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# Join Me in Phoenix!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** 2023 was a milestone year for IIBEC in which we celebrated our 40th anniversary, welcomed our first female president, and achieved our first ANSI-accredited credential, the Certified Building Enclosure Commissioning Provider (CBECxP). I hope that 2024 will be a productive, prosperous, and fulfilling year for IIBEC and everyone in the IIBEC community.

I also hope that your plans for 2024 include joining me in Phoenix, Arizona, at the IIBEC International Convention and Trade Show from Friday, March 8, to Monday, March 11. This year's convention will include presentations and speakers focused on new challenges and innovations in the building enclosure industry, and it will offer the perfect opportunity to collaborate with colleagues, commiserate with old friends, and expand your professional network.

Whether you are a novice or veteran consultant, you'll find educational sessions at the convention that will enlighten you about an array of topics relevant to your work and career. Along with the educational sessions, you can visit the trade show, which promises to feature the latest products, services, and technological innovations to help you gain an edge in your business. Both the trade show and the educational sessions offer continuing education credits toward your annual CEH goals.

Of course, we have also planned a full slate of social events, including the opening reception on Friday evening, the opening ceremony on Saturday afternoon, the awards luncheon on Sunday, and the president's annual banquet on Monday night. For the opening ceremony, we have lined up world-leading futurist and innovative strategist Nikki Greenberg as our keynote speaker. She is an expert in predicting future trends in real estate and associated technology. Global real estate investors benefit from her insight, and so will IIBEC's membership as she addresses trends and topics relevant to the building enclosure consulting profession. In addition, there will be an Emerging Professionals reception, and we will be welcoming student attendees from the US and Canada as recipients of scholarships through the RCI-IIBEC Foundation.

The RCI-IIBEC Foundation Golf Tournament on Friday will be a great chance to enjoy the Phoenix sunshine while supporting the foundation and their scholarship fund. Another opportunity to support the foundation will be at their annual auction on Monday before the president's banquet. These events are fun ways to network while supporting the critical work the foundation does all year round.

Another highlight of the convention is that attendees will be among the first to learn about notable member benefits rolling out this year, including tools to help all business enclosure consultants achieve career success. You can find out details about what is happening in your region by attending a regional meeting on Saturday, and we'll all come together to discuss IIBEC business at the annual meeting of the members on Monday. At that meeting, several of us in leadership positions will be providing key updates, and the results of the most recent Board election will be announced.

I have attended many IIBEC conventions, and each one has been memorable. However, for me, this year's convention will be especially meaningful because it marks the end of my term as IIBEC president. I want to spend this time in Phoenix with as many IIBEC members as possible, and I'd be honored if you would join me there.

P.S. In case you need an additional incentive to join us in March, the average high temperature in Phoenix in March is 78°F (25°C), with mostly arid, sunny days. I hope to see you in Phoenix!

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