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“One good ride from start to end; I’d like to take that ride again.” —Jerry Garcia

Back in July of 2013, I wrote my first *Connections* article as SBC President. Now, two years later, I write my final one before the baton is passed. While I certainly want to take a moment to encourage everyone to experience the Excellence in Business Awards this month - the award winners are amazing businesses and individuals, the reception is lots of fun, and the event just keeps getting bigger and better every year - I want to use this final piece to say thank you to everyone that has been involved with the SBC during my two years at the helm.

Whether you were on the Board or participated in one of the many committees, whether you regularly attended breakfasts or came to one of our big annual events, whether you showed up for networking or just for some fun - thank you.

I chose the Grateful Dead lyric at the top for several reasons. For one, I’ve been a huge fan since I was a kid. Plus, this month marks the 50th anniversary of the band (what I wouldn’t give for one of those tickets to Soldier Field!). But most of all, the song quote from “Might As Well” reflects my thoughts on my time as SBC President. In my first article two years ago, I wrote about gratitude for the opportunity to serve and be a part of the SBC. As the ride comes to an end, I’m filled with that same gratitude. The Chamber and the SBC is here for you and because of you. To everyone out there: thanks for the ride. I’m truly grateful!