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### About the Cover . . .

Photo for this lighting issue of the *IMSA Journal* supplied by Carrie Smith of Carmanah.

Carmanah EverGEN 1500 solar LED lighting system installed in the parking lot of a California energy facility. Carmanah solar LED lighting delivers up to 6800 lumens of illumination and performs to AC powered lighting standards in a completely off-grid solution.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's June 29<sup>th</sup> as I pen this report to meet the July 1<sup>st</sup> editor's deadline. The Annual Conference is yet to be and all will be history by the time this reaches you. This will be my final report as IMSA President. It has been a privilege and honor to serve in this capacity alongside of the Executive Committee and dedicated staff. The multitudes of passionate volunteers and staff continue to make the IMSA a shining example of philanthropy at it's finest.

*"Service is the rent we pay to be living. It is the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time."* Marian Wright Edelman

*"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."* Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our new President, Craig MacKenzie, will inherit a full agenda of unfinished Board business as we transition from the Executive Committee to the new seven-member Board and from the old Board to the new Council of Delegates (COD). Craig is more than qualified for the task. There are sure to be some bumps in the road, but with a little patience the Association shall be better for the restructuring. Craig is also the Section Alliance Task Force (SATF) Chair. The SATF, along with legal counsel, have accumulated a wealth of resources for Sections. The most important being the Section Alliance Agreement. This agreement provides legal consistency and protection for Section Officers and the IMSA. Implementation should be vigorous, as our first election proceedings for President-Elect are at hand.

Hiring an Assistant Executive Director and a Transportation Specialist will facilitate the transition from the old Certification Committee model to the new Educational Advisory Council (EAC) and Technical Advisory Council (TAC). Each will also hold the title of EAC Secretary (EACS) and TAC Secretary (TACS) respectively.

The EACS will contact high volume certification end users, discover voids in the training market and pursue the development of resources to fill those needs. The Secretary will survey Section Certification Chairs and the General Membership for interest in all proposed training material. Managing the EAC, consulting with the President regarding the appointment of EAC Chairs, coordinating with the TACS for Sustaining Member support for developing & maintaining training material, channeling reports from IMSA Committee Members and Representatives to Specialty Chairs and developing a business plan for each proposed training project will be additional responsibilities of the EACS.

The TACS is responsible for recruiting experts from the Sustaining and General Membership and managing the TAC, under the guidance of the EACS. The Secretary also consults with the President regarding the appointment of TAC Chairs. Existing Specialty Chairs would be the first consideration, if the proposed training fits into an existing specialty.

As this transition transpires, Specialty Chairs will have the opportunity to compete along with other highly qualified members for EAC or TAC chairs and membership on various specialty task forces. Each IMSA Representative, Committee Member, Section Certification Chair, Specialty Chair, EAC and TAC Chair should work closely with the Secretaries to continually review programs and suggest revisions. Task Forces or work groups within the EAC or TAC may be established as deemed necessary by the EAC Chair, TAC Chair or Specialty Chair, as approved in the budget.

The new By-Laws require four Standing Committees; Auditing Committee; Budget Committee; By-Laws & Resolutions Committee and the Nominating & Past



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Presidents Committee. This efficient move from numerous standing committees to EAC/TAC task forces should ease the burden of long term volunteer commitments to never ending Certification Committees and free volunteers to commit to a specific project within a limited timeline. IMSA will continue to have representation with other associations and standard-setting organizations.

The newly formed COD (former Directors and Alternate Directors from each Section) will be tasked with the responsibility of drafting a strategic plan for the IMSA, monitoring the Board's implementation of said plan and electing four Board Members-at-Large.

A multi-media task force has been created to examine all training course media. Objectives include searching for media that is cost-effective and suitable for in-house editing and to convert all courses, including audio, visual and print.

I look forward to serving as Past President and offer my service to Craig and the Board as they see appropriate. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve!

*"I have the consolation of having added nothing to my private fortune during my public service, and retiring with hands clean as they are empty." Thomas Jefferson*