Election Update:
We waited to send this out so we would have an election update to provide a quick sense of what we expect the results could mean for our energy and environmental issues over the next two years of the Obama Administration. It is now Thursday morning as this is written. It is real and not a dream. The House Republican count is up by at least 10 from 233 to 243 with 17 to be determined as of yesterday morning (292 is a 2/3 majority). The Senate Republican count is up by 7 to 52 for control of the Senate with Senator Landrieu and Representative Cassidy and Perdue and Nunn heading for runoff elections in Louisiana and Georgia respectively. Senator Landrieu understands energy and has been a big help on many of our issues. The prognosticators are saying the “R’s” will probably be at +9 for a total of 54 – 6 away from 60 needed to move legislation and 13 away from the 67 needed to override a presidential Veto. From the President’s press conference yesterday afternoon, he said something to the effect, I heard the message, but I am listening to the other 2/3 of the people who did not vote who believe what I am doing and how I am doing it. We will be hearing more about how this will play out during the December Committee Meetings.

Annual Meeting Highlights
CIBO’s 36th Annual Meeting was filled with great information, activities, plenty of discussion and valuable takeaways for all. As we enter 2015, our understandings from the presentations and discussions will be invaluable in helping move our issues forward. All things considered, CIBO is doing very well, and we will be looking to do even more next year. One thing that seemed to resonate from the Annual Meeting was that, when talking about energy, CIBO’s impact is well beyond boilers and the classic powerhouse; and, all the Air, Water and Land environmental issues are now coalescing around the impacts on energy production, cost and use – the area of CIBO’s strength.

Carl Bozzuto, ALSTOM Power, Inc. and John C. deRuyter, E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Company were re-elected to the Board of Directors. The Board elected John C. deRuyter as Chairman; Mark Calmes, Archer Daniels Midland Company Vice Chairman; Carl Bozzuto, Secretary/Treasurer; and Robert (Bob) Bessette, President. Robert (Bob) Corbin, Honeywell Inc. (retired) was awarded the 19th Annual Bill Marx Thorn-In-The-Side Award for his pugnacious perseverance, prodding poking and phoning perspective participants and particularly passionate partisans to penetrate prominent problems and postulations, pointing to particular programs, patterns and protestations to propose a practical plan to plot a potentially propitious path for pulling professional people past previous performance promoting positive progress and persistent profitable participation for all.

The meeting minutes and presentations will be posted next week on the “Members Only” website. Next year’s 37th Annual Meeting will be held October 21-23, 2015 at Ponte Vedra Inn & Club in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Energy
Since the early 1990s environmental concerns have been the major driver of much, if not all, of the activity and dedication of CIBO and the CIBO member participants. Energy was the elephant-in-the-room being wagged by its tail by the environmental extremists. One of the objectives of this year’s Annual Meeting was to turn that around and put energy in its proper place leading rather than following. As a result of the Annual Meeting, we believe we are beginning to see a real understanding of the statement: it is impossible to make or do anything without energy; and, anything that impacts energy impacts anything, and everything, we make or do. With this understanding, CIBO will be in a much better position to ensure that non-utility industrial, commercial and institutional energy users and producers can continue to provide safe, cost-effective, and reliable energy to sustain a strong and globally competitive economy and an improving environment. CIBO is beginning to develop a National Industrial and Institutional Energy Policy that all our members can agree on. This will become the foundation upon which our energy advocacy activities, comments and future testimony are based. While we believe everyone agrees that we need affordable, available, reliable, sustainable energy; however, how this is written (the scope of energy to be covered, how the environment, CHP, fuel, and electricity are included and the definition of the terms) could make for a truly beneficial policy.

Environment
Darn, darn, darn, we were expecting the Boiler MACT final reconsidered-reconsideration from EPA on Friday November 7th and all the other EPA Regulations held back until after the elections so as to not provoke either the Administration’s base voters or those independent voters who might be thinking about jobs and energy costs. With the election results described above, there is some question regarding if adjustments will be made in consideration of a not necessarily friendly Senate Majority Leader coming in on January 3, 2015 and the possibility of a functioning Senate that will not be a shield for the President’s policies. We do expect we will have a much better idea of what is happening and when by the December...
Meetings. If you want the latest, you can check out the Litigation Report from the Annual Meeting and the September Technical Focus Group/Environmental/Energy Committee Meetings in information on the members’ only website. If anything happens of any importance on any of our issues, we will let you know.

Technical
The Technical Focus Group session on “Meeting Facility Electric Demand Possibilities – Make, Sell, Buy, Respond” associated with the June EE/Technical Committee Meetings was very timely and informative. Jason Philpot of Eastman Chemical Company presented General Overview of Grid Interconnection Possibilities; Denis Oravec of AAI-JMP Engineering presented Optimization of Steam & Electric Generation Assets; and Mark Lively of Lively Utility presented Electrical Islanding for Industrial Facilities. Presentations are on the CIBO members’ only website. Based on survey responses and members discussions, the CIBO 2015 Conferences are: (The 2015 Meeting Schedule is attached)

The Fluidized Bed Combustion XXVIII and Stoker Fired Operations and Performance Conference will be held April 27-29 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The performance and operations concerns of solid fuel fired boilers are similar, and issue discussion across all units provides added benefit to all. We will be having a planning meeting/call sometime in November or early December. If you want to participate let us know so we can add you to the distribution list. If you would like to submit an abstract for a presentation, the member priority cutoff date will be January 15, 2015 on a first come first serve. After that non-member presentations will be considered to fill available slots.

The Industrial Emissions Control Technology XIII Conference and Natural Gas Conversion Workshop will be held by popular demand again in Portland, Maine, Aug 3-6. With Natural Gas rapidly growing as a compliance option to emissions controls for MACT, the Thursday Natural Gas Conversion Workshop should again be a highlight.

We expect to begin the agenda development after the December EE Meetings. If you would like to participate in the process let us know so we can add you to the contact list. Your help, comments and suggestions are welcomed and appreciated. If you would like to submit an abstract for a presentation, the member priority cutoff date will be March 31, 2015 on a first come first serve basis. After that non-member presentations will be considered to fill available slots.

Annual Membership Survey Results
The annual survey results are posted on the “Members Only” website, as well as, the Annual Survey Report included in the Membership Report given at the Annual Meeting. We would like to thank all who provided valuable feedback in the guidance of CIBO’s strategy development and allocation of resources for maximum benefit to members.

Technical Focus Group, Environmental & Energy Committee Meetings – Dec. 2-3, 2014 Arlington, VA
Technical Focus Group Topic is “Carbon Capture Storage and Handling.”
Key topics of Committees to be addressed include: Energy & Water Nexus; EIA 2015National Energy Outlook; BMACT Major Source, Area Source, CISWI & NHSM Reviews and Compliance Concerns; and Coal Ash, GHG, Litigation, NAAQS, and Water Rules Regulatory Updates.

2015 Conferences & Meetings Schedule
Next year’s conferences are scheduled and venues selected.
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If you would like to submit a presentation, topic for consideration, or assist in the planning, send an e-mail to gail@cibo.org.
The Quarterly Committee Meetings at the Radisson, Crystal City, Virginia will be the Tuesday and Wednesday of March 3-4, June 2-3, September 15-16 and December 8-9.
The 37th Annual Meeting will be held at Ponta Vedra Inn & Club in Ponta Vedra Beach, Florida on October 21-23.

From the President’s Desk – Bob Bessette
It is always a pleasure for me to welcome a new member. This month we welcome Southern Environmental, Inc. As we move from project evaluation to Boiler MACT compliance plan completion and implementation, their knowledge and capabilities will definitely be of value to CIBO and our members. We will need all the help we can get.
I do not believe the election can or will have any impact on the compliance dates for Boiler MACT or the limits that have to be met by January 31, 2016. The elections did confirm one very important thing that jobs, the economy and energy costs are beginning to resonate with the boarded population (more than 50%) more than the slick line-in-the-sand demographically focused issues advertising that handily won the 2010 and 2012 elections. That is good news for CIBO. When it comes to producing or using energy in the most economical and beneficial way while maintaining or improving the environment, where do you start? You start with CIBO. The December Committee Meetings should be meetings you do not want to miss. See you then.