



# President's Message



## Enduring Friendships... *The Heartbeat of the I.A.S.M.*

It is hard to believe that 2004 is already half gone. It is my hope that business has been prosperous and pleasurable for all of you.

Staff Executive Gene Brymer has reported the Orlando Conference resulted in a profit for the Association. Surely you will agree we are back on track and headed in a positive direction . . . thanks to the loyalty, dedication and passion of the membership. As always, the Board is eager to hear new ideas and feedback from the membership. Positive growth and change do not occur without stimulus.

The following, I believe, is a testimony to what the IASM is really all about. My company recently had the exciting opportunity to relocate a 175-year old historic building. Needless to say, no matter how exciting it is, moving any historic structure requires a great deal of time, effort, planning and experience. I had the honor of having three Past Presidents, a handful of other association members as well as members of my own family physically participate in the relocation of this building. Several of these and other members also loaned some essential equipment – including a four-wheeler for extra pulling power! It is always a good time when you are able to do what you love with friends all around you. I do intend to write a more in-depth article in the future in which I can properly acknowledge these

fine men. The main point right now is that as I watched the three generations of leaders, from four or five different companies voluntarily pitch in and work together as a common team, their energy fueled by their love for the industry and good-will toward a fellow mover, I was both moved and reminded that this is the same heartbeat that sustains IASM. Throughout the years of being a member of the Association I have witnessed this kind of generosity. But having experienced it first hand, as President, if I were asked by any potential new member “What is the greatest benefit of membership?” I would reply... “Enduring friendships that weather the storms.”

The Association possesses such a wealth of knowledge and information. Our Conferences are beginning to focus more on creating opportunities to tap into this knowledge and information. Our Board and Committees are continually working toward the betterment of the Association via specific goals and strategies. I strongly encourage every member to invite other non-member movers to our next Conference so they can see for themselves what an incredible tool the Association can be for them. Just be sure to let them know to get their PASSPORTS before heading to Vancouver.

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