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Dear AMBO Members and Minnesota Code Officials,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Association of Minnesota Building Officials (AMBO) I would like to take this time to thank all the individuals, communities, and organizations for their participation and membership in AMBO during the year of 2011. Without your participation and membership support AMBO would not exist.

As AMBO looks forward to the upcoming year of 2012, I would like to reflect on the many accomplishments made during the past year:

> **ICC Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute:** AMBO invested the capital needed into the ICC Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute to provide the best education for code officials possible, at a great facility. AMBO's goals are to provide the best education for code officials in the State and to invest in code official's professional development.

> **Legislation:** AMBO had a successful year at the Capitol. In 2011, AMBO members worked hard and used our collective voice to protect the integrity of the building code. Together we stopped a bill that would have made Building Officials an option instead mandatory in the municipal code inspection process. AMBO members also worked to secure the veto of a fire sprinkler bill that would have circumvented the rulemaking process. We saw minimal increases to continuing education fees, but nothing that will break the bank. At the end of the day, legislators knew that AMBO members were following their policy decisions, and that together with our lobbyists, Remi Stone and Nick McNeely, AMBO would be at the table with ideas when important issues came up. The alliances we established during the 2011 legislative session will continue to serve us as long as we take a thoughtful and strategic approach to our relationships on Capitol Hill. With our consistent presence at the Capitol, a continued grassroots campaign, identified objectives for 2012, and the alliances we have built, the coming 2012 session looks promising for AMBO. Thanks to everyone for your continued support in the legislative process.

> **Code Development:** AMBO & the 10,000 Lakes Chapter supported the committee members' attendance of the ICC Code Hearings, including the Green Building Code & provided members to the State Advisory Committees.

> **Contractor Training:** AMBO offered contractor training statewide. Special thanks to the 10,000 Lakes Chapter and other collaborative partnerships with AMBO for contractor training, code development, and legislative support. A special thanks belongs to the Southwest, Southeast, and Arrowhead Chapters for their legislative support in 2011.

AMBO continues to have ambitious goals for the year of 2012. Looking ahead, AMBO's biggest challenges are to maintain support for our legislative program, the ICC Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute, and the code development committees. AMBO has contracted with Remi Stone & Nick McNeely as our lobbyists for 2012. AMBO is also trying to keep Tom Joachim as a consultant to help with our communication & education and to assist our lobbyists.

Finally, the ICC Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute is well on its way for 2012. Check out our website <http://ambo-icc.org/> for more on the Institute and AMBO's other activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. All of our accomplishments have been made possible by our members and others willing to commit their time and effort to support and strengthen AMBO.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Fisher,
Chairman of the Association of Minnesota Building Officials (AMBO)