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**April 2021 Letter from The President**

The pandemic is still taking its toll on our lives, our economies, even our mental stability, we all should recognize what we must be grateful for in our lives. Vaccines are making their way around the world, but it seems not as fast as the COVID-19 strain mutates into a new deadly force.

However worldwide, the construction industry is moving forward with both remodelling projects and new buildings. In part, this can be attributed to pent-up demand and the influx of low interest rates for mortgages.

Whatever is the driving factor, it is great to see the construction industry moving at a good pace.

In the construction association arena;

* the International Code Council (ICC) plans on their annual meeting this fall in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.;
* the Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE) will hold a combined in-person/virtual meeting in the UK during October, while
* the conference for the Sustainable Energy Technologies (SET) has been postponed.

A meeting was scheduled in Istanbul, Turkey for 2020 but postponed until 2021, and now postponed until 2022.

Clearly the pandemic is changing the way we conduct business at all levels of our lives.

The good news is, we are adapting, overcoming, and moving forward!

Remember, there is no doubt about the value and importance of our work and our dedication to continue spreading the message of building safety throughout the world.

**Be safe!**

**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