## **OCEA Offers Understanding and Perspective to Code Issues**

Founded in 1994, the Oklahoma Code Enforcement Association is dedicated to the study and advancement of Code Enforcement at the local, county and state levels. Its membership represents both large cities and small towns that have an interest in enhancing neighborhood and community health, safety, welfare and aesthetics.

As its focus in on public nuisance codes, zoning and related issues, OCEA is independent of other state inspection and trade organizations. However, OCEA is recognized and affiliated with the American Association of Code Enforcement (AACE).

Persons employed in the enforcement of municipal, county, state or federal codes or ordinances in Oklahoma are eligible for active membership in OCEA. Associate members include students, non-residents or other persons with an interest in Code Enforcement. Retirees from active Code Enforcement employment are eligible for lifetime membership.

Annual dues are \$35 for active and lifetime members, and \$15 for associate members. For more information on joining us, please see our <u>Membership and Education</u> page.

OCEA members meet semi-annually. A multiple-day educational conference, held the last week in February, includes interactive classes on Code Enforcement topics as well as an awards banquet. A one-day general membership meeting is held each October. Officer meetings are held every other month and are open to the general membership.

Members are encouraged to get involved in various standing committees. The Education Committee studies changing issues related to Code Enforcement and develops curriculum for training and certification classes. The Legislative Committee keeps tabs on activities at the State Capitol that may affect Code Enforcement and offers input for new legislation. The Membership Committee continually seeks to expand the Association through inclusion of new cities, counties and state agencies.

Through its network of cities and repository of ordinances, OCEA offers a resource to discuss and research issues with others who face the daily challenges and changes of Code Enforcement in Oklahoma.