

Staff Executive/ Editor's Comments



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A Magnanimous 'Thank You'

Active participation in any association requires commitment on the part of individual members, especially of their time, knowledge and even their money. Without the participation of such members an organization would simply not succeed. Even with ample funds, an effective staff could maintain the structure for a while, but its effectiveness would ring hollow.

IASM is most fortunate to have several members who recognize that the association's representation of their industry is absolutely vital to the continued success of their own companies. Despite daily requirements on their time, just as with all structural movers, such members are willing to carve out the necessary time to aid the association. They do this by participating in conference calls, visiting prospects to encourage them to become a member, attend committee meetings, conferences and serve on boards and committees. Some even attends meetings of other structural moving associations.

Following are a few examples of such members of IASM who gave back to the association and the industry this past year. Let me encourage you to acknowledge their contributions and express a magnanimous "Thank You" to all of them.

D. Michael "Mike" Blake for serving as president of the association this past year. Mike did an excellent job and represented you well. He never hesitated to contact anyone at anytime to resolve a situation or seek advice. He brought tears to those at the recognition dinner when he addressed special words to his wife Penny. (Well, at least to the women.) Thanks, Mike, for a job done well. I thoroughly enjoyed working with you.

Murray Nickel for serving as treasurer. We hated to loose him to personal plans but we can't argue with retirement. His former companies remain and offer strong participation.

Robert Hayden, the gruff sounding guy from Massachusetts who is most knowledgeable and charitable for serving as a director for the past two years.

Danny Cain, Charlie Johnson, Donald Barbee, Kenneth Zdrojewski, Jerry Matyiko, Joedy Jahns and Lance Renshaw for education presentations.

John, Jerry, Joe and Jim Matyiko for hosting the yard visit and providing lunch during the annual conference.

Wayne Overton and members of the North Carolina House Movers Association for hosting the hospitality room at the annual conference.

Tom Erickson and Michael J. Picket for hosting a luncheon.

Dave Pizur, Christian Cancienne and Warren Davie for providing funding for educational and printing materials.

Do Quoc Khanh, his daughter Nga and Magnus Martensson for traveling to the meeting from Sweden and Vietnam. And to Magnus Martensson for recommending his son, Andreas, for service as a director and being willing to bear expenses for Andreas to travel to the U.S. for committee meetings.

Officers, directors and committee members and the Ladies Group for its support of the association and the educational fund.

Jahns Structure Jacking Systems for contributing a Power Pack Package as a prize for the annual raffle.

Maguire Agency for its strong financial support and in many other areas.

Vendors who participated in the Products & Services Exposition.

And last but not least, let me encourage ALL members to consider becoming more involved in the association through your volunteer participation. Consider inviting one of those 650 structural moving companies out there that are not members to join IASM, an association that is working to improve their working conditions as well. Some of them are just down the road from you, are your friends and possibly a competitor.

And, if you have not renewed your membership for 2009, don't delay any longer. It is already Spring.