NC BUILDING INSPECTORS' ASSOCIATION
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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What an awesome annual conference this past week in Wilmington. It was great to see some faces that I have not seen in a while and start new relationships with others. It was also great to be teamed up with NCMIA with the conference again and hope to continue that relationship into the future. Congratulations to all the awards and scholarship winners. Thanks to everyone that attended and supported the NCBIA/NCMIA Annual Conference.

I want to thank the Site Selection Committee from NCBIA and NCMIA for an outstanding job on getting this conference planned out to the fine details. When you get a conference to this size the planning gets more difficult and you guys nailed it again. Education Committee thank you for getting the break classes and continuing education organized. In this constantly changing industry, you can never have enough knowledge. Awards and Scholarship Committee thank you for your efforts. We have Code Officials throughout the state that are setting a positive example and they need to be recognized. There are students that are deserving of that extra help with scholarships. Thanks to all NCBIA/NCMIA boards for all their hard work this past conference. Your efforts made this conference special as always. Special thanks to all the vendors and sponsors that set up tables, sponsored golf tournament, teaching, and etc. We could not put a conference like this on without you. We are truly thankful for your support and attendance. I am truly honored and blessed that you have entrusted me to be your NCBIA president this year. I promise to represent and work hard to continue the positive path that the NCBIA is traveling. The NCBIA has always looked to the future on how to make the construction industry better and have CEOs more prepared with what is going on.

There are some goals I would like to achieve this year and one has just started, so it is going to need continued attention and support. The COSNC (Code Officials for Safer North Carolina) officially formed at the beginning of 2026. This is a joint association made up of all five trades of construction, (building, electrical, fire, mechanical and plumbing) and replacing COCO. There are two representatives from each trade on this board and the purpose of this association is to be a united voice to the changes at the legislature level and with the Q-Board. This is very important that the COSNC has formed, with the major changes that have happened so far. We all have to help and support the COSNC. Another goal I have spoken about at the conference, is apprenticeship. I truly believe we need to get engaged with the high schools and colleges on promoting and supporting the trades of the construction industry. Surry and Yadkin County Schools have joined with Surry Community College to create Surry/Yadkin Works. This is an apprenticeship for students to experience the career they are interested in. This has been very successful and I think a great example to follow.

I ask for your prayers and support as I serve in this position in the upcoming year. Thank you again for this opportunity to represent the NCBIA. I promise to do the best I can to promote and support all building code officials.

Best Regards,
Keith Kiger
NCBIA President