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The Governors send their best wishes to you and your families for the spring break and trust you are keeping well and safe in these difficult times.

We recognize that COVID-19 is ongoing but the development of effective vaccines and vaccination delivery programmes are progressing within the global setting and we support these initiatives. The virus has necessitated changes in the way we operate as an organization and individuals within the built environment and will continue to provide supportive documentation on the website.

We have a key role to play in both the development and application of both new Building Codes and Standards, these may be Local, National or International and professional contributions are always welcomed.

We will continue to promote opportunities for consultation and participation whenever possible and support the dissemination of information.

The delivery of a safe environment is essential and WOBO recognizes the shortages of skilled professionals throughout the world.

Governor David Gibson in conjunction with the ICC Global Membership Committee participated in the recent ICC webinar; "Addressing skills shortages". The event recognized the problems and introduced a range of initiatives to address many of the fundamental problems. Speakers from the US, Canada, Australia and the UK supplied a breadth of knowledge and this may be accessed through ICC and the WOBO website. A key feature, in respect of the UK, is the Industry Skills Plan for the Construction Sector 2021 – 2025.

2021 continues with WOBO seeking ways to promote Codes and their use through their development /application/adaptation/adoption within the global setting.

WOBO would be pleased to receive articles/news/legislative developments from members and fellow professionals around the world and ongoing participation for consideration and posting on the WOBO website at <u>www.wobo-un.org</u>

Feel free to share and promote the website - articles and information.

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