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President's Piece

February 2021

Dear SBOC Members, Friends and Colleagues,

This year is our 75th anniversary and despite COVID-19, we need to celebrate such an incredible milestone. Think about it, 1946, WWII had finally ended, 15 million soldiers came back home from that war ready to set roots and have families of their own. And group of a guys got together recognizing they needed each other to figure out how to assure they would be able to provide safe built communities and the building codes that were available were few and not published like today's codes. Throughout this year I hoping to share snippets of our history. If you have some historical information and would like it shared, please feel free to contact me at dalemcp@comcast.net.

I hope you were able to attend the CRCA virtual meeting during January. If not please make sure you join us online on Thursday, February 18 from 12 to 1:30 PM for our regular monthly meeting. We have Bob Flynn from Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 17. Mr. Flynn will be discussing the importance of mechanical insulation, asbestos identification, and methods of firestopping. By the end of the session, you will have a better understanding of what to look for when inspecting mechanical insulation applications and fire stopping penetrations. And remember, the SBOC regular monthly lunch meetings are free to attend until we can meet face to face. Yes, I said Free, Free, Free (just like a certain tax software advertises). More course information and webinar registration instructions are on the next page.

But before we get into February's training details, we sincerely hope that you are planning to attend the SBOC 66th Annual 2021 Training Institute to be held on the four Fridays in March. Although the courses will be presented online via Zoom Webinar, we are working to make it the best online training experience available. During the sessions, our Board Members will be monitoring the chat box for your questions to the presenter so that you get all your questions answered just like you would have, had we been able to meet as we all did in the past. Below a brief course lineup for this year. Please note that a separate flyer with all course, registration and fee information will forwarded.

- **March 5: ICC Day, Structural Plan Review, 2018 IRC**
- **March 12: HR Green Day, Roof Top Solar systems**
- **March 19: RR&J Day, Enclosure "Building Blocks"**
- **March 26: B&F Day, 2021 IFC Updates**

Regarding the annual SBOC scholarship, at the January 14, 2021 Board Meeting the Board reviewed and awarded a scholarship to Connor McGinnis. In his application, Connor informed us that he is extremely interested in a career in Code Enforcement and is taking building related classes at South Suburban College while testing for certifications with the International Code Council. We wish Connor the best of luck with his career endeavor.

February Noontime Training Session:

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021

Time: **11:45 AM** "Sign On", SBOC Board announcements & time to test your internet connection & device audio
12:00 Noon Training session begins
1:30 PM Scheduled conclusion

Topic: Mechanical Insulation, Asbestos Identification, and Methods of Firestopping

CEU: (.15 CEU, 1.5 Contact Hours)

Description of the Topic: this course will define the importance of Mechanical Insulation, Asbestos Abatement, and Firestopping. Course will furthermore provide information about the mechanical insulation industry. Inform the group on the importance of mechanical insulation.

Course Objectives:

- Describe both 'Good' & 'Bad' application methods.
- Provide the group about asbestos abatement.
- Identification and proper training and licensing to remove asbestos in the workplace.
- Methods of firestop penetrations.
- Guides that can help building officials when looking at types of firestop penetrations on the jobsite.
- Define working together going forward.

Speakers: Robert Flynn, Representative/Marketing
Robert McGuckin, Apprentice Coordinator
- Both representing Heat and Frost Insulators Local 17



Cost: No fees or cost to you

Registration: Please register in advance for this Webinar: [February Webinar Registration Link](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the webinar.

Finally, be sure to check our website sboc-7.com for job opportunities and other valuable information. Stay safe and hang in there, we are going to make through these difficult times and come out stronger!

Sincerely,

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