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2020 Letter from The President

*Paul Myers
President
United States of America*

We have arrived in the fourth quarter of the year. The reset from Covid-19 is slowly and carefully taking place around the world.

*Raymond Y.M. Chan
Vice President
Hong Kong*

The Governor's Meeting was held via ZOOM, and the traditional work of the organization was discussed. There is no doubt about the value and importance of the work and our dedication to continue spreading the message of building safety throughout the world.

*Majed A. Dabdoub
Secretary/Treasurer
United States of America*

While the pandemic has caused major disruptions to our usual and customary way of life, it has also been the catalyst to innovate and experiment with different methods of accomplishing our daily goals. Instead of reading a printed menu in a restaurant, we may view the menu via a QRC app on our smartphones. Instead of visiting brick and mortar stores, retail businesses are thriving on the internet with direct delivery service.

*Omkar Nath Channan
Founding President & Governor
Canada*

The building code enforcement industry is also embracing technology by utilizing remote inspections as a normal method of verifying construction activity. This is a step forward toward a more efficient and effective method of documenting code compliance in the field. However, no one should interpret these activities as a diminishing need for accountability. As populations increase and the demand for buildings increase, so might the risks of construction failure increase. Diligence and vigilance form the centerpiece of code enforcement. While technology may provide new tools to achieve a result, building safety remains the paramount goal for the building code enforcement community.

*Harbi Arafat
Jordan*

*David Gibson
United Kingdom*

*Stephen Jones
United States of America*

*George D. Miller
Immediate Past President
United States of America*

WOBO's members have an abundance of expertise and the opportunity to share their knowledge while guiding others to improve their quality of life. **WOBO is calling for papers on the status of the construction industry in your country, or part of your country.** Covid-19 has dealt a blow to the world economy, including construction. How is your country dealing with the problem? Has construction stopped or has it continued uninterrupted? Please send a description of your activities so we might share it with the world. We will post all papers on the website for easy viewing.

Please visit the WOBO website at wobo-un.org to stay apprised of the latest information. Communications should be addressed to the WOBO Secretariat at the address below.

Best Regards,
Paul