



# President's Message



David J. Scribner

## Zapping would be easier

As the elected leader of your industry association, I'd like to share a little personal history with you. I'm guessing a great many of you could tell a very similar story.

In 1945 in David City, Nebraska, I was born as the only son to Fenton & Edith Scribner. My mother died in 1973 and my dad, from whom I learned most of what I know about this trade, died in 1994. I have two sisters, Donna and Carole. We get together from time to time to share memories and a laugh or two. Jeanne Smith and I married in 1965. We were blessed to have three children of whom we are extremely proud: Brian, Michelle and William. And, as an added bonus, we have been doubly blessed with two future house mover grandsons: Anthony and Carson. Jeanne and I parted ways in 1984. Some of you know for 12 years I attended IASM events with wife Susan. A couple of years ago she decided to graze what she may believe to be greener pastures elsewhere. My children were very happy when I announced my engagement earlier this year to Kathleen Vencalek, a Registered Nurse from Omaha, NE. (I'm planning on "in house" medical expertise and supervision when social security days arrive.)

Proof of limited formal education is a graduation certificate from David City Public High School in 1963. My practical education has been a gradual process over 39 years, first working with my father and after becoming owner of Scrib's House Moving, Inc. I'd bet your "growing up days" have been very much like mine.

Fortunately I was present at the initial organizational meetings when a small group laid the groundwork for what has become IASM. If you read my "President's Message" in the June issue of this publication you already know I feel very strongly that members of IASM should take advantage of all opportunities to learn everything possible about specific aspects of this industry. I believe the very best place to do so is through educational sessions presented at Annual Conferences and from products offered by the Association. You don't

have to be a Fulbright or Rhodes scholar or a rocket scientist to learn the finer points of moving structures. (I suspect Fulbright, Rhodes nor Wernher von Braun could match our skills in moving a house). This brings me to the main point of this "message."

Several members and staff have recently been involved assisting David Hale, of 44 Blue Productions, in the development of a two-hour documentary on the History of Structural Moving. As is most often the case with such projects, studios always want to tell about the most historic, heaviest, largest, longest, tallest, widest or unusual move. That's understandable. And we are proud of all of them as they highlight what we, as companies and an industry, can do. But there is much more to this industry than the "most whatever's." The majority of structural movers that are members of IASM are like my company and me, average. We are the everyday face of structural moving around this globe. We make up the majority of all structures moved. Our average jobs are the bread and butter moves that provide a comfortable living for each of us, and our families.

That is why I want to encourage every member of this association to enter in the 2006 Awards Competition some job you have already completed, or will complete this year. Only companies that enter can be eligible to compete in the various categories. Use the Awards Competition Entry Application Form on page 55. You're chance of being announced the winner of (whatever category you enter) is the same as any other member.

It would be wonderful, and much easier, if I could simply zap each of you, like they do in Star Wars, so you would automatically enter the competition each year. But, since that is not yet possible I can only invite and encourage you to do so.

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