



December 31, 2019

Upcoming Events:

- Feb 19th-21st—
Basic Code Class
- March 26th/27th—
Spring Conf. in
Norman
- April 23rd/24th—
Prop. Maint. class

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25th Annual Spring Educational Conference

Join us in Norman on March 26th & 27th for the 25th Annual Spring Conference. Held at NCED Conference Center & Hotel. We will have some great classes this year.

- ◆ Back to the Basics of Code Enf.
- ◆ Disaster Response & Our Role in the Event—Panel Discussion
- ◆ Dealing with Bedbugs
- ◆ And Many More

Norman is so excited to host this again and share our time with the rest of the OCEA Membership. The conferences always prove to be a wonderful opportunity to network with other cities and gain valuable info and knowledge that we can take back to our own cities and hopefully make our jobs just a little easier and more efficient.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING DOOR PRIZES!!



NCED Conference Center & Hotel
2801 E. State Hwy 9, Norman, OK, 73071

Hot breakfast served Thursday/Friday
Lunch served Thursday/Friday
Banquet dinner served Thursday evening
Cash Bar at banquet

AACE—American Association of Code Enforcement

- ◆ OCEA was very well represented in Bloomington, Minnesota at the 30th Annual AACE Conference, October 21-25, 2019. Our own OCEA Code Officer of the Year, Steve Hughes from Pawhuska, was able to attend the conference and enjoyed the classes & networking very much. He even won the very prestigious AACE Code Officer of the Year award out of all nominations received from across the Nation. What an honor!!
- ◆ Barbara Burlingame will serve as the AACE President in 2020 and Janita Hatley will serve as the AACE Sgt-at-Arms in 2020. Sign up for serving on the various AACE Committee's please. Ask me how!
- ◆ The next AACE Conference will be in Orlando, Florida on October 28-30, 2020 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819. Please make plans to attend. Visit the AACE website for more info— <https://www.aace1.org/>



From your President—Ivan Smith, City of Edmond

Greetings O.C.E.A. family:

Whoa did this year fly by or what! I can tell you that I for one am thankful that this growing season is over. I'm sure that there a lot of you that feel the same way. (LOL) Ironically at this stage of the game in my life I can't believe that I would be happy about a year going by so fast. I have come to understand that time is by far the most valuable thing that I have. I also understand that we all have a finite amount of it. I just wanted to spend a little of mine asking all of you not to take yours for granted. This is the time of year when we all get together with family and friends to give thanks, exchange presents, enjoy one another's company and of course EAT delicious home coookinnnn. The time spent with your family and friends is without a doubt priceless. I am so very blessed to have all of you as my extended family and my extremely thankful for each and every one of you and the time that we get to spend together.

From your 2nd VP—Maverick Fritsche, City of Okmulgee

Hello All,

I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year's! With the New Year comes some new information our board would like to pass along to you. We have decided to change some of the standard procedures for our basic code and property maintenance classes in order to be more efficient. In order to complete the class, students must pass a 50-question examination within a 2 hour timeframe with a minimum 70% score (35 correct answers). Students with learning disabilities or other needs that would require a specific accommodation shall contact OCEA in advance of the class. Students who fail the examination shall only be certified after successful completion of the examination in a subsequent class, within 1 year, at the students/municipality's expense.

I would also like to take this time to remind you of OCEA's continuing education requirements. If you do not attend one of OCEA's conferences, you must submit 4 hours of continuing education to keep your certification in good standing. You can submit those to me via email. The following are examples of categories that may be submitted for OCEA CEU's but the list is not all inclusive as Code Enforcement requires a wide range of skills and techniques: Zoning ,Zoning Ordinance, Sign Regulations, Home Occupations, Housing Codes, City Ordinances Building Abatement, Nuisance Violations, Abandoned Vehicles, Junk Vehicles, Health Ordinances, Basic Processes of Law, Professional Development, Supervisor Training Management, Training Legislation, Legal updates, Evidence Analysis, Emergency Management, Public Safety, First Responder, Incident Management, Recycling Programs, Veterinary Forensics, Community Outreach, Citations and Testifying Abnormal Psychology. Various CLEET training, Public Health, Community Planning, Self Defense, Brownfield, rehabilitation, Verbal Self Defense, Leadership Development, Flood Plain Management, Stormwater Manager, Community Time Management, Computer Office Skills, Office Budgeting, Human Resources, Environmental Safety, Interpersonal Communications, Interacting with the Public are other examples that could be utilized for CEU's. In order for your CEU's to be considered we must receive a certificate of training or a signed document from your City Manager or Town Administrator stating the number of hours of continuing education and the date it occurred.

Our OCEA board is here to serve and represent all of the members. If you have questions or need assistance, feel free to contact any of our board members listed on the OCEA website. Thank you for all you do to keep your communities safe and beautiful.



From your 3rd VP—Travis Guess, City of Prague

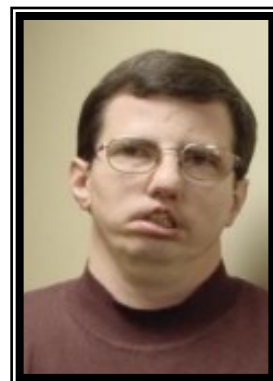
It was an honor to be able to fill the position as 3rd Vice President to the board for the remaining portion of the vacant term. Part of my duties are to watch over the membership of your organization. In the coming year I would love to assist any of the members by helping you maintain that membership whether it be by letter, phone call, or personal visit to your community. I have many credentials with ICC and I have been in this area for over two decades in one form or another. I hope to use my knowledge to help those learn, but more than that,,, I look forward to learning from you as well because learning is an ongoing process and with so much talent out in our field everyone has something great to contribute. Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!



From your Treasurer/Pres. Emeritus—Andy Templeton, City of Sand Springs

I am grateful to my fellow OCEA Board of Directors for appointing me Treasurer last fall. It has been a learning experience, as this organization has many moving parts with underlying financial transactions. As our secretariat, OML serves a vital up-front role in billing and receiving payments for our membership dues, conference fees and class tuitions. I am appreciative of Cathy Pulver with OML, and she and I work closely to assure your monies are handled properly.

The organization's treasury was in Dana Greer's good hands for many years, and I plan to continue her efforts. We are fortunate to be in very stable financial health, and hopefully that can lead to some future resources with tangible benefits for our member communities. I look forward to the Board's direction with this as we find new ways to improve our communities through code enforcement. A new decade is upon us, and the bottom line is that OCEA will continue to grow as more communities recognize code enforcement as a fundamental driver of prosperity.



From your Secretary—Janita Hatley, City of Norman

Happy New Year to everyone! Here's to 2020 being a blessed, peaceful and prosperous year for everyone. Please plan to attend the Spring conference in Norman on March 26th & 27th. You should receive an email in a week or two with registration info and hotel info.

Durant and Calera have decided to co-host our Fall conference later this year and it will be held in Durant. More info will be sent later.

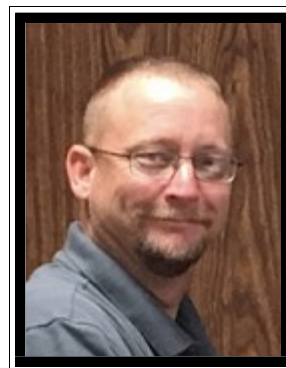
Remember that all OCEA members are now members of AACE with the AACE Pass-Through Membership. Please visit both the OCEA & AACE websites often for updated info.

OCEA member renewals will be sent out just after the first of the year, so be on the lookout. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or suggestions. Thanks!



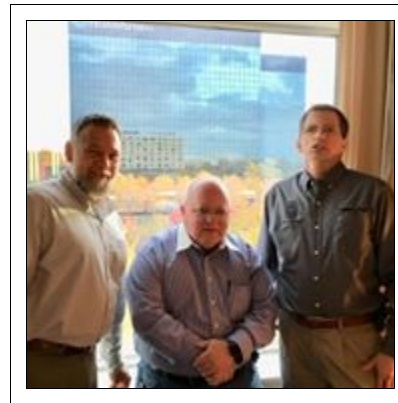


Your 1st VP—Felix Nance, City of Hominy



Your Sgt-at-Arms—Jason Ishmael, City of Okemah

2019 Photos from OCEA & AACE Events





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Founded in 1994, the Oklahoma Code Enforcement Association is dedicated to the study and advancement of Code Enforcement activities at the local, county and state levels. Its membership represents both large cities and small towns that have an interest in enhancing neighborhood and community health, safety, welfare and aesthetics.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

- ◆ Basic Code Class—February 19-21, 2020 at MNTC (Room P111/112)
- ◆ Property Maintenance Class —April 23-24, 2020 at MNTC
- ◆ Basic Code Class—August 26-28, 2020 at MNTC(Room P111/112)
- ◆ Basic Code Class—November 4-6, 2020 at MNTC (Room P109/110)

Tidbits from Janita:

We are trying to bring back the OCEA newsletter, so I ask that you please send me photos, funny or interesting stories from some case that you've worked, or a Before/After from a case that you've worked. Our members would really enjoy seeing things from fellow OCEA members across the State.

You can email your newsletter submissions to me at Janita.hatley@normanok.gov and you can call me at (405)623-8009 or in my office at (405) 366-5318.