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President's Piece

March 2026

Dear SBOC Members, Friends and Colleagues:

First, I would like to thank Cheryl Scott, Edith Makra, John Gossman, and Emma Hurbanis for presenting at our February monthly meeting. We had a great turnout and I thank you all for attending. Although a short month, it was very busy. I myself was out of town for 10 days to welcome my first granddaughter. The board had a special workshop to divide up the duties of Steve Martin who is stepping down at the end of March. If you are interested in helping out with the website or something else, contact us. You can also provide feedback or suggestions. Fingers crossed, I hope that we all can fill in for Steve who has been doing the lion's share of our work.

Did you know "March comes in like a lion, out like a lamb"? Although many people equate this with the weather, it has its roots in astrology. As an astrologist (the amateur version of an astrologer), I predict a great Spring School in March with our fabulous lineup. The lineup is as follows: March 6 – SEDAC, March 13 – ICC Day, March 20- B&F Day, and March 27- IBEW Local 134 and Eaton. Please visit the SBOC website to see the presenters and their topics. We have a wide range of trending topics so be sure to sign up if you have not already done so. March is also Women's History Month, the first day of Spring, and the start of daylight savings time (for now). Pardon my hubris, but it is also has one of the greatest days of all time – St. Patrick's Day. I hope everyone enjoys responsibly and if you see me out somewhere, I will buy you a "beverage".

Starting next month, we have two field trips planned for Underwriters Laboratory in Northbrook on April 16 and May 21. We will tour their three labs from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. with lunch to follow. Group size is limited to 28 so be sure to sign up when it becomes available. All of the details will be posted to our website. A follow up field trip to UL later in the year can be arranged if demand warrants it. We also are looking into another field trip as well as something special to commemorate the 80th anniversary of SBOC.



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If there are any events that are worth mentioning for our membership, pass them along to possibly be posted to our website. We are always interested in our members' milestones along with any announcements that other members may be interested in. We are working to connect more members to our Socials (LinkedIn and Facebook) so be on the lookout for more information to follow. There is still an opening on the Board so please volunteer if you can. If not, get involved in any way you can by participating in our forums, surveys, and meetings.

With that, I look forward to seeing you all at the Spring School. I look forward to meeting and getting to know as many of you as I can. SBOC will be giving out a commemorative coffee mug marking its 80th anniversary, which you can fill with your favorite "beverage". Visit our website at <http://www.sbo7.com/> to contact us for questions, comments, or concerns. Stay safe out there.

Best Regards,

John O'Donnell

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