



# President's Report

Jeff Messerschmitt, *President of the Missouri Valley Ice Manufacturer's Association*



It is such an honor to be president of the Missouri Valley Ice Manufacturer's Association; so many diverse and talented people have graced the president's job.

The fall convention was held in Eau Claire WI. at the beautiful Plaza Hotel & Suites. The hosts were Bob and Chris Moelter and Paul and Kathy Lecher, owners of American Ice in Eau Claire. Nearly 100 people were in attendance.

Sunday opened up with the board meeting followed by a golf tournament and trap shooting adventure. Sunday night was the dinner along

with presentation of the lifetime achievement awards. Those honored with the lifetime achievement award were Debbie Thomas, Jerry Counsell, and Carl Hughes. Thanks again to these three people to have devoted a lot of time and passion to keep the Missouri Valley Ice Manufacturer's Association the strong organization that it is today.

Monday had a optional trip to the Mall Of America. The keynote speaker was Michael Perry, Michael is a humorist and author of the bestselling memoir *Truck: A Love Story and Population 485*. Michael was a very down to earth guy and extremely entertaining. Later that evening at dinner the Jail Bailers brought down the house with their variety song and dance troupe.

Tuesday was the annual business meeting. The membership voted to allow suppliers full membership privileges. After the meeting we toured American Ice. This is a state of the art facility, which was brand new less than two years ago. Also on hand was the Eau Claire Fire Department, a fire truck and haz-mat vehicle along with the tools for fighting and containing fires and

chemical spills. After a delicious lunch it was off for home.

Upcoming conventions are March 1-3 in Jefferson City Missouri. Laron Hilke of Hilke's Ice in Freeburg is hosting this convention in the capital city. He and his family have hosted numerous conventions and we are in for a great learning experience and a good time for new and old friends to get together.

The fall dates are October 11-14 and the city is Chicago. We have never been to Chicago for a convention and are truly looking for a outstanding time. Harold Teehan of Tinley Ice Co is hosting this convention, Harold is a true Chicagoan and we will have a excellent convention. We have raised almost \$10,000 in our silent auctions for enhancing the Chicago convention. I personally invite all to attend both of these conventions. The things learned at conventions are priceless.

While it is nearly 10 degrees in Ottumwa Iowa we all know that winter is finally upon us. Looking for a hot and profitable summer is what keeps us all going. ■

## FUTURE CONVENTION SITES

### **Spring 2009** March 1-3

The Truman Hotel  
Jefferson City, Missouri  
*hosted by Hilke's Ice Co.*

### **Fall 2009** October 10-13

Comfort Inn & Conference Center  
Orlando Park, Illinois  
*hosted by Tinley Ice Co.*

### **Spring 2010** Early March

Kansas City, Missouri  
*hosted by McGrath Ice and/or Arctic  
Glacier of Kansas City*

### **Fall 2010** October

Oconomowoc, Wisconsin  
*hosted by Mr. Ice Company*



# Secretary's Notes

Tom Howat, *Secretary of the Missouri Valley Ice Manufacturer's Association*



To start with, I must once again thank Bob Moelter. Not only for all the work he did to make our meeting in Eau Claire a success but for his year of extraordinary guidance and leadership as the President of our Association. Bob got us off of square one in more than one area and I think we all owe him a debt of gratitude. I am also looking forward to Jeff Messerschmitt ably filling Bob's shoes and continuing the trend that Bob started for us.

That said, I would like to introduce our members who weren't in Eau Claire to your new Officers and Board members:

## Officers 2008 – 2009 Term

**President, Jeff Messerschmitt**  
Messerschmitt Ice  
Ottumwa, Ia  
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**Vice President, Dan Mcgrath**  
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Independence, Mo  
816-461-6120

**Treasurer, David Mullins**  
Arctic Glacier Ice Of K.C.  
N. Kansas City, Mo  
816-257-2250

**Secretary, Tom Howat**  
Ice Systems & Supplies, Inc.  
St. Peters, Mo  
800-235-9088

## Directors 2008 – 2013 Term

**Jeremy Ellwein**  
A.G./Tour Ice Of Pierre  
Pierre, Sd  
605-224-4993

**Mike Hughes**  
Bluff City Ice  
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## Directors 2007 – 2012 Term

**Bernie Akemann**  
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Mid America Packaged Ice  
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## Directors 2006 – 2011 Term

**Jason Hans**  
Mr. Ice Company, Inc.  
Ixonia, Wi  
920-474-7422

**Tommy Burns**  
Delta Ice Service  
W. Memphis, Ar  
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## Directors 2005 – 2010 Term

**Mark Vilhauer**  
Extreme Ice  
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406-232-1550

**Laron Hilke**  
Hilke's Ice Co.  
Freeburg, MO  
573-744-5500

## Directors 2004 – 2009 Term

**Nancy Brewer**  
Brewer's Ice  
Eminence, Mo  
573-226-5564

**Tom Miller**  
Artesian Ice & Cs  
St. Joseph, Mo  
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## Supplier Representative 2008 – 2010 Term

**Jon Tornatta**  
I.T.C. Corporation  
Evansville, In  
812-480-5049

Thank you all for taking the time to work with this Association on behalf of your fellow icemen (and women).

I recently attended the IPIA convention in Colorado Springs and it was really something. The suppliers went out of their way to put on a really great and informative event. The IPIA put on a fabulous program touching on a great many aspects of our business that appealed to both the companies and the Region Associations that were present. The one thing I found most rewarding was that of the fifty-eight American ice companies in attendance – TWENTY of them were Missouri Valley members. Thanks to all who came, I hope you had fun and learned a little bit.

As we enter the winter season, here's hoping everyone accomplishes what you had plans to do this off-season. Whether that means upgrading your plant, taking time off in a warmer climate or just staying close to family and friends – here's wishing you the best and looking forward to seeing you March 1 – 3, 2009 in Jefferson City, MO.



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