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President's Piece — November 2026

Dear SBOC Members, Friends, and Colleagues:

Gobble, gobble, gobble! Let's talk turkey. Thanksgiving is around the corner, as is the Springfield fall veto session. We shall see if we have more or less to be thankful for after it wraps up. Possible legislation includes the Chicago Bears Stadium Incentive Package, Data Center Regulations (POWER Act), and Housing and Zoning (BUILD Act). The BUILD Act would not be good for municipalities unless they have a seat at the table to provide input. SBOC will keep you updated on these issues. You should all have received the email with the letter from State Representative Margaret A. DeLaRosa, which should have cleared up some of the confusion with Trailer Bill HB 4361.

October was another busy month for SBOC. I would like to thank Vincent Czernik, instructor with SMART Local 265, for his presentation at our monthly meeting. At that meeting, we had our first reading of the proposed amendments to our bylaws. The second reading and vote will occur at our November meeting. Next, I attended the ICC Conference and Expo in Nashville from October 17–21. It was a great experience and a wonderful venue. Besides the classes and the expo, I got together with some of the other Illinois chapters to commiserate. During the Annual Business Meeting, when they recognized members who had passed this past year, I was honored to go to the microphone and announce our Past President Don Fredericks with that group. I encourage all members to let SBOC know both good and bad news so that we may honor our members. Speaking of past presidents, we have that luncheon on October 30 at Maggiano's in Oak Brook. I look forward to speaking to that group.

Looking ahead, we have our November monthly meeting on the 19th at Ashbury's/Boughton Ridge Golf Course, 335 E. Boughton Road, Bolingbrook. Our speaker will be Jason Vitell from Vital Inspection Services presenting "2024 International Property Maintenance Code." There will be an after-hours reception in Springfield on December 1 with lawmakers and Margaret Vaughn. SBOC and ICCA will be represented by Joey Jeraminas and Jeff Albertson. On December 11, we have our Annual Business Meeting at Bobak's in Woodridge. At that meeting, we will be getting a Milestone Award from the ICC for our 80th anniversary.

Don't forget to visit our website, www.sboc-7.com, to obtain a copy of the 2027 Membership/Renewal Form. We have sent out a survey to give us your feedback on training, so please respond. If you have any training opportunities, announcements, or other postings, please contact us through our website or email us at admin@sboc-7.com.

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The SBOC Board is looking for volunteers, especially for committees. We can use any help you are willing to give. If you would like to sit in on an SBOC Board meeting, we start at 10:30 AM prior to our monthly training meetings.

I hope to see everyone in November at our monthly training. Below, pictured from left to right at the ICC Convention, are Brad ?, Sanyokta Kapur, Steve Cutaiua, Ken Hinkle, Ann Weiowski, Leo Hogan, ?, Kelly Huscher, ?, ?, John O'Donnell, Louis Green, and Chris Bielefeld. Stay safe out there, Pilgrim.

Best regards,

John O'Donnell

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