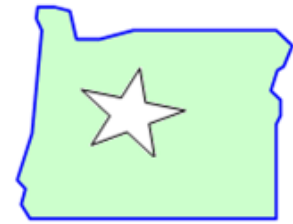




**Central Oregon Chapter
of the
International Code Council**



President's Message

**Aaron Yuma, COC-ICC President
Building Official, City of Redmond
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COC-ICC Members:

This year has been an interesting one, to say the least. The pandemic has changed our lives. We've all had to adjust to working from home, social distancing in the office and during inspections, remote inspections, virtual meetings, mask wearing, elbow bump greetings, etc. etc. For those of us with kids in school, we've had to balance work with being at home and helping them with their remote learning too. And on top of all of this we (in Central Oregon) are all experiencing higher levels of construction/permit activity. Fortunately, we avoided the most recent devastating wildfires here in Central Oregon but some of us have been indirectly impacted by this as well. 2021 just can't get here fast enough!

Obviously, the pandemic has impacted our Chapter too. We're a social group. We have enjoyed meeting together at our monthly lunch meetings and those abruptly came to an end. The Zoom meetings help, but we all know it's a poor substitute to rubbing shoulders with each other, sharing 'war stories' and building comradery over a pizza. Realizing the pandemic will be a fact of life for the foreseeable future, your chapter leaders recently met and discussed how we should proceed forward in our new reality. Here are the recommendations that came forward:

1. Keep existing board members in place for the upcoming year. *Note: The Annual Business Meeting is November 12th. We will put this up for your vote on the agenda.*
2. Monthly meetings on Zoom will be planned with the goal to have a speaker at most meetings. Lack of an agenda (for business) or a speaker may result in cancelling some meetings.
3. The Chapter should focus our energy on continuing education of our members. I envision this as the entire membership essentially being the Education Committee. Chris Gracia will take the lead. We will discuss in the November ABM how this could move forward.

I'm so thankful for all you "unseen heroes" who help to build safe communities in Central Oregon, and I hope you and your families stay safe and healthy. Hope to see you *virtually* on November 12th!