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Look at Some of the Ways AMTMA Can Help Your Business and You:

- Network Among Your Peers & Keep Abreast of Industry Trends
- AMTMA annual meetings
- Technical Services, Including Round Robin Programs and Educational Workshops.
- Business Surveys
- Regulatory Support
- Human Resources Support

**Spring Meeting
2007**

March 15-16, 2007

**Chaparral Suites
Scottsdale, AZ**

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Presidents Message - George Schuetz Mahr Federal Inc.



It's a pleasure for me to send out the 1st AMTMA e-mail newsletter under our new organization structure. We will use this method as an effective way to stay in touch with you. The goals of this e-mail newsletter will not only keep the AMTMA fresh in your minds but present tools and information you can use to enhance your Measuring Tool related business.

It's been quiet on the newsletter front, but there have been a lot of activities going on since our last General Meeting in March. This lack of communication by our Managing Group is one of the primary reasons for making the following changes.

Since March, the Board of Directors have been busy restructuring the Association. These activities included:

- Holding a Board meeting at the IMTS Show in September
- Voting to end the relationship with TAI as our management group
- Installing Jim Popovic as the Managing Director effective Nov. 1, 2006
- Transferring all files and accounts to Jim's control

Jim has been working extremely hard since he took over to get control of our accounts, communicating changes in our address and how to reach the Association. During the next few months Jim, and I will be in constant contact with updates and new information.

The Board of Directors and I want to thank you for your patience and support as we work our way to an Association that meets the needs of the American Measuring Tool Manufactures. We realized pretty quickly that the way the Association was being managed had to be changed to allow us to provide the services that you expect while being financially secure. We will also be working to put together an exciting and informative meeting in Scottsdale, AZ during March 15-16, 2007.

2006 appears to have afforded good growth for many of our members. There are specific areas of the country being hurt by localized economic conditions, but the nation as a whole continues to require new measuring equipment. We believe the outlook is good for the coming year.

The Board looks forward to your continued support. We also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season. See you in Scottsdale!

Support the AMTMA



We ask that all members contact Jim Popovic to place an order for at least 25 copies of "Searching For Zero" in an effort to help rebuild the financial strength of the AMTMA. It's a great tool to present to your customers!

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Annual Meeting Highlights Spring 2006

The 2006 Spring Association Meeting in Orlando was one that will be remembered for many years. With the new format, the annual meeting is a well balanced program of business, education and a little fun thrown in to break up the chills for those members who live in the north.

Business highlights included Business forum, Economic survey and Standards update.

A Technical presentation was delivered by Dr. Jim Salsbury of MTI. This informative afternoon workshop provided the members with a good understanding of how the industry has adapted to ISO 17025 over the past 10 years. Jim also discussed the various accreditation organizations and how they all fit together. Throw in a little about measurement and the afternoon flew by.

For a Dinner event, we traveled to Canada (Canada exhibit at Epcot that is) for a dinner under the stars and the fireworks in the park. Though the fireworks were great – the important part of the evening was the Appreciation Presentation to Hill Cox. Hill has been a member of the AMTMA forever and was recognized for his many contributions to the Metrology industry and especially the AMTMA. Hill is our Standards Chairman and provides a direct link to what is happening with Standards and technical issues in the industry. The AMTMA is grateful for the work Hill has made in writing and re-writing "Searching for Zero" and his other contributions to the group.



On the closing day of the meeting, we received a back lot tour of the manufacturing area of Disney. The behind the scenes tour took us to the quality labs and inspection areas of the machine shops where the magic really begins. This was followed by a tour of the tunnel network under Disney, and we saw what a great job the Disney team does in making everyone's day at Disney special.

The value of the meeting is the building of relationships between members of the AMTMA. There was no shortage of business discussions during the breaks, dinners and at the watering hole. The cost of the meeting is more than paid for by the communication opportunities that are available at the meeting. It would cost much more in travel expenses and time to make the same number of contacts made at this meeting.



Plan now for the March 2007 Annual Meeting!



Mark your calendar for March 15-16, 2007 for the next Annual General Membership meeting of the AMTMA at the Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale, AZ. This first meeting under our new direction is shaping up to be packed with great information – including the first look at the joint 2006 Quality Magazine and AMTMA Dimensional Measurement Survey. Watch for registration information in early January