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The 112th Annual Conference and 30th Annual School is just around the corner. The Tri-State Section and the International staff have worked very hard to develop a program that is both educational and interesting. Don't miss out on the great technical sessions, certification classes, exhibit hall and networking opportunities. Have you renewed your Certification? The Conference is a great opportunity for you to take the current exam in your specialty. You may register for the certification class or challenge the exam for your renewal. If you haven't already registered, there is a registration form included with this issue of the Journal.

Please note President Akin's article on page seven. In it he mentions the IMSA's great member retention rate. Here is what some IMSA members have told me about their IMSA membership.

"IMSA has been a big benefit to not only me, but my employees. It has also been brought to attention nationally with representation on several national committees. The organization has also been recognized by many states for their Work Zone certification and Traffic Signal certification. Most cities require some type of certification in the public works area; most of them require IMSA."

"For me, the peer-to-peer benefit of being able to get feedback on issues or questions through the members discussion forum on the web is a great asset for my job and our City as I am able "to pick others brains" if you will, at my schedule and without leaving the office! There is indeed a wealth of knowledge to be gained from within our membership. The other main benefit for our City is in requiring those doing work for the City to have IMSA certification so that we have a certain guarantee of their expertise, and hopefully therefore, a quality job for the July / August 2007

taxpayers."

"We believe it is imperative that individuals involved in the design, placement and maintenance of traffic control devices should remain informed of changes to the standards set for in the MUTCD. IMSA membership, technical sessions and certification courses meet the demand for continued education in specialized fields. A valuable benefit of IMSA membership is the subscription to the IMSA Journal. The Journal is a specialized tool that keeps members abreast of current changes that affect both the employee and employer. The Journal is especially important for employees that cannot regularly attend technical sessions. A well trained/informed employee improves safety for workers and the motorist, while reducing agency/company tort liability. IMSA members are also eligible to participate in the Technical Advancement Recognition Program (TARP). Available only to IMSA members, this program will recognize those that continue their education/training after certification. Approved training session are awarded points and submitted to the IMSA, (e.g. technical classes, license update classes, etc.) This International recognition encourages employees to remain proficient in their field, reducing risk for the employee and employer. IMSA members receive reduced registration costs for all IMSA certification and technical sessions. IMSA membership elevates employee self-esteem, as a valuable team member. IMSA membership supports the local IMSA Section, which exists to serve the members. The IMSA Journal is an informative periodical intended to keep members current in their field."

These are just a few of the comments I have received from members. If you are already a member of IMSA, congratulations for your wise decision. If any of your co-workers are not members, encourage them to join. A membership application is included with this issue of the Journal.

In closing, we look forward to seeing you in Louisville and if you can't make it to the Conference this year, plan on attending in 2008 at the beautiful Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa in Chandler, Arizona.



IMSA apologies to Bill Moroski, IMSA Michigan Section Director and Certification Chair. Bill's name was missing from the article "The Next MUTCD: What to Expect in Temporary Traffic Control" that was published on page 45 of the May/June 2007 IMSA Journal

Welcome New Members

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| Bohannon, Scott | Henderson, Kenny D. |
| Caddell, James D. | LaFon, Randall W. |
| Garrett, David E. | Nelson, Dan |
| Gilreath, David | Reed, Gerald L. |
| Harvey, Lamar | Reichert, Benjamin T. |
| Kelly, Abbott B. | Sarda, Nimmi |
| Kyler, Leroy | Stewart, Rustin |
| Patterson, Grace Lee | Strelow, William L. |
| Pettigrew, Claude P. | Teniente, Mary F. |
| Porter, Emerson | Thomas, Troy D |
| Richards, Larry W. | |
| Walton, Barry J. | |

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| Cepek, Frank J. |
| Clark, Anthony A. |
| Conley, Bobby |
| Crow, James L. |
| King, Stanley W. |
| Groves, James |
| Seeley, David A. |

NEW SUSTAINING MEMBERS WITH EXISTING COMPANIES

Sturgeon Electric Company, Inc.

Applegate, Jeffrey C.

DeWeese, Rocky R.

Dudek, Jose

Gneiser, Wayne R.

Welham, Corvin G.

Bondo Corporation

Cummings, Mark S.

Traficon

Gudnitz, Syrina

Capital Enterprise & Engineering

Gossack, Ed

Reed, Ron

L.W. Bills

Cleaves, Freeman



OBITUARIES

Paul Pjesky Northwest Section

Paul Pjesky was an honorary member of IMSA.

Aaron S. Barnett, P.E. Northwest Section

Aaron S. Barnett, P.E. was a City Engineer in Greenville, Mississippi. He joined IMSA in 2002.