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# Commit to Committee Service

## GREETINGS, IIBEC COMMUNITY!

This season of thanksgiving is a time to pause and express our gratitude for the good things in our lives, including our families, our friends, and our communities. As my greeting above indicates, I consider IIBEC to be a community—and I am thankful to be a member of it. I hope you feel the same way.

If you want to demonstrate your appreciation for IIBEC or are seeking to strengthen your community ties, may I suggest that you consider volunteering with one of our many committees? Serving on an IIBEC committee is a tremendous way to get to know others within our community while also making our association stronger by addressing ongoing and emerging issues that affect our practices and our client service. IIBEC committees make recommendations directly to the IIBEC Board of Directors, so committee service is one of the best ways to positively shape IIBEC's future.

The current volunteers on IIBEC committees are working to shape the future and advance our industry in a wide variety of ways. For example, we have committees dedicated to supporting students and emerging professionals; developing and maintaining credentials for building enclosure professionals; ensuring that our technical body of knowledge continually grows and improves; advocating for effective public policies; and developing standards and codes and promoting their adoption. Committee volunteers are also helping ensure that IIBEC is a vibrant, well-run organization with an exemplary set of bylaws, a strong code of ethics, an inclusive culture, outstanding events and educational programs, and a thriving network of local and regional chapters. These volunteers are doing great work, but we always need and welcome new committee members!

Some of you may wonder whether you have sufficient IIBEC experience to join a committee.

In fact, there are committee roles for newer members as well as members who have been part of IIBEC for several years or even decades. For members who are new to our community, serving on a committee offers the opportunity to contribute to a focused endeavor, to grow professionally, and to learn more about our association. For "veteran" members, committee service can build upon and complement your past contributions to our community. Whatever your experience level, there is likely a place for you on one of our committees that will play to your personal strengths and where you can make a meaningful difference.

My personal IIBEC journey has included roles on the Codes and Standards Committee and the Annual Convention Committee. The work was hard but rewarding as we took on important challenges and derived recommendations that influenced the actions of the IIBEC board. During my committee service, I met and got to know some great people who remain friends and mentors to this day. I would gladly serve on both committees again.

To learn more about our committees, visit <https://iibec.org/membership/committees>. That webpage documents the organizational makeup of each committee, as well as the committee missions and the responsibilities of committee members. If you have questions about any of the committees, reach out to the staff liaisons or committee chairs. And when you're ready to apply, click the "Volunteer for an IIBEC Committee" button at the top of that page to access the simple application form.

Thanks again for being a part of the IIBEC community. I'm grateful to be part of it with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chris Dawkins".

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