By the time you receive this issue of the Journal, the 110th Annual Conference and 28th Annual School will have ended. As I write this article, we are not quite three weeks away from the first day of the Conference. As you can imagine, the International office staff is very busy making preparations for the Conference and excited to see the fruits of their labor.

The IMSA Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, and on Friday, the Business Plan, Certification and Nominating Committees will meet. Saturday, the Board of Directors hold their annual meeting. Sunday, the IMSA Educational Foundation Board of Directors will meet and then Sunday evening, we have the Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there will be technical sessions and certification program review classes. These are just a few of the events at the Conference. I hope you were a part of this exciting week.

At the end of the Conference, a new President of IMSA will take office. A big thank you to Don Fullerton for his service as President of IMSA. He did a great job for you! Thanks, too, to Jim Suzman for his years of service on the IMSA Executive Committee. It was a long commitment and he served you well.

The new President will make any appropriate changes in the Committee assignments so if you are interested in being more active at the International level, let me know if you are interested in participating in any committee activity. Here are the committees of IMSA:


The end of September I will make a trip to Overland Park, Kansas to meet with the 2006 Host Committee to start planning our next Annual Conference. According to statistics, Overland Park is within a one-day drive for 58 million people! Make sure to get the dates of July 20-26, 2006 on your calendar so you can be with us.

Our January/February issue will have the 2005 Conference wrap-up. Until then, have a wonderful holiday season and stay safe.

Robert F. Muller
New Jersey Section

Robert F. Muller, Past President of the New Jersey Section, was a life member. Bob retired from the Montclair Fire Department after 25 years of service as a fire fighter and Supt. Of the Montclair Fire Alarm Division. After retiring from the Montclair Fire Dept., Bob became Operations Officer for the Morris County Fire and Police Academy in Parsippany, New Jersey. Bob also spent 20 years as a member of the Army Reserve National Guard and as a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He had been a member of IMSA since 1978.

Charles (Mike) Newman
Central Section

Charles (Mike) Newman, Transportation Projects Inspector II for the City of Overland Park, Kansas, died July 1, 2005. Mike joined IMSA in 1982 and held several certifications related to Traffic Signals and Street Lights.

Frank Kiefer
Tri-State

Retired City of Mt. Lebanon, PA. Passed on July 29, 2005.

Orville E. Schuldt
Empire Section

Orville worked as an electrician for the City of Tonawanda before retiring in 1984. Past President of the Empire Section and a life member of IMSA.

R.M. Cassety, Jr.
Southeastern Section

R. M. Cassety, Jr. from Stone Mountain, Georgia recently passed. He had been a member of IMSA since January 1971.