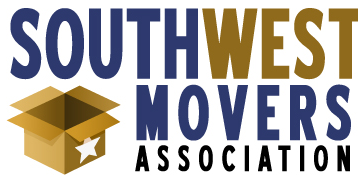


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MOVEFAX

July 16, 2010

Dear SMA Member:

The SMA Foundation has just granted \$11,000 in scholarships to deserving students of SMA member companies.

To make these generous grants, the SMA Foundation holds a fundraiser during the September annual meeting. The fundraiser this year, with all proceeds going to the Foundation, will have both a silent and a live auction. The live auction will feature: A Tandem Bicycle (Texas Moving Company); an Artist Signed Print (Andy Crocker); and a Shotgun (Chris Rullo).

Your \$ donations to purchase items for the silent auction will be much appreciated and it will show your appreciation for this SMA membership benefit. Your donations will be acknowledged and may be filed for tax deductions with the IRS.

The annual meeting and trade show is September 22-24, Lost Pines Resort, Lost Pines, TX. The Winter-Spring Moving and Trucking Day at the Texas Capitol is February 15-16, 2011. The Legislature is reconvening in 2011. Please mark your calendars now.

The SMA summer meeting in Hot Springs went well. If you were unable to attend, we missed you and look forward to your joining us at the annual meeting in September.

Dorothy Brooks
Director of Operations

SMA Foundation Donations Requested - Silent Auction

SMA members have the opportunity to support and show their appreciation for the Foundation by making a cash donation for the purchase of items to go into the silent auction. The auction will be held during the SMA annual conference in September. Checks should be made payable to SMA Foundation, with a note on the subject line: "Silent Auction".

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Education Sessions Planned for Annual Meeting

- *Legal Ramifications Involving Religious Freedom in the U.S. Workplace* - Prayer Breakfast with Hiram Sasser, Director of Litigation for Liberty Legal Institute.
- *Power of the Internet, Search Engines and Websites* - Sean Burchell.
- *Going from Good to Great: Will your company be an enduring company?* - Bobby Albert and Jason Turner, Albert Moving & Storage.
- *CSA 2010* - Scott Sullins, Great West Casualty Company
- *Moving for the Military and the DP3 Program* - (This topic was suggested at the summer meeting this week. Staff needs a recommendation(s) for a knowledgeable speaker for this program.)
- *TxDMV - Restructuring and Mission* - Edward Serna, Executive Director, TxDMV, has been invited to speak.

Houston-Galveston Region Survey; SMA Member Participation Invited

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI), in partnership with TMTA and SMA, is working to identify freight movement impediments and potential solutions for the Houston-Galveston region. As a first step, ATRI is soliciting carrier input through an online survey to identify the most congested areas of highway within the region. As stakeholders, it is imperative that we record your input.

ATRI's analysis of the survey results will be available to TMTA and SMA members and presented to the Houston-Galveston Area Council to assist in the prioritization of critical infrastructure and operational improvements designed to enhance freight productivity throughout the region. If your fleet has operations in or through the Houston-Galveston area, please take a few minutes to complete this short survey ([click here](#)). A reminder that your responses are confidential and will be reported in the aggregate only.

SMA Partners with Move for Hunger Program

At the summer meeting, SMA's Board approved SMA partnering with Move for Hunger, a non-profit organization that works with moving companies to pick up unwanted, unopened food during the moving process and deliver it to local food banks.

How to participate, enrollment forms, rewards gained from participating in the program in addition to providing a worthwhile humanitarian service in your own community will be forthcoming in news releases, in MoveFax and posted on the SMA website next week. Stay tuned! Three SMA members, Queen Moving & Storage, Houston; American Relocation & Storage, Austin; and Hart Moving & Storage, Lubbock are already active participants in the program.

New Senate Committee Chairman Appointments

Lt. Governor David Dewhurst announced changes to Senate Committee assignments for the 81st Legislature, including eight committee chairmanships.

The following changes were made in committee chairs:

Administration - Sen. Kevin Eltife (Tyler)

Business & Commerce - Sen. John Carona (Dallas)

Economic Development - Sen. Mike Jackson (La Porte)

Jurisprudence - Sen. Chris Harris (Arlington)

Natural Resources - Sen. Troy Fraser (Horseshoe Bay)

Nominations - Sen. Bob Deuell (Greenville)

Transportation & Homeland Security - Sen. Tommy Williams (The Woodlands)*

Select Committee on Veterans Health - Sen. Jeff Wentworth (San Antonio)

*Senator Tommy Williams is a former TMTA Legislator of the Year.

ATA Asks Congress for Renewable Diesel Tax Credits

Last week, ATA President and CEO Bill Graves wrote Reps. Baucus, Levin, Grassley and Camp to reiterate ATA's support of the renewable diesel tax credit that expired at the end of 2009. The \$1 per gallon biodiesel tax credit would help narrow the price differential between biodiesel and ultra low sulfur diesel. In light of the federal Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) requirement for petroleum refiners to blend large quantities of renewable fuel into the nation's on-road fuel supply, the expiration of the \$1 per gallon renewable diesel tax credit acts as a hidden fee on the trucking industry by artificially increasing the price of diesel fuel. The letter also asks Congress to apply the tax credit to renewable diesel on a technology-neutral basis and to ensure that all retail sales of on-road diesel fuel comply with the ASTM D975 diesel fuel standard. Renewable diesel (often called second generation biodiesel) is made from vegetable oils and animal fats using a different production process than traditional biodiesel. Renewable diesel overcomes some of the operational challenges presented by first generation biodiesel (i.e., poor cold weather performance and low energy content). The failure to expand the tax credit to include renewable diesel will prevent these new technologies and better fuels from entering the marketplace.

SMA Board Approves Membership for Three New Movers

The SMA Board approved membership for three new mover applicants: Betton Moving Co., Houston; G & M Haulers, Bryan; and All American Movers (The Schlett Co., dba), Beaumont. One applicant mover remained a provisional member pending further background checks.

2010-2011 Nominations for SMA Board

Nominations for SMA Board positions were made and will be voted on at the annual meeting in September. Agreeing to return and serve additional terms on the Board are: Chuck Boydston, Ben Breedlove, Chad Miller, Becky Mobley and Garry Stehle. Declining to remain on the board is: Phillip Garrett, deferring to Debbie McKinley as already representing his company and serving on the Executive Committee. Officers are: Chairman - Gary Hendley; Vice Chairman - Debbie McKinley; Secretary-Treasurer - Ron Clair; Director at Large - Chris Rullo; Rates and Rules - Terry Arnold; Immediate Past Chairman - Andy Crocker; and new member of the Executive Board - Traci McCullah. Nominations of new members to serve: Doug Smith, Daryl Flood; Larry Adams, Adams Transfer & Storage; and Jason Turner, Albert Moving & Storage.

2010 Heritage Award

Richard Willis (Willis Moving & Storage, Inc. - Lubbock) who is a long time member and supporter of SMA and served as chairman 1986-1987, was announced as this year's recipient of the Heritage Award. Congratulations Richard; we look forward to recognizing you and your many contributions to SMA and the moving industry at our annual meeting in September.

SMA PAC Dinner Well Attended at Summer Meeting

The MovePAC dinner at the summer meeting was well attended and resulted in a total of \$1,800 going into the SMA MovePAC Fund. Thank you to everyone who participated and supports this important fund. Your commitment makes it possible for SMA to represent the best interests of the moving industry before state government. Thank you!

2011 Moving and Trucking Day at the Capitol

Moving and Trucking Day at the Texas State Capitol has been set for Feb. 16, 2011. SMA committees and board will meet on the 15. This is a great opportunity to visit with your elected officials during the 2011 Legislative Session. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

SMA Event Calendar for 2010

September 22-24 - Annual Conference & Trade Show, Lost Pines Resort, Lost Pines, TX
October 27 - Austin Board of Realtors Trade Show, Austin, TX
February 16, 2011 - Moving & Trucking Day at the Texas Capitol

TMTA local chapter location addresses are posted on www.tmta.com

July 21 - Houston Local Chapter Meeting
July 28 - Amarillo Local Chapter Meeting
July 27 - 29 TMTA Annual Conference

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