAR:** Now is the time for you or your city's management to submit recommendations for Code Officer of the Year. The submittal deadline is February 1, 2024. This format has also changed, and submittals will be recognized even if they are not selected for this distinguished honor. The winner receives an expenses-paid trip to the AACE national conference.

**2024/2025 OCEA OFFICERS:** We will soon be preparing the ballot for the following officer positions: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (president-elect), 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (2-year term), and Sergeant-At-Arms. There is still time to submit your name for nomination. Please fill out the Candidate Information Form and submit to Janita Hatley at [janita.hatley@normanok.gov](mailto:janita.hatley@normanok.gov) by February 1st. Candidate info will be sent to everyone prior to the conference in order to get to know your candidates. \* You must be an Active OCEA Member to run for office and to participate and vote in the Election.

**Reed Center/Delta Hotel by Marriott – Midwest City:** The Hotel is conveniently located off I-40, near Tinker AFB. They are a full-service hotel, featuring spacious accommodations with mini-refrigerators, premium cable, plush bedding and signature amenities. Parking is complimentary on-site and this is a Smoke-Free Hotel. The Conference Center has over 21,000 sq. ft. in meeting space. We plan to have a Western/Rodeo themed banquet on Thursday night so be sure to mark YES on the registration form if you will attend. You may bring a guest with you for a \$25 fee, paid in advance.

Respectfully,

*Your OCEA Board*