Let me start by thanking all of you for entrusting me with being your president. I am honored and humbled by this privilege and vow to dedicate 100% of myself to fulfill what you should expect from your president. I am happy to report that your officers have hit the ground running for 2025. We will be moving this spring to a new fully amenitized class ‘A’ office building right on Rte. 110 in the Melville office district. We did extensive studies on where our members’ offices are located and responded to long-heard complaints about LIBI feeling as if it’s more of a Suffolk County organization. We realize with change comes anxiety, but the easy thing to do would be to simply maintain the status quo, your officers are not taking the easy road, but instead the road less traveled to bolster LIBI’s image with a space that is complimentary to the largest building trade organization in NYS.

You will be getting a survey, please take a few minutes and fill it out. We commissioned this survey to help us improve your LIBI experience and craft a strategic plan for the organization. The info is of immeasurable value as it will help us shape decisions we will be making over the next year and years to come.

During this next year we will continue the war against laws and mandates that come down from NYS adversely affecting our industry. Rent control laws, Prevailing wage mandates, good cause eviction, sprinkler mandates for single family homes, and of course the law that is crippling all businesses in NY, Scaffold Law.

Additionally, this year we shall reconvene on the efforts for improving Nassau County 239f review procedures. We have made progress, but the effort seems to be stalling, so we shall be picking this torch back up. I have asked not only to continue to improve the process but also to engage on the fee which is far from commensurate with the review and of questionable legality.

Remember, it’s not your father’s LIBI, your officers are here to improve your LIBI experience, be sure our industry voice is heard, and bring a new, fresh approach to the future of the organization. It is my privilege to serve all our members this year, and I thank you for honor of being your president.