

MOVE-FAX

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Southwest Movers Association

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SMA NEW OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

The following officers and board members were unanimously elected to serve the membership for the upcoming year 2007-2008.

Chairman: Ed Marx; **Vice Chairman:** John Hart; **Secretary-Treasurer:** Andy Crocker; **Director at Large:** Gary Hendley; **New Director at Large:** Debbie McKinley; **Rates and Rules:** Jim French; **Past Chairman:** April Surratt.

The slate for **Board of Directors:** Elected to return to serve another designated term on the Board: Chuck Boydstun, Phillip Garrett, Traci McCullah, Chad Miller, Becky Mobley and Garry Stehle. Newly elected to serve on the Board: Ben Breedlove, Pat Bucher and Marcia Faschingbauer.

SMA staff and members welcome and appreciate these members stepping forward to guide the association in the upcoming year.

We applaud April Surratt for an outstanding year as Chairman and her leadership. Thanks April.

With registration packets at the conference, new Chairman Ed Marx had the staff distribute volunteer forms to serve on SMA committees this year. For those who could not attend the conference and would like to participate on a committee, please contact SMA at 800/759-2305 or email: info@southwestmovers.org and staff will be happy to furnish you a volunteer form. Other members who attended the conference, but did not turn in a form, please do so if you want to be on a committee.

VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE SMA BY-LAWS

The members voted unanimously to adopt the proposed amendments to the SMA by-laws which were proposed at the spring meeting, discussed at the summer board meeting and published in the July issue of The Bulletin.

The amendments adopted will strengthen the ability to review and appropriately deny membership to applicants whose integrity or intent may be questionable.

SMA's TEXAS HOLD-EM TOURNAMENT BENEFITS SMA FOUNDATION

The Texas Hold-em Tournament was a great success. Grand Champion and the one to carry home and keep the trophy for one full year - John Willis. Joe Harris came in a close second, and Dorothy Brooks came in at third. John will not want to give up this trophy; it is unique.

Konrad Gwaltney got in on the action by getting sponsorship donations in memory of Paul Levine. It was a great time!

SMA FOUNDATION RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize: A certificate for \$2,000 for a cruise originating out of Galveston, TX - Roy Adams; **2nd Prize:** A one ct. total weight, diamond pendant necklace, Becky Mobley; **3rd Prize:** Shotgun - Winchester 12 gauge super X2, Julie Harris. Mover's Equipment Services, Inc., Dallas, TX, covered the cost of printing the raffle tickets.

EVALUATION OF CONFERENCE

We would like your in-put on the SMA conference in San Antonio. Please let us know if you liked the change of the Heritage Award luncheon to the first day; if the vendor table set-up in the busiest meeting room worked for both mover and vendor; how did we do on speakers, entertainment and education. We are inviting your comments and suggestions to be considered for a better conference gathering next year.

An evaluation form is attached to this MoveFax and it is also posted on the SMA website at: www.southwestmovers.org.

DAYBREAK MOVING & STORAGE RECEIVES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE FROM THE BBB

Daybreak Moving & Storage, a SMA member moving company, owned by Sheryl Rogers, won an award for excellence presented by the Better Business Bureau. Daybreak was the only Rio Grande Valley company presented with an award. The glass award was etched with the words "2007 BBB Awards for Excellence, Daybreak Moving & Storage Winner of Distinction." Competition was tough as the BBB invited companies from 18 Texas Counties to participate. The BBB honored member companies that maintain a superior commitment to ethics, overall excellence, and quality in the workplace.

When asked why she thought her company won, Rogers stated that she "gives all the credit to the Lord Almighty and He hardly ever gets credit that he deserves."

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO BILL ANDIS

Bill Andis has been the chairman for the SMA Foundation for the past several years. He has spearheaded successful fund raising campaigns, with auctions with special prizes, brought on an excellent set of trustees to carry forward the business and growth of the Foundation, as well as encouraging the adoption of scholarship awards of \$2,000 to as many as five deserving students each year.

Although Bill stepped down as SMA Foundation Chairman at the conference this year, he hasn't stepped down from his support and participation in SMA. This is just to say Thanks Bill! You continue to do a good job for the industry and the members. We appreciate you.

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