



Prime Minister's Message

The environmental movement has a saying "think globally, act locally" that we in the structural moving business should take more notice of. Every year at our annual conference somebody will ask why we as an association are not doing more to reduce utility costs, change legislation or seek exemptions on building codes for used structures. My feeling is the best way to affect change is to act at a more local level.

The movers in North Carolina are on the verge of getting good things done. In British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, movers have input in any proposed changes to permit procedures, equipment standards and policy changes regarding the movement of over dimensional loads. The Texas association of structural movers has met with the Texas permit people and the Minnesota movers meet on a monthly basis to maintain and improve their moving conditions.

What does this have to do with IASM? If not for IASM some of these groups would not exist. Our association in the Province of Saskatchewan was formed when IASM member Garnet Lucyk and I met at a conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Over 90 percent of the founders and current leaders of all of the previously mentioned groups are IASM members. IASM is in a unique position to foster and encourage the formation of more of these associations and to provide a way for them to share information, experience and tactics on how to affect change. What works in North Carolina may work in North Dakota as well.

If you do not have an active structural mover association in your state or province, I encourage you to begin the process

of forming one. Start with any IASM members in your area. Sign up fellow movers in our association. Our annual conference makes a good meeting place to start talking about local problems with a competitor who may not wish to talk with you at home.

Based on my personal experience the more communication I have with other movers on a regional and international level, the safer and more profitable my company becomes. We are already well organized internationally. Business seems to be strong in all areas. People are more co-operative when things are going well. As industry leaders now is the time to start acting locally.



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