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## GREETINGS, IIBEC COMMUNITY!

Since the start of my term as IIBEC president, the central theme of my columns for *IIBEC Interface* has been the power and impact of volunteerism. IIBEC members who volunteer improve the resilience and quality of the built environment, ensure public safety, help fellow IIBEC members, and expand local, national, and international markets for building enclosure professionals.

The important work of IIBEC volunteers occurs both within and outside of IIBEC. In Canada, Mexico, and the US, IIBEC members find relevant, meaningful volunteer opportunities through IIBEC-affiliated chapters as well as IIBEC's international committees. Additionally, there are many opportunities for IIBEC members to represent building enclosure consultants in other organizations that develop and influence building codes and building standards. For example, as I noted in my October 2025 column, IIBEC members play a critical role in developing ASTM International standards.

In Canada specifically, members of our community can also make a positive difference outside of IIBEC by lending their talents and expertise to CSA Group (formerly the Canadian Standards Association) or the Canadian Roofing Contractors Association, both of which partner with other stakeholders and the National Research Council Canada to craft new codes and standards and update current ones. Several IIBEC members are already contributing to these and other organizations. I hope their examples will inspire you to research further and find the best opportunities for you.

CSA Group develops standards for numerous types of products throughout Canada, including building materials and roofing. Emeritus IIBEC member Doug Fishburn, RRO, has been a long-standing voting consultant member of the roofing committee. Additionally, Stephanie Robinson, BASc, PEng, our current Region VII director, has served on CSA standards projects.

IIBEC member Gary Hamilton, RRC, RRO, PEng, currently serves on the Canadian Roofing Contractors Association's National Technical Committee, which has several ongoing studies addressing issues such as improvements for continuity of air/vapor barriers; implications

of the National Energy Code of Canada's requirements for thicker insulation; coordination of CSA and FM Global wind-uplift design requirements; oriented strand board (OSB) panel roof decks; membrane roofs over low-slope, vented wood-framed structures; and challenges associated with overflow drains, metal flashings, and mass timber construction.

Ted Sheridan, F-IIBEC, RBEC, PEng, a past IIBEC president, is serving as our team member on the Special Interest Group on Dynamic Evaluation of Roofing Systems (SIGDERS). Ted succeeds Phil Dregger, F-IIBEC, RRC, PE, who served with distinction on the SIGDERS team for two decades (thank you, Phil!). SIGDERS is conducting research on issues that affect building enclosure practices, including correlation of the Single Ply Roofing Industry's *Wind Design Standard Practice for Roofing Assemblies* (ANSI/SPRI WD-1) with CSA standard requirements; OSB panel roof decks; development of a guide for wind design of low-slope membrane roofs, which may become a reference standard for the National Building Code of Canada; improvements to parapets design; and alterations to existing commercial roofs.

Clearly, there is tremendous standards- and code-related activity occurring in Canada, and many ways that bright-minded practitioners (including partners from the US) can contribute. If you want to get involved, I encourage you to reach out to Doug, Stephanie, Gary, Ted, or Phil. IIBEC's first vice president, Jennifer Hogan, REWC, RRO, CET, CRE, LEED AP, CPHC, second vice president, Burt Carver, RRC, RRO, and Region VI director, Jon Solland, RRC, RWC, RRO, PEng, are also available to help you explore opportunities.

O Canada! Thank you to our Canadian member-volunteers, who make IIBEC stronger and advance our common interests as building enclosure professionals.

My best to all IIBEC members. I look forward to sharing the upcoming convention experience in Sacramento with many of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Dawkins".

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