

World Organisation of Building Officials—Governors meeting Ohio September 2017



The World Organisation of Building Officials, as part of their 2017 program, was pleased to be hosted by the International Codes Council at their Annual Conference in Columbus Ohio.

The meeting provided the opportunity for the Governors to meet and share presentations and developments for the future under the guidance of the WOBO President; Paul Myers and the WOBO Secretary/Treasurer; Majed Dabdoub.



The interaction between the Governors enabled a full review of the developments that have taken place within the last 2 years, the transfer of administration and the links to the United Nations in terms of consultation and member input.

It was essential that the group move forward with direct linkage and promotion within the membership, their organisations and the members of the development teams both locally, nationally and within the global context.



To promote this initiative, a full discussion of the current and proposed Bye-Laws took place to ensure that the structure allowed for dynamism to develop over the coming years.

A new website was currently under development and would be populated with current and historic information during the coming months. It is envisaged that the website would also provide a vehicle to present activities proposed and those under development for the future.



As part of the United Nations initiative it was agreed that participation would take place within the World Urban Forum — UN Habitat for a Better Urban Future — “WUF9”.

The event was convened as part of the 9th session of the World Urban Forum with the theme of Cities 2030; Cities for all; Implementing the New Urban Agenda, by the United Nations Human Settlements Program [UN-Habitat], hosted by the Government of Malaysia. The venue was scheduled to be the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre from 7th—13th February 2018.

A WOBO Governors meeting is scheduled for 2018, the venue has yet to be decided. It is also proposed to prepare for the WOBO World Congress and participate in the 2019 International Codes Council Conference in Las Vegas.

The support provided by the International Codes Council also enabled the Governors to participate in technical presentations and share knowledge with the presenters and exhibitors supporting the conference.

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