MEMBERSHIP

Class I voting members of CALBO represent 95% of all local jurisdictions in the state of California. Our core members are the leaders in their building, economic development, planning, and code enforcement departments. We serve our neighborhoods and constituents on a daily basis ensuring safe, sustainable and resilient California communities. We also welcome our industry members who provide valuable services and practices that enhance our governmental capabilities and capacities.

LEADERSHIP

Each year, the Building Officials Leadership Academy (BOLA) trains the next generation of local government leaders. Realizing the need to foster and promote the next generation, CALBO established the BOLA program in 2012 to better prepare our workforce of professionals on contemporary management skills. The BOLA program accepts 20 students each year for an intensive, experiential learning program that is not confined to technical and code related training. Rather, the program prepares our professional students with the financial, managerial and administrative skills they will need to successfully lead and serve their jurisdictions.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & DISASTER RESPONSE

As Californians, we are all too familiar with the common occurrences of natural disasters. CALBO members are the front-line responders working to protect public safety before, during and after disasters. We work with state agency officials to pass timely, progressive and prudent codes and standards while re-addressing their effectiveness every three years. We administer the CALBO Call-Out through the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), ensuring that proper code and life safety officials are at the scene of the disaster within minutes of occurrence. Following the disaster, CALBO members work collaboratively with our state and federal agency counterparts to expedite functional recovery and restore our communities.
EDUCATION & TRAINING

The CALBO Training Institute (CTI) has been training California government officials for nearly 50 years. Each year, CALBO hosts no less than three, one-week long education weeks throughout California. In 2019, we offered nearly 10,000 student days of training. We supplement this training with independent offerings, ensuring that all geographic corners of our vast state are afforded training opportunities. CALBO training is not limited to codes and standards courses, rather; CALBO training is holistic, ensuring that management, administrative, and finance courses are routinely offered, better preparing our membership for the duties associated with governmental leadership.

CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE

CALBO routinely interacts with our full-time California State Legislature, responding to the needs of our elected leaders. In 2019, CALBO took positions and commented on over 50 legislative proposals that would have impacted California local government. Additionally, CALBO sponsored AB 429 by Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian (D-Van Nuys), seeking to prepare local jurisdictions with the knowledge they need to enhance seismic resiliency statewide.

GOVERNANCE

CALBO is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors elected by their local government peers. Our Board Members represent large, medium and small jurisdictions from all parts of California, seeking to promote what is best for our profession and local government at-large. The Board provides direction and vision for our professional staff, who administer and coordinate CALBO’s programs alongside our dedicated volunteer members. CALBO also appoints eleven policy committees annually from our active membership, seeking to serve our profession and develop relevant programs, services and standards.

MORE INFORMATION

CALBO launched our new virtual face in 2019 located at www.calbo.org. For more information on membership, legislative items of interest, or our programs, we welcome you to visit our website.

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