

# IPMS/USA 2023 National Convention Business Meeting

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#### **Executive Board Introductions**

- ★ Dave Lockhart President Duluth, GA
- ★ Phil Peterson 1st Vice President Kearns, UT
- ★ John Bonanni 2nd Vice President Parker, CO
- ★ Mike Oberholtzer Treasurer River Forest, IL
- ★ John Figueroa Director of Local Chapters Fort Wayne, IN
- ★ Dave Knights Recruitment and Retention Secretary Louisville, KY
- ★ Ro Annis Historian/Publications Director Park Ridge, IL
- ★ Rob Booth Secretary Ingram, TEXAS!



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#### **IPMS National Staff Introductions**

- ★ Marie Van Schoonhoven National Office Manager Riverview, FL
- ★ Nancy Kennedy-Hackney Member & Event System Admin Omaha, NE
- \* Steve Broghall Military and Veterans Services Orrs Island, ME
- ★ Chris Bucholtz IPMS/USA Journal Editor Alameda, Ca
- ★ John Heck IPMS/USA Journal Art Director San Jose, CA
- ★ Eric Aitala IPMS/USA Webmaster State College, PA
- ★ David Willis IPMS/USA Web Forum Administrator Panama City, FL
- ★ Paul Markezich IPMS/USA Associate Webmaster Morris, IL
- ★ Rick Jackson IPMS/USA Associate Webmaster Moore, OK



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT DAVE LOCKHART



#### Goals for 2023 - 2024

- ★ Develop an on-line (Zoom) chapter for remotely located IPMS/USA members who don't have access to a chapter.
- \* Work with NCSC in developing more tools to help chapters host nationals.
- \* Work on improving the value of membership in IPMS/USA.
- \* Expand participation in the organization by our membership.
- Work with NCC to set up exploratory committees to examine judging criteria, protocols & training.
- ★ Improve communication within the organization.
- ★ Work with a director and committee on developing social media conduits for our organization.



#### 1st Vice President's Report Phil Peterson



- \* Reviewer Corp is in good shape but we can always use more reviewers. One group that could use some help is our Posting Team. They are the ones who post the finished reviews on our website. If interested, please see me.
- ★ I would like to give a special thanks to Dick Montgomery who has finally decided to retire from the Corps. Dick has held pretty much every position in the team and while this will be a well deserved rest, we will miss him.
- \* We keep adding new companies and continue to receive a lot of awesome items from our regular contributors. Please check out the reviews on the site and support the companies who support us.
- \* We posted 485 reviews in 2022 and as of 7/24/23 we have posted 263 year to date.



## 2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT JOHN BONANNI



#### **Work to Date**

- \* Supported IPMS Mad City Modelers in finding a new venue for the 2024 National Convention.
- \* Assisted IPMS Tidewater and Polk Area Model Society in developing bids for the 2025 National Convention.
- \* Continuously supporting National Convention inquiries (feel free to reach out!).

#### What's Next

- \* Support IPMS Mad City Modelers for the 2024 convention; the team is hard at work already, and it will be an unforgettable experience.
- \* Build out the NCSC with new members based on the committee charter and ensure local clubs have the resources they need to bid, plan, and execute a national convention.
- \* Publish a 2023 post-show survey to collect attendee data and build a repository to support continuous improvement.



### TREASURER'S REPORT MIKE OBERHOLTZER



- \*2023 is going well financially. As of the end of June our balance sheet was almost exactly the same as last year. (Without the need to pay a large and early deposit for the 2024 convention venue we would be about \$31,000 ahead of last year.) Convention revenues are higher than last year so far.
- **★**Our membership and convention registration system continues to perform well.
- \*We continue to see higher renewal rates and more convention pre-registrations as a result of the myipmsusa.org (Wild Apricot) system.
- \*We switched out credit card processing system from PayPal to Affinipay in April. This saves us thousands a year in transaction fees. We still have PayPal available for those who prefer to use it and for onsite transactions at the convention.
- \*We are beginning to make use of our email capabilities to learn more about member preferences and needs. We will be sending our surveys on a fairly regular basis on many topics, and reporting back on what we learn. We will also be using our member and event data to better understand how convention location impacts attendance.





#### **Regional Coordinators**

#### New

- ★ Region 1, Northeast Mark Norman, Hopewell Junction, NY.
- \*Region 4, Great Lakes Allyson Kebschull, Hammond, IN.

#### **Vacancies**

- \*Region 8, Southern California John Figueroa interim.
- \*Region 11, Florida Vacant, John Figueroa Interim (selection process in progress).

#### **Local Chapters**

★We currently have 215 Chapters.





#### **Gains**

- ★Shenandoah Valley Modelers (Stephens City, VA) Region 2
- \*Appalachian Scale Modelers' Association (Johnson City, TN) -Region 3
- ★The Sultans of Sprue (Hammond, IN) Region 4
- ★IPMS Monterrey (Monterrey, Mexico) Region 6
- ★101 Wonders (Port Hueneme, CA) Region 8
- ★ Northern Utah Scale Modelers (Clearfield, UT) Region 10
- ★Lafayette Scale Modelers (Fayetteville, NC) Region 12
- ★The Bunker Club (Clyde, PA) Region 13 (Virtual Chapter)
- \*Ad Astra Modeling Club (Topeka, KS) Region 14

#### Losses

★Curitiba Brazil – Region 13





#### **Document Development and Status**

- \*Regional Coordinator Job Description, complete. Posted to IPMS/USA website.
- \*Chapter Contact Job Description, complete. Posted to IPMS/USA website.
- \* IPMS/USA Annual Achievement Awards Update, complete. Posted to IPMS/USA website.
- ★ IPMS/USA Event Insurance Guidelines Update, complete. Posted to IPMS/USA website.





#### **IPMS/USA Member Survey Series**

- ★IPMS/USA is trying to better meet the needs of our members and prospective members. This is the first of a series of surveys we will use to gather information on members' views on different aspects of IPMS/USA.
- ★ First survey in the series, IPMS/USA National Convention, sent to all IPMS/USA Members on July 23, 2023.
- \*Other surveys will be sent out on aa approximately regular schedule.
- \*Surveys will be designed to be completed by Members in five minutes or less.



# HISTORIAN/PUBLICATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT RO ANNIS



#### **IPMS/USA Journal**

- ★ Improved communication and coordination with Eboard.
- \*Working to deliver the magazine on schedule.
- ★ Plans to expand the magazine's production team.
- ★ Members contributing more articles than before.
- \*Adding more editorials, chapter, and member specific content.

#### Historian

- \*Helping members with archive requests.
- ★We now have a complete archive which is approximately 50% digitized.



# RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION SECRETARY'S REPORT DAVID KNIGHTS



GOALS FOR 2023 - 2024

- **★Goal** #1
- **★Goal#2**
- **★Etc.**



#### SECRETARY'S REPORT ROB BOOTH



- \* Continue to support the E-Board in moving forward with our initiatives for 2023-2025.
- ★ Encourage feedback from the membership to improve the IPMS/USA experience for all.
- ★ Continue to reach out to under-represented genres of the modeling community with a welcoming message.
- ★ Coordinate with the other branches of IPMS worldwide to ensure a consistent welcoming message and membership experience to the scale modeling community.
- \* Work with the DLC to strengthen the RC structure within the Society to promote consistency of the IPMS/USA initiatives and messaging, and support Regional and Local events.



### OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT MARIE VAN SCHOONHOVEN



- \*Address Changes- still receiving Journals back from the post office unable to forward. Please verify your address when renewing and notify me (manager@ipmsusa.org) prior to your move or go to your online profile in Wild Apricot and update your address as soon as you have it.
- ★Renewals please be sure to renew prior to exp date to avoid missing any Journal issues.
- ★Journal copy replacement or to purchase issues going back to Jan/Feb 2016 email me directly: manager@ipmsusa.org
- ★ Coming soon to the online store, the ability to purchase IPMS/USA Name Badges and back issues of the Journal (as far back as Jan/Feb 2016)
- \*Thank you for your Membership, it is greatly appreciated. Without "u" there is no "us".





#### **ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?**

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND INPUT,
AND ATTENDING THE IPMS/USA 2023 NATIONAL
CONVENTION.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN IPMS/USA.

ENJOY THE REST OF THE CONVENTION AND WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT SUMMER IN (MUCH COOLER) MADISON, WISCONSIN!