



President's Message

This will be my final President's Message in this very fine publication, even though my responsibilities as president of the association do not end until the close of the recognition dinner on Saturday night 11 February 2006.

When I accepted that huge gavel from Jeff Kennedy in Vancouver, Canada in February at the 2005 annual conference, the 2006 annual conference seemed a long time away. And the task of producing four messages from the "office of the president" was not one I viewed with pleasure. But here we are 10 months later and I admit to a satisfying experience of sharing with you, the members, thoughts I feel important to the association and the industry.

Being willing to assume responsibility for a leadership position in an organization like IASM is not something one should accept lightly. There are commitments that must be met in order for the association to meet obligations to its membership. Officers, directors and individuals serving on committees are all businessmen and very busy with the day-to-day activities of managing their respective companies. Nevertheless these same individuals must honor their commitment to make available the time necessary to perform their assumed duties.

Your current officers and directors have been exceptional this year working with each other in a spirit of cooperation while making necessary decisions to keep the association on track to reach strategic goals. In discussions, conference calls and scheduled meetings they have approached issues of concern, discussing all aspects of potential problems in a business like manner and agreed upon courses of action. They have treated each other with respect, listened to opposing views and determined what would be best for the association, the membership and the industry. Dissention and personal agendas have been non-existent. I encourage every member to express appreciation to your directors. You elected them. You made excellent choices.

I also wish to encourage every member of the association to make plans to attend the annual conference in Columbia, SC in February. Josh Wendland, our staff and the education committee have assembled without a doubt the very best educational program in the history of the association. Look for full details elsewhere in this issue. It is a proven fact those companies that attend the annual conferences and also attend the



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educational sessions are the more successful companies. If you haven't been attending in recent years you will want to be certain to register for this conference. Members that don't will be the losers.

I wish to commend those directors who made a courageous and difficult decision in 2001 to bring on board professional management to give the association effective leadership. With approval and support of the Board of Directors our staff executive, Gene Brymer, has brought about an improved image, new products, advertising and editorial improvements to Structural Mover magazine, more productive meetings, a positive attitude and wider exposure to IASM and the structural moving industry.

Finally, I wish to thank every member company for your willingness to support the association and our industry. Without your participation there would be no IASM. Nevertheless, I wish to point out that we now need to take the next step in the growth of IASM. That is to significantly increase membership. Every member must make a commitment and assume responsibility, as I mentioned earlier in this message, to enlist new members. And, while you're at it, invite them to attend the 2006 annual conference in South Carolina.

I sincerely appreciate your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Scribner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.