

Staff Executive/ Editor's Comments



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Competent directors guide association's progress

Effective organizations don't just happen. Individuals who have been actively involved in the management of a company or association know everybody's business is nobody's business. In other words, to be effective in the operation of an organization, specific responsibility and authority reside with duly elected directors of the organization. Goals and objectives are agreed upon by directors and carried out by staff. Directors are granted authority to carry out responsibilities through bylaws adopted by the membership.

It is a pleasure to work with 16 individuals, elected by the membership, who are committed to working together in a civil and professional manner to make their association a respected and effective organization representing their industry. They do so with respect, civility and consideration of each other's viewpoint. They do so at great expense to themselves without any remuneration. A strength is each director brings his own personal experience and perspective to the table. They give up a weekend in the fall to address issues of importance during their annual meeting. They arrive before and stay after the annual conference to participate in two additional meetings to insure interests of the organization are addressed.

Take a look at the IASM News column on page 14. Observe the wide range of issues directors considered at their last meeting in October. In every case, after ample discussion of all aspects of each agenda item, directors voted their best judgment in favor of the industry, association and membership. For without an industry there is little need for an association. Without an association, individual companies have no vehicle to address issues of concern.

So, take a look at the list of directors on the association website: www.iasm.org. or on page four of the 2008 Directory of Members, or view the list of directors on page two of each issue of **STRUCTURAL *MOVER*** magazine. Give them a call or write them a note to thank them for the work they do, unselfishly, on your behalf. Better yet, tell them yourself at the 2009 annual conference, February 18-22, at The Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach, VA.

I hope to see you there.