

Section News

Middle Atlantic Section

2007 has been a very busy and productive year for the section. Since it has been some time since our last report, following is an outline of the things we've accomplished this year and some plans for the future.

2007 2nd Annual Hampton Roads Conference & School

Approximately 75 people attended our March 6th 2007 Conference at the Suffolk Hilton Garden Inn. A full day of TARP eligible seminars, a buffet breakfast and lunch with our exhibitors and the Middle Atlantic's Annual Meeting was squeezed into a single busy day. Four days of certification reviews were held in conjunction with the conference at VDOT and City of Suffolk facilities. Special thanks go out to both these organizations for their continued support of IMSA.

Outreach Efforts

In an effort to increase collaboration with related regional trade organizations, the section equipped a booth for exhibitions held by the APWA and VASITE this summer. May 16th and 17th, Steve Doane and Lonnie Tebow manned the section booth at APWA's regional meeting and exhibition in Hampton Virginia. VASITE's meeting held June 27th & 28th in on the Virginia Beach waterfront, proved to be an excellent opportunity to promote IMSA's image. Thomas and Lonnie Tebow did the setup and presentation for this event.

Middle Atlantic Website

Work continues with efforts to revise and improve the section's website. The previous site was discontinued due to problems with remote maintenance. The section hopes to contract with an independent provider for maintenance and page updates but this time with the site residing on the International's server.

2008 3rd Annual Hampton Roads Conference & School

The Suffolk Hilton Garden Inn has been reserved for next year's conference to be held on Tuesday March 4th. Breakfast and lunch will again be provided along with the exhibition hall. A full day of seminars--as in years past--is planned but new this year a sign manufacturing demonstration will be held at the City of Suffolk's sign manufacturing facilities. Certification reviews will begin on Monday with a full slate of certifications including some offered for the first time in the Middle Atlantic section so stay tuned for updates. The Annual Meeting and elections will be held at 8:00 a.m. in conjunction with breakfast in the exhibition hall. Please make plans to attend.

Ontario Section

At the Annual General Meeting, I was re-elected President, and it's a great honour for me to serve again. I look forward to continuing the progress the Section has made in the past year: increased membership, a bigger and better Traffic Expo, informative Tech Sessions, and financial security.

Golf at Deerfield was a great success depending on your score. The weather couldn't have been better. The suppliers donated a terrific selection of prizes --thank you, much appreciated.

I welcome the new Executive Committee that includes two new members: Nancy deBruyn of St. Thomas Energy Services and Simon Tam of the Town of Oakville. In the last couple of regular Executive Board meetings (before AGM), we'd been working on a scheme to divide the province into "zones", with each zone being represented by a Director on the Executive Committee, in an attempt to decentralize and to expand the IMSA activity. The AGM Nomination Committee put out feelers for people in the east and the north, and that didn't happen this year, but we did hook Nancy from the south. More on this new scheme as it unfolds ...

By Jim Keefe



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Steve Doane and Lonnie Tebow represented the Middle Atlantic Section of IMSA at APWA's regional meeting.

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The IMSA Board of Directors Meeting was held Saturday, August 18, 2007 in Louisville. Doug Aiken was the Parliamentarian.