

2017-2018 CALBO President's Welcome Message

Dear CALBO Community,

I am immensely proud to serve as the President as we celebrate 55 years of CALBO. I have enjoyed my career serving as a building & safety professional, and it is a privilege being selected to lead an industry that positively serves the public and communities across California. This presidency will be one of the most cherished achievements of my career.

Having served as a building official for both small and large jurisdictions, I have learned many valuable lessons; no two jurisdictions are the same, no two building officials operate the same, and the fact that we as leaders must work with our staff, management, and members of public for betterment of the communities we serve. These facts will guide me this year to work with every one of you and exceed the expectations of our CALBO membership as your President.

I welcome the notion of “**no challenge, no change**”. This year, together, we will continue our path and address changes that make CALBO a greater organization. We; the board, membership, committee members, instructors, our affiliates, and our professional staff will push to raise the public persona and understanding of the role of a “building official” across California. We seek to engage the new crowd who want to become involved in our industry and some day become building officials themselves. Lastly, we will explore innovative ways to manage building and safety operations in California.

This year our challenges will be staying abreast of new legislation, offering special educational programs that assist our membership during the mid-code cycle year, and finally preparing for unexpected emergencies such as floods, fires, earthquakes, and other disasters that will demand our time and impact our communities.

Additionally, the new CALBO Board will brainstorm and develop ideas that can be supported by the Board for several years. We have come to the realization that implementing major changes in our industry sometimes takes more than a single year of planning. I also encourage you to share your progressive ideas with me and the rest of the Board. I promise that the Board will give your ideas thorough consideration.

This year through a series of articles we will present ideas, lessons, and strategies that can guide you in doing your jobs more effectively. I encourage you to follow and read the *CALBO News* articles as we intend to bring more recognition to our industry, “**the industry that we have chosen as our profession**”.

All the best,

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