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**2020 Letter from The President**

As we move toward the colder months of the year (at least in the U.S.A.), the reset from Covid-19 continues to slowly and carefully taking place around the world.

The next Governor’s Meeting will be held via ZOOM on November 9th, and the traditional work of the organization will be 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.

On October 31st, I attended the UNHABITAT’s Global Observance of World Cities Day virtual conference hosted from Nakuru, Kenya.

The extraordinary speakers from around the globe presented four roundtable discussions centered on sustainability issues. The primary topics were *Resilient Intermediate Cities in Africa, Working Together to Build Sustainable Communities, Building Back Better Through Public Spaces,* and the *Value of Sustainable Urbanization*.

While everything said during this daylong event was on target, not much was stated regarding the ability to move from theory to practice. THAT is where I believe the role of the building official and quality code enforcement becomes crucial.

Code Officials provide the necessary link between the theories of academia and politicians to the reality of what happens on a day-to-day basis. While technology, sustainability, and environmental ideas may provide new tools to achieve a result, building safety remains the paramount goal for the building code enforcement community.

WOBO’s members have an abundance of expertise and the opportunity to share their knowledge while guiding others to improve their quality of life. As populations increase and the demand for buildings increase, so should the demand for good code enforcement increase. Diligence and vigilance form the centerpiece of code enforcement. Without it, the rest is just wishful thinking!

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Best Regards,

Paul