



President's Message

Fellow Movers,

Hopefully this message finds all of you well. By the time you read this, the United States Presidential Election will have come and gone. May God continue to bless IASM members, their respective countries and leaders. IASM, like the rest of the world, is currently experiencing significant positive growth. I encourage every member to be at Vancouver, Canada in February prepared to nominate or re-elect members to the Board of Directors you feel will best represent and secure the future of IASM. A harmonious Board, in my opinion, is one that can disagree on matters yet still make decisions in the best interest of the majority of the Association.

Directors recently convened in Columbia, South Carolina at the Adam's Mark Hotel; currently undergoing a \$10 million renovation and will be flagged a Marriot in April 2005. Thanks to the Oswalt family in Batesburg, SC for hosting a wonderful yard tour and incredibly relaxing pond-side barbecue for the directors. The board meeting was very organized, efficient and productive.

I would like to welcome director Mike Blake of North Carolina, and chair of the Legal & Utilities Committee, to the Executive Committee in February as Secretary. Mike has gone above and beyond in his roles and no doubt will do the same as secretary. I expect all will be astounded in Vancouver by the efforts and accomplishments made by the Legal & Utilities Committee. We MUST, however, have more participation in the data compilation process if we want continued progress on the utilities and legal issues that face us all. I strongly urge you to make copies of the Structural Movers Project Cost Summary form and Utilities Cost Comparison Sheet on pages 59 & 60 and begin tracking your data and sending it to the Research Department.

In closing, I would love to see the upcoming Annual Conference, Awards Recognition Dinner and Structural Mover magazine be the best ever

as I turn the gavel over to Vice President Dave Scribner. That said; please pay close attention to the upcoming deadlines for award entries (January 10, 2005) and conference and hotel registration (January 20, 2005). Also make the necessary time to furnish an article or two to Structural Mover. Contact the editor or any director for tips on putting something together. Keep in mind our awards program, like IASM, represent moves and movers of all sizes from all regions. Therefore, to reach their fullest potential, the conference, the awards program and the magazine all need support and participation from everyone!

Warmest Regards and Happy Holidays!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Kennedy'.

Jeffrey A. Kennedy

