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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 the renewal of their AMBO memberships in 2010. Without your participation and membership support AMBO would not exist.

As AMBO looks forward to the upcoming year of 2011, I would like to reflect on the many accomplishments over this past year:

> **ICC Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute:** AMBO invested the capital into the ICC Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute in 2010 to provide the best education possible at a great facility. AMBO's goals are to provide the best education in the state and invest in code official's professional development.

> **Legislation:** Remi Stone, our lobbyist, has been a great asset for AMBO. In 2010 Ms. Stone worked to pass AMBO-supported residential contractor continuing education language, stop legislation designed to impose a special duty of care and greater liability for municipal inspection services, and helped AMBO engage the Department of Labor and Industry to establish code adoption processes as an alternative to a legislatively mandated Authoritative Board of Residential Construction. Other issues that kept AMBO and Remi busy at Capitol included Housing Maintenance Code / Municipal Exemption to State Building Code and Licensed Plumbers-only for Plumbing Inspections proposals.

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

> **Contractor Training:** AMBO offered contractor training statewide.

Special thanks to the 10,000 Lakes Chapter and the 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 2010.

Looking ahead to 2011, AMBO's biggest challenges are to maintain our support of our legislative program, the ICC Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute and the code development committees. AMBO has contracted with Remi Stone as our lobbyist for 2011 and Tom Joachim as a consultant to help with our communication, membership, increase our contractor & inspector education and assist our lobbyist.

Finally, the ICC Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute is well on its way for 2011. Check out our website www.ambo.us for more on the Institute and other activities.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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