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The National Work Zone Awareness Week National Kick-Off and Media Event will be held in New York City April 19-23, 2010.

For details visit www.workzonesafety.org.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Craig MacKenzie

Each year in April, National Work Zone Awareness Week is held to bring attention to motorist and worker safety issues in work zones. Although this year's series of events falls during the week of April 19-23, those of us that work in, or are responsible for work involving roadway work zones are reminded of the dangers daily. As well informed and prepared as we try to be, both as workers and as motorists, there are increasing distractions that compete with the information that we need to process at any given time. Please take this opportunity to reflect on, not only how diligent we are in our work zone preparations, but also how we react and adjust to situations that confront us when we are behind the wheel. There's always room for improvement, on both sides.

The Mid-Winter meetings are scheduled for January 12-15, 2010 and feature Steve Ingram of Sightline Solutions facilitating the first strategic meeting of the Council of Delegates. Items on the agenda include a review of accomplishments over the last three years and the challenges that associations such as ours are facing in today's economic climate. Other items up for discussion involve identifying and prioritizing IMSA's organizational issues, how these issues can be addressed, and prioritizing future goals. Also on tap at the Mid-Winter Meetings will be a Certification forum where areas of the process that require clarification or fine tuning will be discussed. As we work our way through the new Governance Policy Manual, we are naturally finding areas where adjustments are necessary. This aspect was fully expected and will be dealt with as needed using small working groups or Task Forces. As of this writing, Lenny Hulme continues to lead the Task Force charged with reviewing the changes in the process of certification and refining the language in Part III of the GPM. The group has made quick progress and is expecting to have a report ready for the Board when they meet in January. Please be sure to watch the member's only section of the IMSA website as updates will be posted as they are made official.

The new twist in the IMSA governance process for this year is the election of the President-Elect by the Association's voting membership. Nominations for President-Elect close in late January and the nominating committee is to review the candidates early in February. By the time you receive this issue of the Journal, a list of qualified candidates will be posted on our website and ballots will be available to IMSA voting members in March. As scheduled, elections close on April 25 and Executive Director Marilyn Lawrence will announce election results by May 5th. The nominations for Director at Large also close in late January. There are four positions available and the names of those nominated are to be forwarded to the Council of Delegates in late February. The Nominating Committee will meet at the Annual Conference to review the list of candidates and make recommendations to the Council of Delegates. The Council will then vote to fill the four available positions when they meet on June 25th.

The Section Charter Agreement has been left with the individual Sections for signing with return to the International office expected by January 1st, 2010. Being that there were no major concerns raised during the document review period, I look forward to having all Sections signed off and in agreement as we move forward in the New Year. I would like to again thank those on this Task Force for their time and effort invested in this project. I believe at this time it would be prudent to release the Task Force members from this commitment and treat any further issues that arise from the Charter Agreement process separately and on an as needed basis.

Plans are well underway for the 115th IMSA Annual Conference & 33rd Annual School, hosted by the Southwestern Section, June 22 - 29 at the Intercontinental Dallas Hotel in Addison, Texas. This year's event arrives on the calendar earlier than usual so adjust your schedule and make your plans to attend soon. As well, watch this issue and future Journal issues for your registration information along with conference hosts Tracy and Quinn Nichols' articles for updates and local area information.

Regards, Craig MacKenzie, IMSA President

