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## April 2010 Nanaimo AGM/Conference – President’s Report

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I would like to take this opportunity to describe the Association’s progress toward achieving the goals and objectives laid out in the BOABC Business and Corporate Plan.

The Association has been working with the BC Building and Safety Policy Branch to acquire a right to practice, or liscensing for Building Officials. We have received a letter of support from Rich Coleman, the Minister responsible, that the BC Government is willing to consider this initiative.

In this regard, we are working closely with Marnie Reinstein and Associates, a consultant familiar with government practice, to complete the public consultation and reporting tasks. We are following all of the protocols necessary to meet the legislative timetable and the exacting public consultation requirements in order to amend the BOA Act and have it placed for consideration in the Spring 2011 Legislative Agenda of the Government.

We have also put in place Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection, FOIPPA, standards for privacy protection and confidentiality of information. Further changes to BOABC bylaws and policies will be necessary, should Provincial right to practice legislation be adopted. The Association will then shift to being a legislated, regulatory authority with additional responsibilities and obligations to serve the public interest.

In preparation for that change, we are upgrading our Database Information Management Systems to improve document security and authentication of the records of all of our members. This is essential in order for the Association to maintain CPD, Certification and Examination records securely and accurately and to continue to meet the standards expected of a liscensing body.

As I explained in my letter to the BOABC membership, prior to the Nelson 2009 AGM, the economic forecast for BC over the next several years will be demanding. Building permit revenue in many communities has fallen. Budgets for staff training have been cut. The hiring of new building officials to replace retired members has been deferred in many locations.

Nevertheless, our projections for fiscal year 2010-11 are that the Association is on track to complete all of the Business Plan Goals and Target Objectives that were set in place over the last ten years. There are many challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Sincerely,

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President

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