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Achieving Our Big, Audacious Goals

WHILE PREPARING TO write this final column of my presidential term, I took a look back at what I wrote in my column from last May, when the term was just beginning. In that president's message, I highlighted the four pillars of IIBEC's latest strategic plan:

- *Value of IIBEC.* IIBEC is committed to being the premier technical, educational, and networking resource of the building enclosure profession.
- *Advocacy.* IIBEC will advocate for consultant members at all levels of government.
- *Credentials.* IIBEC is the organization that will lead the industry in building enclosure consulting credentials.
- *Knowledge transfer.* IIBEC wants to empower members to achieve and sustain business and professional success.

"These are big, audacious goals," I wrote, "but I know they are within our reach." For my part, I promised to work tirelessly during my time as IIBEC president to help realize them.

I'm pleased to report that we have indeed made substantial progress toward IIBEC's big, audacious goals. This progress would not have been possible without the incredible contributions of IIBEC staff, my colleagues on the IIBEC Executive Committee and IIBEC Board of Directors, and the members of IIBEC's committees and regional and local chapters. I'm grateful to have worked with all of you. In particular, I want to express thanks to the previous IIBEC presidents I have worked with on the executive committee: Amy Peevey, Chris Giffin, Ted Sheridan, and Scott Hinesley. During our time together, I have relied on each of you for advice, guidance, support, and inspiration.

I also want to thank every member who has demonstrated their commitment to IIBEC

by volunteering this year for the good of our community and the building enclosure profession. Each time that a volunteer shares their expertise, helps plan and run events, advocates for our common interests, serves as a mentor, or performs another act of service, IIBEC grows stronger. Although I don't have the space here to name every volunteer, please know that I recognize and appreciate your excellent work.

In the coming year, I am confident that we will continue on the path to fulfilling our big, audacious goals under the leadership of IIBEC's new president, Chris Dawkins. Chris has become a trusted colleague, mentor, and great friend of mine, and I have no doubt that he is the correct person to steer our organization along the right path for the next 12 months. I look forward to working with him during his term and well into the future.

I am honored to have served this past year as IIBEC's president. Since my last term as president in 2016–2017, our organization has grown and improved, extending its relevance in the building enclosure profession and construction industry, and helping IIBEC members reach their fullest professional potential. In my column from last May, I explained that I was motivated to rejoin the executive committee because "I wouldn't be where I am, professionally or personally, without IIBEC. I owe IIBEC a lot, and I welcome the opportunity to pay my debt." While we have accomplished so much this year, I still feel indebted to IIBEC and to all of you. For that reason, I intend to continue working tirelessly for IIBEC. I'm excited to see what we can achieve together!

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