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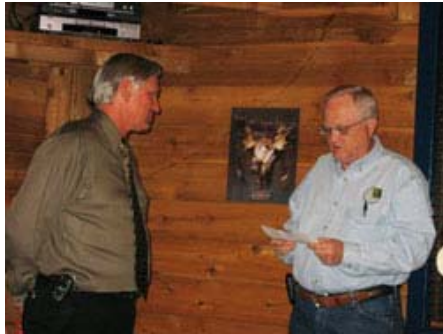
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## ICC Chapter eNewsletter

### Chapter News-ICC Region X Coalition

#### Lone Star Chapter Annual Meeting



The **Lone Star Chapter** held its Annual Meeting on January 11 in Bryan, Texas, with over 35 code professionals in attendance. The 2007 officers were elected, which include President Danny Sikorski and Vice President Bruce Braley. Here, Sikorski (left) is being sworn in by Jack Bureson, Government Relations Regional Manager for the International Code Council. The Lone Star Chapter Scholarship was named after Mickey Cochran, Sr., Zoning Inspector from the City of Waco. Cochran passed away on January 4 after a short illness. The chapter discussed several other items of business before adjourning.

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#### BOAT Pays It Foward-Again

Once again, the membership of the **Building Officials Association of Texas (BOAT)** has proven that education and promotion of the building industry is one of its most important missions. On February 15, BOAT created yet another scholarship opportunity for students wanting to obtain a degree in construction and building design professions.

Following deregulation of the tuition in the State of Texas, the cost for attending a public college or university has risen some 257 percent. Students are racking up high debts to pay for school and it is estimated that the in-state tuition for residents is over \$20,000 annually, and increasing. Higher education is becoming more of a question of affordability, which in turn creates a problem in recruitment for professionals in many industries. This "sticker shock" may dissuade many individuals from seeking a college education, as financial barriers will continue to escalate. Education has become an important necessity in today's global market place with changing trends and technology.



From left, BOAT Past President Jim Oik, Dr. John H. Matthys, and Ravi Shah, Chairman of Construction Research and Advisory Committee, UTA.

BOAT and the Construction Research Center (CRC) at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) are long-time partners in the pursuit for continuing education in the field of construction and development. Recognizing the cost of tuition and the need to provide scholarships, BOAT established an endowment scholarship in the amount of \$30,000. The objective of the BOAT UTA Student Scholarship will provide support for qualified UTA undergraduate/graduate students in Architecture, Civil Engineering and Construction, and the scholarship is designed to recognize, encourage and assist students to excel in their particular fields of study so they will have a greater impact upon the profession.

This will be the fifth scholarship that is funded by BOAT. Currently BOAT provides funding for:

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- An annual general education scholarship to the son or daughter of a BOAT member.
- A professional education scholarship to a building inspector or building official that desires to continue their education in the construction field.
- A travel scholarship to a building inspector, plans examiner or building official to attend Code Council code development hearings.
- A travel scholarship to a building inspector, plans examiner or building official to attend the BOAT annual meeting.

The concept of Paying-It-Forward and having a positive impact on this profession is a core value of BOAT. This latest endeavor to create a perpetual scholarship to advance the built environment was the brainchild of Ravi Shah, but it was the BOAT Board, the BOAT membership and our outstanding affiliation with Dr. Matthys and the Construction Research Center that helped bring this concept to reality.

#### Code Council Visits North Texas Chapter



Code Council President Wally Bailey, Board member Tim Ryan and Government Relations Regional Manager Jack Burleson attended the **North Texas Chapter** Annual Banquet on January 26 at the Texas Star Banquet Center in Euless. Pictured here is Bailey installing new chapter officers-from left, President Lawrence Crow, Vice President Selso Mata and Secretary/Treasurer Mike Foreman. (Not pictured is Past President Kurt Kasson.)