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AACE 2015
26th Annual Educational Conference

The Magic Begins With You!

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Greetings!

Benjamin Franklin once said, “Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.” How true this statement is for AACE as we enter the year 2015! AACE is very much in a season of growth. With the launch of our new governmental membership program, AACE is seeing continued growth in membership as municipalities are taking advantage of this opportunity for membership for their entire staff. AACE has also seen changes and development with regards to our certification program with the incorporation of our status as an ICC Preferred Provider into our training opportunities.

In addition to these more obvious and objective signs of growth, AACE is experiencing growth and development in other intangible ways as well. The rebranding of the organization through incorporation of the new logo is a great example of some of these intangible signs of growth and development. Growth and progress will be an ongoing theme among your AACE Committees and Board throughout 2015 as AACE looks forward and seeks ways to further advance the Code Enforcement profession.

I challenge each of you to look for ways that you, from your vantage point, can effectuate change and promote growth in your communities in 2015. It could be through the implementation of a new strategy, through employing creative problem solving in a situation, or even through setting a new goal for yourself. Growth and progress are only confined by the self-imposed limitations of human capacity and human capital.

Let 2015 be a year that we facilitate learning and growth on both a personal and professional level. Let it be a year where we challenge our creativity and explore and employ innovation. Let it be a defining and dynamic year for AACE and its membership!

Sincerely,

Laura Rouse-DeVore
President, American Association of Code Enforcement
AACE CODE OF ETHICS

- I will uphold the constitutional property rights of all citizens to ensure due process with fairness and consistency.
- I will seek to improve the quality of life within my jurisdiction by enforcing all laws in an exemplary manner.
- I will strive to inspire public confidence and trust in my profession by performing my duties with honor, integrity, truthfulness and fairness.
- I will carefully avoid conflicts of interest, or appearance of impropriety, and will not accept, nor offer, any form of gift for the performance of my duties.
- I will strive to become more knowledgeable of my profession through continuous training and education.
- I will not permit personal feelings, prejudices nor influences (political or otherwise) to interfere, prohibit or delay the process of enforcement.

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We are very excited to be working on the 2015 Conference slated for October 26-30 in beautiful Kissimmee/Orlando, Florida! Please plan to attend and experience the red carpet treatment from the Conference Committee Welcome Wagon where “The Magic Begins With You” and where every attendee, instructor and exhibitor will leave feeling like a VIP!

What’s in store? Here’s a little sneak preview:

- **Relaxing and Fun Welcome Reception:** (Hint-Hint: Jimmy Buffet Style so bring a Hawaiian Shirt)
- **Kick Off Business Meeting Color Guard Ceremony:** Bring your tissues because anyone who loves their country and has a compassion for their fellow man will be touched in a powerful way when the AVAST Color Guard blesses us with their presence. AVAST: Amputee Veteran’s Administration Support Troup. The Key Note Speaker has not yet been determined.
- **Fundraiser:** All proceeds from fundraiser activities will go to AVAST.
- **Food and Snacks** – We’ve taken comments about both from the last few years and just know they have not fallen upon deaf ears. We will do our best to make as many folks happy about this category as we can.
- **Continuing Education:** While the classes have not yet been posted, we are fast at work on creating new, fresh, exciting and interesting topics where dynamic speakers will engage you, the audience. Class times will be 1.5 hours each – two in the morning and two in the afternoon leaving time in between to visit the vendors/exhibitors.
- **Awards Dinner:** This Semi-Formal event will include a Live Auction; Music; Photo Ops; Disney Character Costume Contest; Dinner and Drinks; Special Presentation to AVAST; and Awards Presentations.
- **Vendors/Exhibitors:** We will have a card for everyone to be stamped and those who make their way around to every vendor and have a fully stamped card will be eligible for drawings and door prizes.
- **There will be two free nights so that you have the opportunity to soak in the area attractions and spend some quality time in Kissimmee and Orlando Florida.** I’m sure their economy will greatly appreciate that!

On behalf of the entire Conference Committee, we are honored to be planning the 2015 Conference and want to personally invite you to attend the conference this year since “THE MAGIC BEGINS WITH YOU”!

Sincerely,

Teresa Adrian
AACE – 1st VP
Conference Committee Chair
I hope the New Year has started off with a bang for everyone! I can’t believe we are already in the month of February. The planning has been in full swing for the upcoming 2015 AACE Conference in Kissimmee, Florida. You will be surprised at what has been going on behind the scenes!

I want to welcome the Certification Committee and to let everyone know we have already been discussing the exams that will be offered as well as some changes ICC has made which could affect some of our certifications. The members of the Certification Committee will work together to discuss recent changes that ICC has made and to further develop our Master Code Enforcement Certification by realizing some of those changes that have recently been instituted by ICC. For those who hold a certification in Property Maintenance and Housing and Zoning, please fill out the application to become a Certified Code Enforcement Officer. The application can be found on the AACE website under the Certifications tab. Be proud of your accomplishments.

New to ICC are the requirements for the CBO Legal/Management Module. If you are interested in the Certified Code Enforcement Administrator certification, and have not started the process, you will now have to take two separate exams. They are: Management Module (MM), Legal Module (MG) and the Building Codes and Standards (BC). These three exams will be required along with your current certifications in Property Maintenance/Housing and Zoning. ICC has now added the Code Specialist module (CS) to the Code Enforcement exams. This will be available on the 2015 I-Codes.

I am proud to say that I have been appointed to the ICC Exam Development Committee for the Property Maintenance and the Zoning exams. I have also been appointed as a member in the 2015-2017 Group A Code Development Hearings dealing with Property Maintenance and Zoning changes. The code hearings will take place in Memphis, TN., April 19-30, 2015. It is an honor to be able to serve our membership in this capacity.

If you have a request for or would like to see a specific exam offered at the conference, please let me know right away so that I can have it submitted to the Conference Committee. We are trying to arrange some of the classes so they will be beneficial to those taking exams, if at all possible.

**Every Accomplishment Starts With The Decision to Try** - author unknown, www.myperfectline.com
Dear AACE Members,

I hope that the new year is treating all of you well. The membership committee has been working hard to get the word out about AACE but we need your help. I would deeply appreciate it if you would let me know about any upcoming meetings that your jurisdiction or state may be having. I would like to be able to send some information about AACE to these events. Every single one of you are vitally important to AACE and we want to hear your voices. If you have anything you would like more information on or any ideas to make AACE a better organization please let me know. I work for you…the members.

The membership committee had an extremely tough job this past week. It was time to vote for the winner of the before and after contest for this cycle. We had many great entries and I know it was very hard for people to vote on their favorites. I was very glad I only vote in case of a tie!

Do you want to know who the winner is? DRUM ROLL PLEASE...

JERRY PITMAN from Columbia County Georgia. As the winner of this contest Jerry will be one of the finalists for a FREE conference registration fee for our upcoming conference in Kissimmee, Florida! Get those Mickey Mouse ears ready!

See next page for Jerry’s story and photos.

NEXT DUE DATE IS FOR STORIES AND PHOTOS IS APRIL 10, 2015! DON'T BE LEFT OUT!
This case was initiated in February 2014 when local sheriff’s deputies responded to a report of an open door at a residence. Once inside the officers discovered deplorable living conditions. The resident (a middle aged female) was not at home. After an hour on the scene, she was located at her job at a nearby home supply store. A deputy was dispatched to visit her jobsite to request an emergency return to her home. At that time it was discovered that she was in fact intoxicated while at work and was unable to drive back to her residence. The deputy transported her back to the home.

She granted permission for Code Enforcement to perform a thorough inspection of the premises. The house was in deplorable condition and masks had to be worn due to the strong overwhelming odor of animal feces/urine. The living room was full of debris, primarily tequila and orange juice bottles. The upstairs bedrooms were nothing more than “litter boxes” for the dogs living inside the home. Her bedroom floor was completely covered in dog feces approximately 8”-10” in depth. Food containers were discarded onto the floor to become part of the walking surface. The back yard was an impenetrable forest of brush and weeds along with a collapsing wooden deck.

A condemnation notice was issued and the structure ordered to be vacated. The dogs were impounded due to poor physical condition and failure to provide proof of vaccinations. Relatives called to the scene agreed to provide temporary housing and assistance in “cleaning up” the condemned structure. I admit my own skepticism relating to the possibility of cleaning up as opposed to demolition and starting over. The structure was in fact that deplorable.

Fast forward to Early December 2014; I received a call from the female subject requesting that I perform a follow up inspection in hope of restoring occupancy. Words are inadequate to explain the results. The structure was completely cleaned up and “renovated”. No evidence of the previous violations existed. Family members explained that it took three large “roll-off” containers to remove all of the debris and waste from the home. The pictures tell the story of the end result! The condemnation order was lifted and she was able to return in time for Christmas!
BEFORE AND AFTER WINNER
COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA
JERRY PITMAN

The entire house was filth and trash and the outcome was amazing!

You can be a winner just like Jerry. Please send me your pictures and stories. The case must have occurred within the past year. I have to say it is an honor to look at these stories and makes me even prouder to be in the profession that I am. Code Enforcement really does make a positive impact on our citizens and our community. Keep up the good work and stay safe!

Sincerely,  Barbara Burlingame  Barbara.Burlingame@normanok.gov
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Safeguard Properties Offers Scholarships to Kissimmee: A Returning Program to Champion the Education and Networking of the Code Enforcement Profession

Safeguard Properties, a longstanding partner and dedicated supporter of AACE, is pleased to announce that it will continue its tradition of offering 8 scholarships to the Annual Educational Code Conference in Kissimmee, Florida.

Safeguard knows that your city’s budget for education may prohibit sending you to an AACE conference and that many code officers may have to spend their own money to join in 4 days of expanding current skill sets, learning about something new in the world of code enforcement and networking with professional colleagues from around the country. The community initiatives department created the Scholarship Program in 2011, recognizing that cities are the laboratory for partnership with the mortgage servicing industry. The department sees firsthand that diminished funding, shrinking housing-related departments and growing caseloads make continuing education more important than ever.

AACE and Safeguard invite you to be a part of The Class of 2015! Since 2011, when AACE gathered in Nashville, code enforcement professionals from Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas, New York, Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, Vermont, Colorado, Michigan, Ohio, Maryland, Iowa, North Carolina, Michigan, Texas, Illinois and Wyoming have been recipients of this great program.

Here’s how! Scholarships will be available to 8 code enforcement professionals. The awards will provide registration fees as well as the lodging costs for a four-night stay at host hotel; a value of approximately $900. Entering the Scholarship Program contest is easy. Simply submit an essay, one of up to 350 words in length, that specifically focuses on one or more of the three pillars of partnership, collaboration and innovation. These are also the leading messages of Safeguard’s community initiatives department.

Show how you are creating and implementing solutions to preserve vacant properties and the integrity of neighborhoods. Describe how your position is paramount to building partnership, reinforcing collaboration and creative innovative solutions. AACE will evaluate each essay that touches on one or more of the following:

- Provide an example of a program or initiative that your department has incorporated based on the works of another city/jurisdiction. Explain how it may have been replicated or adjusted to fit your community’s needs. What were the results? What was learned? What partnerships were created?
- Share an example of a new collaboration between your department and another department(s) or division(s) within your city or county. What were the issues that needed to be addressed? What project or program was implemented? How did the sharing of perspectives, the creation of compromise, and overall collaboration lead to positive results?
- Provide the framework of an innovative program created and initiated solely by your department. Share the issues that were at hand. Who was involved? What was learned? What were the results that followed? What were the solutions that were created?

Although preference will be given to first-time conference attendees, those who have not attended an AACE conference within the past 5 years are encouraged to submit an essay.

Please note, written confirmation from a direct supervisor or manager authorizing your attendance must accompany your essay submission. Essays without the approval of your supervisor or manager will not be considered.
SAFEGUARD 2015 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Be a part of the Class of 2015!

Essays should be submitted via email to Laura Rouse-Devore, AACE President, at laura.rouse-devore@taylortx.gov. Entries will be accepted until 5:00pm CT on June 15th. Scholarship recipients will be announced in the June/July issue of the AACE newsletter.

Safeguard congratulates the AACE Board for its continuing tradition of providing its members with a solid training program featuring agendas with timely and critical issues. For more information on the 2015 Annual Education Conference, including its location, updates on the agenda and speakers, please visit www.aace1.org.
The Code Enforcement Association of Texas celebrated its 30th Anniversary at the Annual Conference in Beaumont, Texas, February 11-14. There were approximately 181 attendees from around the state including Past Presidents and Founders. President, Melissa Govea, City of Coppell, Texas, welcomed all at the Opening Ceremonies on Thursday, February 12, 2015. Several educational topics were offered Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Friday night a dinner and dance were held along with the Awards ceremony. Cities participating in making sure that this conference was a success were Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange, China, Bevil Oaks and Pinehurst.

CEAT was founded on April 11, 1985 as a non-political, non-profit corporation that is self-supporting. The association was founded by Charles W. Daniels. Co-founders were James A. Eidso, Joe Encina, William A. Hills, Lorenzo Perez, Tom Robinson, Martin G. Rodriguez, Mike Smith, Tommy L. Scott and Jack Thompson. Joe Encina and Tommy Scott were both in attendance at the conference.

The purpose of CEAT shall be to study and advance the science and practice of code enforcement through certification and to further the interest of the profession and to promote fellowship and understanding among its members.

Congratulations, CEAT, on 30 years of serving Texas Code Enforcement Officers!! Your AACE Newsletter Editor was proud to be recognized as a Past President and Lifetime Member.

Past Presidents in attendance were, from left to right, Faye Williams, Rodger Pacheco, Kelvin Beene, Sherri Johnston, Neely Blackman, Lois Balka, Ron Robinson, Mike Alexander, Darlene Mays and Tommy Scott.
Each year the Code Enforcement Association of Texas, like many other state organizations, recognizes the Best of the Best at the annual conference and this year was no exception.

The Community Service Award is granted in recognition of an individual or group who has made a contribution of an outstanding nature to the well being of their community. This year’s recipient was from the City of Irving. Teena “T.J.” Friedel, on the left in the photo. Here are some of the things she did this past year to assist her community.


As in every state organization, the most prestigious award given is the Code Enforcement Officer of the Year. This year’s recipient of the Wes Castoletina Code Enforcement Officer of the Year award went to Ivonne Mendoza with the City of Irving as well. Ivonne is shown on the right side in the photo above. The Code Enforcement Officer who is presented with this award should be an active CEAT member who has exhibited excellence, dedication, professionalism, integrity and high achievements. This person should also have two years of experience in Code Enforcement, must be a Registered State of Texas Code Enforcement Officer, must be presently working in the field of Code Enforcement and exhibits outstanding work in the Code Enforcement field. Ivonne has been with the City of Irving since 1999 and is known as a Code Enforcement Machine with a Heart! For eight consecutive years Ivonne has reigned high producer in all categories including; Proactive Cases Generated; Voluntary Compliance and Case Closures. She was named Employee of the Quarter in both 2009 and 2012 by her peers and the leadership team and she was also recognized on six different occasions, again by her peers, for her commitment to Team Work.

Director of Code Enforcement for the City of Irving, Teresa Adrian, said, “I was so proud to nominate these ladies and even more so that they were honored at the 30th CEAT Conference in Beaumont. Texas is a big state..full of amazing code professionals. I believe that each and every code enforcement officer is a hometown hero in his or her own respective municipality.

At the 2014 AACE Conference in Rosemont, Illinois, you may recall that Lukas Kratochvil, pictured below, was named the 2014 AACE Code Enforcement Officer of the Year. Lukas is also from the City of Irving, Texas. I also found out that Donna Floyd, also with the City of Irving, was named the Code Enforcement Professional of the Year at the Building Official Association of Texas Conference in Granbury, Texas back in August of 2014.
Oklahoma Code Enforcement Association

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March 5-6, 2015
Hosted by the City of Lawton, Oklahoma

Conference Fee $100.00 per person

Conference Location: Hilton Garden Inn - Lawton
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Educode 2015 is right around the corner and, as in the past, AACE is responsible for coordinating the Code Enforcement Track for the week. Dates for the 18th Annual Educode Conference are March 9-13, 2015. The conference is held at The Orleans Hotel and Casino located at 4500 W. Tropicana Avenue in Las Vegas. The hotel offers over 1880 sleeping rooms, a 70 lane bowling alley, and 18 screen Cinema Theatre, 6 restaurants which include a monster all you can eat buffet, a 9000 seat arena and much more. AACE has partnered with the Southern Nevada Chapter of the ICC for the past 17 years in coordinating and offering premier code enforcement classes. For more information on the conference go to www.educode.us. You will be able to access registration, hotel information, the Educode 2015 catalog and you can also register online for the conference.

For the past 17 years I have been the Code Enforcement Track Coordinator for the Educode Conference on behalf of AACE. In 2015 Tana Bryant, AACE 2nd Vice President from the City of Anniston, Alabama, will be shadowing me at the conference so she can take over in 2016. It’s been an absolute ball putting these classes together for all of these years, but there comes a time when a change is needed and this will be a good change for sure. I hope many of you will be able to make it out to Las Vegas for Educode 2015!!

Sherri Johnston, AACE Ambassador at Large
**EDUCODE 2015 CLASSES**
**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

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Wells Fargo - Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Assurant Field Services - Austin, Texas |
| Foreclosures and Abandonment: Understanding Mortgages from Origination to Default; Impacts of Vacancy and Viable Solutions for Cities | Monday, March 9, 2015 1:00-5:00 pm | Safeguard Properties - Valley View, Ohio  
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| First Five Steps to a Graffiti-Free City | Tuesday, March 10, 2015 7:30am -11:30am | Rick Stanton: Graffiti Consultants  
San Jose, California  
Manuel Ruiz: Graffiti Consultants  
San Jose, California |
| Second Five Steps to a Graffiti-Free City | Tuesday, March 10, 2015 1:00pm - 5:00pm | Rick Stanton: Graffiti Consultants  
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| Battling Bed Bugs  
Bed Bug Biology, History and Treatment | Wednesday, March 11, 2015 7:30 - 11:30 am | Kevin Shelton  
Extension Coordinator, Oklahoma State University  
Stillwater, Oklahoma |
| Public Health Pests and Certification of Pest Control Applicators | Wednesday, March 11, 2015 1:00 - 5:00 pm | Kevin Shelton  
Extension Coordinator, Oklahoma State University  
Stillwater, Oklahoma |
| Overview of the 2012 ICC International Property Maintenance Code | Thursday, March 12, 2015 7:30am - 5:00pm | Tana Bryant  
City of Anniston Code Enforcement  
Anniston, Alabama |
| Overview of the 2012 ICC International | Friday, March 13, 2015 | Dan Peterson |
WHY JOIN AACE?

The American Association of Code Enforcement (AACE) is the premiere national non-profit trade association representing code professionals in the United States and Canada. The purpose of AACE is to advance and enhance the code enforcement profession by providing education, certification, networking, and the use of technology to its members.

REASONS TO JOIN AACE

The industry recognizes AACE Members as:
- the international leaders in professional code enforcement
- actively contributing to the advancement of industry standards, professionalism & quality

EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

Professional Certifications (in partnership with the International Code Council):
- zoning, housing & property maintenance
- certified code enforcement officer & certified code enforcement administrator
- pencil/paper certification exams available at Annual Educational Code Conference

Advancement:
- a network of peers and potential employers in a nationwide membership directory
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News & Education:
- members-only content and special webinars on www.aace1.org
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- news flashes of the latest code developments, upcoming events & training sessions

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- To maintain neighborhoods
- To eliminate blight
- To address code violations

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