



Women in Code Enforcement and Development



To the members of WICED:

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Chapter's meeting in Phoenix. For those unable to attend, the largest item of business discussed was about the Chapter sponsoring an event at the spring code hearings in Dallas.

One of the purposes of WICED is to promote mentoring of members. Through an idea utilized by AIA, the Chapter will be sponsoring a "speed mentoring" event in Dallas. The concept is similar to speed dating where a mentee spends five minutes with a mentor. Ideally, the event will last for 60-90 minutes with a 20-30 minute socializing event in the middle of the event where all in attendance can interact with each other. This event will be open to all in attendance at the spring code hearings.

What the Chapter needs is help in sponsoring this event:

- Publicity – we need to publicize this event so that all in attendance at the hearings are welcome - ICC may be able to help us with this
- Mentors – we need folks willing to serve as mentors
- Attendees – we need folks to attend
- Sponsorship – because our funds are limited as a Chapter, we need help in being able to provide food and beverages

Please let the Chapter know with which area you are willing to help and any ideas you may have to that area.

I would also like to congratulate the new officers that will be serving the Chapter: Amber Armstrong, Vice President; Kecia Lara, Secretary/Treasurer; and Shirley Muns, Immediate Past President.

If you have any ideas, concerns, comments, etc. please feel free to share them. As the only national ICC Chapter, we have our challenges ahead of us. Let's not forget the reason why we became a chapter: to promote the value and recognition of women in the arena of code enforcement and development. To quote Maya Angelou, "nothing will work unless you do". Let's work together to make an impact for Women in Code Enforcement and Development.

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