

# TBOA CONFERENCE 2026

## 61st Annual Education Conference



April 12-15, 2026  
The Park Vista Hotel  
705 Cherokee Orchard Road  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738  
(800) 222-TREE (RESERVATIONS)

### Tennessee Building Officials Association

President	Chris Bridgewater
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Secretary	Carey Newman
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Associate Member	Chris Birchfield
Past President	Monty Kapavik

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Sunday, April 12, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET	Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament (Gatlinburg Golf Course) Arrive early for 9 am Shotgun Start 520 Dollywood Lane, Gatlinburg, TN 37863
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET	Conference Registration (Lower Lobby)
<u>Afternoon Education Session</u>	
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET	Material Alternatives to Traditional Wood Construction – Chuck Riforgiate (Mountainview BCD) (3 hours)
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET	Nomination Committee TBOA (Garden View AB)
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET	Nomination Committee TPMIA (Garden View CD)
5:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET	TBOA Round Table Discussion (Garden View E)

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Monday, April 13, 2026

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET	Conference Registration (Lower Lobby)
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET	Exhibitor Hall (Tennessee Ballroom 1, 2)
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. ET	OPENING BUSINESS SESSION; (Tennessee Ballrooms 3,4 ) (No CEU's for this session)
Morning Education Session (after the business session)	
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. ET	Commercial Plumbing Regulations – David Bodkin (Gardenview AB) (2 hours)
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET	<u>Open Lunch      On your own</u>
<u>Afternoon Education Session</u>	
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET	Innovative Performance-based Fire Treatments for Life Safety and Property protection – Chris Birchfield (Garden View CD) (2 hours)
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET	UL1738 Code Review – Robert Stanfield Centrotherm (Garden View CD) (1 hour)
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET	Building Construction Process from Cradle to Grave – Charles Derfflinger (Garden View AB) (3 hours)
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET	Concrete Design for Energy Efficiency and other topics – Alan Sparkman TN Concrete (Mountain View BCD) (3 hours)
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET	Exhibitors' Reception (Tennessee Ballrooms 1, 2)
8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. ET	TBOA Round Table Discussion (Garden View E)

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**Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. ET	TBOA/Exhibitors' Complimentary Breakfast (Tennessee Ballroom 1, 2)
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET	Conference Registration (Lower Lobby)
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET	Exhibitor Hall (Tennessee Ballroom 1, 2)
<u>Morning Education Sessions</u>	
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET	IBC Foundation Inspections – Chuck Riforgiate (Mountainview BCD) (4 hours)
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET	Residential Mechanical Inspections to the 2024 IRC – Jim Pillow TPMIA (TN Ballroom 3/4) (4 hours)
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET	Understanding Water Supply and Distribution – David Bodkin (Garden View AB) (4 hours)
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET	Analysis of Changes 2023 NEC – Larry Craddock (Garden View CD) (4 hours)
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET	<u>Open Lunch</u> <u>On your own</u>
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET	Chapter President's Luncheon (Mountain View A - Upstairs)
<u>Afternoon Education Sessions</u>	
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET	IBC Foundation Inspections – Chuck Riforgiate (3 hours) (Tennessee Ballroom 3, 4)
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET	Tiny Houses in Tennessee – Larry Craddock (Garden View CD) (1.5 hours)
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET	TBD (Garden View AB) (3 hours)
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET	Special Occupancies, Buildings and Construction – Chuck Riforgiate (Mountain View BCD) (3 hours)
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET	2025 NFPA Building Officials Forum Recap – Jeremy Criner (Garden View CD) (1.5 hours)
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET	President's Reception (Tennessee Ballroom 1, 2)
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET	Annual Banquet, Awards, Recognitions (Tennessee Ballroom 1, 2)
9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. ET	TBOA Round Table Discussion (Garden View E)

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**Wednesday, April 15, 2025**

Morning Education Session

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. ET	CLOSING BUSINESS SESSION (Tennessee Ballroom 3, 4)
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET	Performing a Proper Fire Inspection – Chuck Riforgiate (Gardenview AB) (4 hours with break for lunch)