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“The goals of the Minnesota Building Permits Technicians Association is to provide, promote, and support education, networking, professionalism, certification, and recognition of its membership.”

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**Fire Extinguisher Training
for MBPTA Members at
March Meeting!**



Popular Chapter Events Hit Reno

**Chapter President's Breakfast
Chapter Leader Workshop
Regions Meetings
Chapter of the Year Award**

This year's 2007 ICC Annual Educational Conference, September 30–October 3 at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino in Reno, Nevada, is a great opportunity for chapters to purchase advertising space in the conference program or to sponsor specific events. Registration and lodging information will be available in May. Contact the Council's Meetings & Travel Services Department at 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), ext. 4226 or 4229, for further details.

Remember, each chapter that submits its Annual Report by June 1 will receive a specially marked, complimentary registration form for its president to attend the conference.



**'PIECES' FROM THE
PRESIDENT'S DESK**



Help Support those in need...Bring a non-perishable food item for the Minnesota food shelf. Or donate cash, \$1.00 will buy \$9.00 worth of food for the Minnesota food shelf.

Would you like to see something appear in the next newsletter? Please contact Editor Barb Benesch at barb.benesch@ci.mounds-

Just For Fun

Bricks are the oldest manufactured building material still in use. Egyptians used them 7,000 years ago.

The Statue of Liberty is 145 feet high and weighs 450,000 pounds, or 255 tons. The copper sheeting weighs 200,000 pounds. It was a gift from the French people to the American people as a symbol of friendship.

The Statue of Liberty's index finger is 8 feet long, and it displays a fingernail measuring 13 by 10 inches.

Hello,

We had our March meeting at the City of Mounds View. I was out of the country and was not able to attend. However, I would like to express my gratitude to Vice President Britt Pease, for doing a wonderful job directing the meeting. Also, thank you to Barb Benesch and Kathi Osmonson for hosting our March meeting. Kathi Osmonson, Building Official/Fire Marshall for the City of Mounds View, provided a power point presentation and a hands-on fire extinguisher training exercise. Participants also received a training certificate. Our appreciation goes out to Kathi for her time and support of MBPTA.

At our March meeting members submitted surveys that went out prior to the meeting regarding advice on education subjects and new MBPTA pins for our 10th anniversary. We received about 15 or so surveys back indicating that our members are looking for plan review information and want to see a new pin. In this newsletter there are "draft minutes" of what was discussed. We will be making a final decision on our pins at our May meeting and I hope to order them in June. Thank you to everyone that participated in submitting a survey we appreciate your suggestions.

Robin Roscoe and Charlie Durenberger, from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry will be at our May meeting in New Hope. Robin will be doing a demonstration of the online surcharge report and Charlie has agreed to help answer some question that came up at our February meeting regarding some issues with contractor licensing, especially how it relates to foreclosure of a business if a contractor claims bankruptcy or if the house he is building is foreclosed upon...so bring all your questions to the meeting. At our July meeting in Elk River Steve Nelson, Shoreview Building Official, is doing a presentation on, "The Fundamentals of Roofing, Siding and Windows". Doug Morem, Goodhue County Building Official, is scheduled to speak at our September meeting in Blaine and is doing a presentation on Code changes. Our Education Committee has finalized plans for our fall seminar and we are working on the brochure to get that information out as soon as possible. U of M had their first education meeting for the 2008 Annual Institute for Building Officials. MBPTA Committee Chairperson, Michele Engberg of Goodhue County, will give us a recap of the meeting in May. Joe Ryan, City of Plymouth Chairperson of the Region III education committee, is in the process of scheduling their first meeting and if you want to be involved in the planning or have suggestions, you can contact Joe Ryan @ JRyan@ci.plymouth.mn.us. Region III had a conference call meeting March 28th and Steve Nelson, Shoreview Building Official, an MBPTA member, attended the meeting as MBPTA's representative. Steve will be giving us an update at the May meeting.

[Hope to see everyone at our May meeting!](#)

Cecy Lukoskie, MBPTA President

'PIECES' FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
(continued)



**CITY OF MOUNDS VIEW
FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING**
Building Official/Fire Marshal Kathi Osmonson
Permit Technician Barb Benesch

Committee meetings are conducted via e-mail. If you have any information you would like to share with committee members, please address your e-mails to all committee members. Please include all officers in your e-mails. We will try this out---if it does not work efficiently, we will go back to holding actual meetings.

eNews - The International Code Council's award-winning electronic newsletter, distributed monthly, keeps members and interested parties up to with International Code Council programs and relevant industry activities.

Read the current issue as www.iccsafe.org/news

ICCF Scholarship Program

Now Accepting 2007 Sponsored Scholarship **Applications.....**

The ICCF Scholarship Program was established to support the advancement of building and fire safety, raise public awareness and honor those who have been essential to the formation of the ICC, its legacy organizations or chapters.

There are two types of scholarships.

Sponsored Scholarships. The International Code Council Foundation acts as home for the ICCF Sponsored Scholarship funds. The scholarships are funded by ICCF contributors and ICC Chapters. The scholarship program is managed by the International Code Council. The recipients for these scholarships are selected by the ICC Awards Committee. Separate policies are in effect for each scholarship that detail the selection and administrative guidelines, the eligibility requirements, and the selection criteria.

Deadline: June 30, 2007. Only one application required to apply for all sponsored scholarships. For further information, please go to <http://www.icc-foundation.org/projects/scholarships>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special thank you to Barb Benesch and the City of Mounds View for hosting the March meeting.

A huge thank you to Kathi Osmonson for her awesome presentation on fire safety. Our hand-on fire extinguisher exercise was also a hit! Thanks again, Kathi, and we would like to welcome you to do another presentation relating to BIT in the future!



ICC Contacts

1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233)

When calling this number you will have the option to push "0" for an operator, get a "dial-by-name" directory or push "3" for a list of departments.

Web address:

www.iccsafe.org



ICC eNews

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR INFORMATION



As you may have noticed, the newsletter format has changed. And it may keep changing for the next couple of issues until we find a format that works for us. I have never taken a Publisher class and just jumped in with both feet, so bear with me.

As always, please make sure you send all RSVP's and mailing list information to Barb Benesch. You only need to RSVP if you are coming to the meeting. You need not respond if you will not be able to make it (unless you are an officer).

If you are currently receiving a hard copy through the mail, and you have access to e-mail, please let me know and I will put you on the e-mail list.

We would love to receive articles for this newsletter! If you have any information, ideas or tidbits you would like to share, let us know.

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Directions to New Hope City Hall:

4401 Xylon, New Hope MN 55428, 763-531-5121

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From the West - Hwy. 55 East to 169 North to Rockford Road East or County Road 9: Go to the third stoplight (Xylon). You can only turn left. New Hope City Hall is up the street by ¾ block on left side. Or, Freeway 94 East to 169 South, to Rockford Road East or County Rd 9: Go to the third stoplight (Xylon). You can only turn left. New Hope City Hall is up the street by ¾ block on left side.

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Celebrating 10 Years... M.B.P.T.A. 1997 to 2007

If you are interested in becoming a member of MBPTA, further information is available on our website.

Attention MBPTA

Members:

If you would like serve on an MBPTA Committee, please contact any MBPTA Officer. Volunteers are needed--thank you!

We're on the web...visit us at
www.MBPTA.org

If you would like information regarding the Building Permit Technician program, you can obtain information by visiting the Inver Hills Community College website at www.inverhills.edu or the North Hennepin Community College website at www.nhcc.edu/schedule/. The courses are under "Building Permit Technology."

Please contact Barb Benesch at 763-717-4028 or barb.benesch@ci.mounds-view.mn.us by Friday, May 18, 2007, only if you are planning to attend.

**NEXT MEETING AGENDA: Tuesday, May 22, 2007
9:30 a.m., City of New Hope**

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of minutes for March 28th, Meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports
 - A. Education/Planning - Cecy Lukoskie
 - B. Annual School - Michele Engberg
 - C. By-Laws - Carri Levitski
 - D. Communication Committee - Barb Benesch/Barb Williams
 - E. 10K Lakes Representative - Aaron Broken
 - F. State Advisory Board - Carri Levitski
6. General Business
 - A. Region III - Cecy Lukoskie
 - B. New MBPTA Pin - Discussion
 - C. Combining Education/Annual School Committees-Discussion
 - D. Caring for our community - Aaron Borken
 - E. Open Floor for Comments/Questions/Discussions
7. Adjourn

Education:

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Next Meetings:

July 24th-City of Elk River, where Steve Nelson, Building Official City of Shoreview will be doing a presentation on "The Fundamentals on Roofing, Siding and Windows".

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MBPTA EDUCATION

How to Become a Certified Permit Technician

Books needed for the test

- 2006 IBC (chapters 1-3, 6, 12 and 34)
- 2006 IZC
- 2002 Legal Aspects
- Basic Code Enforcement 18th printing
- You Can Build It has been removed from the exam

Additional Study Material

- ICC Study CD
- ICC Permit Technician Study Companion

Exam Details and Fees

- \$170.00 computerized
- 60 multiple-choice questions—
- Open Book—2hour limit
- General Administration 39%
- Legal Aspects 22%
- Plans and Documents 25%
- Zoning and Site Development 14%

Upcoming Meeting Education:

May – Surcharge Reporting - City of New Hope

July – 2006 Code Changes (Windows, Siding and Roofing) - City of Elk River

The Permit Technician Certification Exam has changed as of January 2007.

Reference materials required will be: 2006 IBC; 2006 Zoning Code, 2002 Legal Aspects; "You Can Build It" has been replaced with "Basic Code Enforcement". Basic Code Enforcement is new and available on the ICC Web-Site <http://www.iccsafe.org/dyn/prod/1016S02.html>. Be sure to check the Candidates Bulletin for a list of reference materials that will be needed when you schedule your exam: www.iccsafe.org/certification/bulletin.html and double check www.promissor.com to be sure you have the proper

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO HOST FORUM IN THE TWIN CITIES ON MAY 22 REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY IN MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING

The Justice Department's Civil Rights Division will be hosting a discussion in Minneapolis/St. Paul on the topic of accessibility in the construction of multi-family housing. The program, which is free and includes breakfast, will be held from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. on May 22 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, in Minneapolis. We are inviting building professionals, including architects and civil engineers, as well as developers, government officials, and advocates for individuals with disabilities.

The Twin Cities meeting is part of a nationwide "Multi-Family Housing Access Forum" that the Civil Rights Division launched in 2005. Its purpose is to help building professionals understand their legal obligations under the federal Fair Housing Act's accessibility requirements and to celebrate partnerships that have successfully produced accessible multi-family housing in which everyone profits – developers and consumers alike.

If you would like to be added to our invitation list, or if you have any questions about the upcoming May 22 event, please email us at accessforum@usdoj.gov. For additional information, you can go to www.usdoj.gov/fairhousing. Please also let us know of colleagues who may be interested in attending the program.

Folks interested in attending RSVP so they can have the appropriate quantity of food and enough space for everyone. Ms. Crandall can be reached at 202-307-0801 or at marilyn.crandall@usdoj.gov.

Make check payable to:

2007 MBPTA Membership

Annual MBPTA membership dues varies by size and type of your City or organization. The membership period is January 1 through December 31 of each year. The 2007 Membership Application can be found at:

WWW.MBPTA.ORG

Benefits of Membership Include:

- Quality Education and Training Opportunities
- Discounts on Seminar Rates
- Wide Variety of Networking Opportunities
- Continuing Education Credits for ICC Certification
- Scholarships for Higher Learning Programs for Members and Children of Members

Mail your check and completed membership form to:

Jennifer Harmer

City of Elk River
13065 Orono Parkway
Elk River, MN 55330

Make checks payable to:
MBPTA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

MBPTA currently has openings on the followings committees:

- Bylaws Committee

Contact any MBPTA officer for further information.



2008 Education

2008 Annual Institute for Building Officials Continuing Education and Conference Center

(January 14th - 18th)
University of Minnesota,
St. Paul, MN



2008 ICC Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute

(February 4th-8th)
Northland Inn, Brooklyn Park, MN



10K Lakes

Again this year 10K Lakes is offering the Ken Norquist Scholarship for 2007. There is five one thousand dollar educational scholarships to legal dependents or grandchildren of current 10K Lakes chapter members that are enrolled as first, second, third year full time college students or; persons enrolled in an accredited Building Inspection Technology program. Application and supporting data must be postmarked by June 1, 2007 for more information and applications go 10klakes.org.

ICC OFFERS COMPLIMENTARY TRAINING MATERIALS

International Code Council members who attend training at an ICC Chapter Education Benefit Day will receive a new member benefit-complimentary training materials. This cost reduction builds on the Chapter Benefit Day training discount previously established by the Code Council. This new member benefit applies to materials provided for training at the yearly Chapter Education Benefit day. Previously, members and non-members were provided with training materials purchased at a discounted rate. Now member materials are absolutely free. The ICC Board will be monitoring the implementation of this benefit to determine whether it should be continued and/or expanded in future years.

"We are always looking for new ways to add value to ICC membership and to support our chapters," said Code Council CEO Rick Weiland. "This new benefit will be good for both. Members receive complimentary training materials, and this should be an incentive for increased ICC member involvement at the chapter level."

The Chapter Education Benefit day gives each eligible chapter the opportunity to select from a long list of training seminars. This benefit is a great fund-raising tool because it significantly reduces the cost of training by waiving the instructor fee and travel expenses. With the new ICC member benefit, the cost to the chapter becomes only the cost of the discounted training materials, such as workbooks and handouts, for class attendees who are not ICC members. Many chapters share this discount with attendees and charge only a nominal fee to cover the cost of the room, lunch and materials.

To earn the new complimentary training materials benefit, ICC members will need to indicate their membership status on the class roster. The chapter will not be charged for instructional materials for ICC members, including ICC governmental member and corporate member employees, who attend the class. Take advantage of this opportunity now.

To learn more about Chapter Education Benefit days and how chapters can earn complimentary instructional materials, [click here](#). To schedule a Chapter Education Benefit day, contact Training and Education at 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), ext. 33819. To become an ICC member or learn more about ICC member benefits, [click here](#) or contact the Code Council Membership Department at 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), ext. 33804.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention,



The Importance of ICC Permit Technician Chapters

The permit technician classification is a valuable and unique position generally described as a support position for technical staff within a governmental jurisdiction. These positions, while members of the ICC family of certified groups, have a special need for specific training, networking and support from other permit technicians within their local jurisdiction, state and existing permit technician chapters nationwide. One of the most effective ways to accomplish this invaluable training and networking is to form a state or regional [ICC permit technician chapter](#).

DRAFT MINUTES—Tuesday, March 27, 2007—Mounds View City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. The following officers were present at this meeting: Vice-President Britt Pease, Secretary Barb Benesch; and Treasurer II Lisa Kelleher. The following members and guests were present: Connie Duellman, Debi Close, Eileen Ottney, Jackie Freppert, Jeanne Witczek, May Vang, Michelle Engberg, Robin Roscoe, Roger Axel, Michelle Hartner, Robbie Hiltz, Linda Singer, Jan Rosemeyer, and Katie Schlundt.

Introductions took place.

Roger Axel made a motion, seconded by Linda Singer, to approve the February 27, 2007, minutes without corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

Region III Committee Report - Since Roger Axel needed to leave the meeting early, Vice-President Pease moved his item, the Region III Update, up on the agenda.

Mr. Axel started by reporting that the Region III Chapter has received a positive response from ICC regarding its overall success and with its success in recruiting numerous other chapters within the five-state area to become involved with Region III.

He continued by reminding members that the Twin Cities was chosen as the location to hold the 2008 ICC Code Hearings.

Mr. Axel also briefly reviewed the proposed legislation regarding the creation of a State Plumbing Board which would consist of trade's people and contractors. AMBO was successful in eliminating language in the proposed legislation giving the trade's people control and regulation over inspectors. He also mentioned that there are 12 bills currently in legislation that contained the language "inspector". Mr. Axel urged members to contact our State Representatives in support of removing any reference to inspectors from the proposed 12 bills.

Mr. Axel also reviewed the February education for the Region III Institute next February. Members briefly discussed the possibility of having a booth again next year at the Institute as we did in 2006 and 2007.

Mr. Axel again stressed the importance of getting support for permit techs from our Building Officials.

Treasurer II Kelleher gave the Treasurer's Reports for March 2007, noting that expenditures for March totaled \$50.66 and there were \$300 in deposits. She also reported the balance in our account (copy of the reports are attached).

Committee Reports:

Education/Planning - Vice-President Pease recapped the Education meeting that was held after our regular meeting in February at the City of Cambridge. Items discussed were location of our fall seminar and topics of interest for our MPBTA meetings, our U of M education and Region III education.

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She also noted meeting locations for our 2007 meetings: The May meeting will be held at the City of New Hope where Robin Roscoe, State Program Administrator Senior, Recovery Fund & State Surcharge Programs, will be giving a presentation on Surcharge Reporting. Charlie Durenberger, Enforcement Services Manager, will also be there to talk about how to handle contractors who have been issued new home permits and those homes have now been foreclosed upon.

The July meeting will be held at the City of Elk River where Steve Nelson, Building Official for the City of Shoreview, will be talking about the fundamentals on siding and roofing and proposed code changes. The September meeting will be held at the City of Blaine where Doug Morem, Building Official for Goodhue County, will be reviewing the proposed IRC Code changes. It was noted that the upcoming code changes will go into effect May 31, 2007.

Annual School - Member Michele Engberg attended the U of M Education Committee meeting where meeting instructors were discussed along with establishing a committee chairperson. She noted that the committee requested that three MBPTA representatives be named to assist in the planning of the institute. The three members named were Michele Engberg, Patti Wasmund and Kathy Pepin from our Annual Institute Committee. Vice-President Pease inquired, at the request of President Lukoskie, as to the MBPTA attendees at the last institute. Member Engberg explained that since the education was open to everyone, including permit technicians and building officials, they didn't have a specific breakdown. However, she did note that approximate 35 people on average attend the education each year. She informed members that the next Annual School committee meeting will be held in April where they will recap the Institute that was held in January.

Bylaws - No report.

Communications Committee - Vice-President Pease reported that she had received instruction from Member Barb Williams on how to access and update the MBPTA website but hadn't tried to do so as of yet. Member Williams reported that our website had 236 hits in 30 days. Vice-President Pease suggested that we look at other Permit Technician newsletters for ideas for our website. Another member suggested a link to these other newsletters be placed on our website. Member Williams added that there is a small "blurb" on the website observing MBPTA's 10-year anniversary.

10K Lakes - No report.

State Advisory Board - No report. However, Member Singer inquired as to what the "State Advisory Board" does. Member Axel explained that this committee helps plan the various college curriculums relating to BIT courses. He briefly recapped the proposed four-year BIT degree offered at Southwest State University. He added that the courses will be available on line in response to request from students who had concerns about class hours and traveling to the college.

It was noted that CEU's are currently not a requirement for those certified as Permit Technicians and that this was a requirement for Building Officials only at this time. There was also an inquiry as why Permit Technician testing is not offered at the Annual Educations. Member Axel replied that one reason is the "paper and pen" format is required for this and can be costly to implement. It was suggested that more convenient testing locations for Permit Techs be discussed in the future.

General Business

March 2007 Minutes Continued....

Region III - Report given earlier in the meeting.

MBPTA Pin - This item was in the survey that was distributed. Vice-President Pease indicated that we will gather the results from the survey and either have the members vote from our website or the board will make a decision on what pin to order. Member Ottney acquired a bid from one company, and Member Williams provided a rendering of what the pin could look like which is also shown on our website.

Caring for the Community - A survey was distributed to members regarding this item. Again, Vice-President Pease indicated that we will finish collecting the surveys and present the results at the next meeting. Some members thought that since people are so busy, our involvement with food shelf donations and Toys for Tots may be sufficient while others thought a MBPTA group event would still be something we should look at. Members were reminded to bring a non-perishable food item at the next meeting or that they could donate cash. It was suggested that a "cash box" be set up at the next meeting to accept monetary donations. It was also suggested that charitable amounts collected by MBPTA be reported in the newsletter.

Open Floor - No further comments.

Robbie Hiltz made a motion, seconded by Barb Benesch, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Immediately following the meeting Kathi Osmonson, Building Official/Fire Marshal for the City of Mounds View, gave an informative PowerPoint presentation on fire safety. Following the presentation, the group stepped outside for a supervised "hands-on" fire extinguisher exercise. Training certificates were distributed to those members who completed the training

The First National Permit Technician Institute



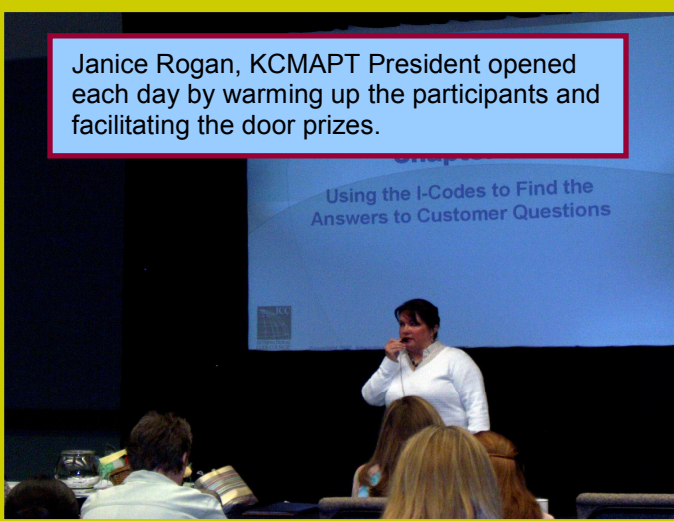
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Annie Martinez, Manager of Client Services and Denise Friant, Curriculum Developer for Member Services worked with KCMAPT, Susan, Eirene and Steve to plan the event and create the training.

Permit Technicians from around the country gathered in Overland Park Kansas to attend the first Permit Technician Institute on March 27-29. The three day institute was co-hosted by ICC and Kansas City Metro Association of Permit Technicians (KCMAPT); it presented topics to help Permit Technicians increase their knowledge and skills as well as to provide networking opportunities.

The training included many activities designed for participants to interact with each other and learn about their common challenges including an overview of building code enforcement, legal principles in the building department, the fundamental plan review process, reading basic construction documents, using the I-Codes to find the answers to frequently asked questions and strategies and techniques to effectively interact with customers. During several evening activities hosted by KCMAPT, participants had opportunities to share their knowledge and best practices. The ICC bookstore was onsite and available as a resource for those participants looking for more reference books and the I-Codes.



Janice Rogan, KCMAPT President opened each day by warming up the participants and facilitating the door prizes.

Building Safety on the Hill

During Building Safety Week, May 6-12, the Code Council Board of Directors and Government Relations Advisory Committee will meet with members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to discuss [Council legislative priorities](#) on behalf of its members and stakeholders. ICC's main focus will highlight efforts to establish a federally funded, competitive matching grant program to promote and enhance the operation of local building code administration and enforcement across the country.



2007 Codes Forum May 18-26, 2007

Rochester, New York
Make a difference in building safety and fire prevention...Participate in the 2007 Codes Forum!

Thank you to those who completed the MBPTA survey. The results are provided in this newsletter!