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President's Piece

January 2022

Dear SBOC Members, Friends and Colleagues –

Welcome to the 76th year of the Suburban Building Officials Conference. Over the last year we have all had a difficult time of doing our jobs, living our lives, and navigating this pandemic at the same time. I'm sure all of you, like myself, were considered essential and nothing really changed in terms of providing the quality service to our residents and businesses that they expect. To fluctuate between video inspections, outdoor dining ordinances and permits, office closures and mask mandates. I think to state things have been difficult is putting it mildly. We all need to pat ourselves on the back for a job well done!

Unfortunately, our work is never done and we carry on. While accomplishing the task of doing our jobs and working through all these changes, this coming year should hopefully be easier. We now know what to expect and I'm sure we have all developed a plan at this point to work through it. I am hopeful we have hit the peak and this pandemic will soon start to subside. Unfortunately, only time will tell. I can tell you that we as the Board of SBOC are going to continue to work hard to provide quality training the membership have come to rely on and will also be attempting to move to in-person learning as long as we the current environment allows it.

This December we had a very successful Annual Business meeting, where we limited attendance to space out the membership and followed CDC protocols, and I think it worked really well. I would like to thank our gift contributors TPI Inc, B&F Code Construction Services, Safebuilt, and HR Green with their generous donations to the event. I believe we now have a blueprint for how we can continue the SBOC Training Institute. We are currently working on presenters and details of the program should come out soon. Pay attention to your email or the SBOC website for updates and save the following dates in March 3/04, 3/11, 3/18, and 3/25.

The month of January we will again be partnering with the Chicago Roofing Contractors Association (CRCA) for "Roofing week in Chicago." This year's event is January 19-21, and if you have not signed up yet do so soon. This is a great event and trade show and it will be in-person while following the proper protocols. The best part, you sign up at no cost for inspectors and building officials. Please go to the CRCA website, crca.org or crca.events, for event registration.

Also attached to this newsletter is the 2022 Membership renewal form. It is a fillable PDF form you can complete at your computer. We will also post it on our website as well, www.sbo-7.com.

If you have any employment or training opportunities you would like us to post on our website, please email us at admin@sbo-7.com.

And lastly, this is a volunteer organization, I know you hear the Board say this quite often but we are always looking for membership to help. It takes a lot of work to organize and put on these training events. So, if you would like to volunteer please let us know. Additionally, if anyone has any suggestions on specific training or programs that have piqued your interest please let us know as well.

Be safe, and here's hoping for a great start to 2022!

Sincerely,

Allen Fennell

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SBOC President, 2022

38TH CRCA TRADE SHOW & SEMINARS

JANUARY 19-21, 2022

DRURY LANE

OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL



With less than one month remaining until CRCA's 2022 Trade Show and Seminars, now is the time to plan your "Roofing Week in Chicago!"

The CRCA will host 9 seminars over three days, along with brand new [Trade Show floor layout! \(See below\)](#)

This year's topics include:

- Managing a Multi-Generational Workforce
- Roofing Industry Breakfast (Fee may be required)
- Protection Against Low Slope Roofing Litigation
- Market Volatility
- Steep Slope Legal Protection
- Fall Protection Revisited
- Alternatives to Roof Re-Cover: Coatings & More
- Roofing Technical Issues
- A Little Venting About Venting

Don't forget to walk the new and improved show floor and meet with over 130 manufacturer and suppliers displaying, demonstrating and promoting the newest products and technology in the roofing and waterproofing industry.

Be sure to register for Wednesday's Seminar & Cocktail Party along with Thursday's Breakfast as space is filling up fast. All other seminars are walk-in.

REGISTER NOW!

Wednesday, January 15

- 1-5 pm: Exhibitor Set-up, Drury Lane
- 3-5 pm: Educational Programming, Drury Lane Crystal Room
- 5 pm: Roofing week in Chicago: Kick-off Cocktail Party

Thursday, January 16

- 9 am -11 am: Roofing Industry Breakfast
- 11 am - 5 pm: Exhibits Open + Educational Programming, Drury Lane

Friday, January 17

- 7 am: Educational Programming Begins, Drury Lane
- 9 am - 1 pm: Exhibits Open + Educational Programming, Drury Lane

*All Seminars and Exhibits are FREE except the Thursday Morning Roofing Industry

** Pre-Registration required for Wednesday Roofing events + Roofing Industry Breakfast.

As of 12/21/21 CRCA plans to continue with the CRCA Trade Show & Seminars as scheduled. CRCA is closely monitoring the situation and will inform all exhibitors, attendees and speakers if anything changes. CRCA will comply with CDC, State of Illinois and DuPage County recommendations. Masks will be required by all attendees who are not actively eating or drinking. Please do not attend the CRCA Trade Show and Seminars if you are experiencing any COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms. Thank you for your continued patronage. We look forward to offering you the safest and cleanest experience possible

