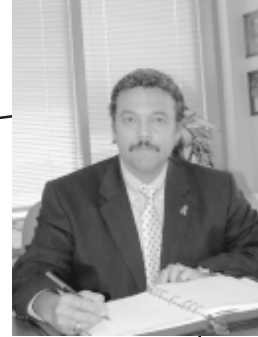




## News Bulletin

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER



### Dear IRPT Members and Friends

Well, the meeting in Kansas City is behind us. There are not enough thanks for our hard-working Annual Meeting Committee Chair, Joe LaMothe, and our hard-working Education Chair, Timmie Lynn Hunter. Many others pitched in of course, but I don't know what IRPT could have done without them.

Timmie Lynn put together a three-part educational forum — Security, Port Operations and Finance, and Marketing. The array of speakers was simply incredible. IRPT wants to thank all of them as well and a special note here: This was the first time IRPT has awarded Professional Development Hours for our course work.

A lot of the thought behind the PDHs was the professional development forum chaired by Bob Portiss as members and friends of IRPT got together in Washington, DC, in 2002 to discuss different ways IRPT could serve its membership. The structure of this year's annual meeting and the content were byproducts of that forum.

Meanwhile, Joe LaMothe was everywhere helping everyone. We were all delighted to welcome IRPT to Kansas City. A favorite feature was the reception, dinner and tour at the Steamboat Arabia. This steamboat had been buried beneath many feet and numerous tons of mud in an area where the Missouri River used to flow. When she was uncovered and brought back to the light, her cargo was in almost perfect condition (after washing). It was amazing to have such a snapshot of what life must have been in the late 1800's on our American frontier. This event was memorable for all of us, and we were very pleased at the extensive coverage provided by *The Waterways Journal*.

So ... the next General Membership Meeting will be Friday, September 26, in conjunction with the National Waterways Conference Annual Meeting in Houston. Our Board meeting will probably be scheduled for Wednesday, the 24th. More on that later.

Meanwhile, the 2004 Conference will be in New Orleans, LA, in April. We'll keep you posted. The IRPT Bylaws require that every third year the Annual Meeting be held in Washington, DC, which is scheduled for 2005.

So again, thanks to one and all.

Rick Cunningham  
IRPT President

## NEWS FROM OUR PORTS

The **Port of Florence**, Alabama, strives to provide for the safe and efficient movement of goods and services and thereby promote the economic health and wellbeing of the area. The Master Plan currently in an implementation phase will provide an outline for progress based on rational thought, targeted at achieving specific goals and will be packaged to facilitate communications with government officials, potential customers, and potential sources of funding and financing, according to Ron Coles, P.E., founder of W. R. Coles & Associates, which is updating the Port of Florence Master Plan.

The **Tri-City Regional Port District**, headquartered in Granite City, IL, and directed by Robert Wydra, is developing a residential, recreational, business campus and industrial park named River's Edge adjacent to the port district harbor.

Despite February's cold weather and record snowfall, February turned out to be the best month for shipping in the past three years, according to Jerry Goodwin, Chairman of the City of Tulsa-Rogers County Port Authority. "Shippers rely on southern ice-free ports, such as the **Tulsa Port of Catoosa**, and its access to the Gulf of Mexico when the northern half of the waterway system is frozen over," he said.

All of us can learn lessons in constructive activism from the **Pittsburgh-based River Navigation Coalition** in their extensive and effective efforts to (a) keep the locks and dams operational on the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers, (b) maximize the hours of operation of the locks for all users, (c) promote river recreational boating, (d) promote commercial navigation by maintaining the river channels and continued operation of the locks, and (e) promote economic growth pertaining to recreational and commercial navigation for the entire region. The IRPT office has a copy of their Blueprint for Action and can make it available to interested parties.

The **Port of Alexandria**, Louisiana, has a reputation as the busiest inland military port in the nation. The increased activity of the port in recent years is important to the "revitalization of Alexandria," said Mayor Ned Randolph. "The port is getting bigger and better." Brig. Gen. Larry Haub, Multistate Task Force Commander with the Oklahoma National Guard Unit, said the Alexandria port is "perfect for military needs. Barges are the easiest way to move the necessary equipment for training. We need to tell the world about this port," Haub said.

## IRPT SECURITY PROJECT UPDATE

The Transportation Security Administration awarded IRPT a grant to undertake threat assessment and employee education at inland river ports and terminals. At the request of the United States Coast Guard, priority was assigned to those facilities that handle cargoes of concern or hazardous cargoes. The focus of the assessments has been at the public ports and terminals.

CISR, the contractors implementing the grant, reported on their progress at the Kansas City meeting in April. As of May 10, they had completed threat assessments with concurrent employee education presentations at 53 ports and terminals. As each one is completed, a report is forwarded to the port director. IRPT retains a copy of the report and a copy of the report on CD-ROM. Three copies of the CD-ROM are forwarded to a specific Maritime Administration office

in Washington. In turn, one copy of the CD is delivered to the Coast Guard, one copy to TSA, and MARAD retains the third copy. At the conclusion of the educational segment, evaluation forms are distributed for scores and comments and subsequently collected and forwarded to IRPT. Those scores are collated and reported to MARAD.

The genuine cooperation among representatives of IRPT, contractors, the Maritime Administration and the Coast Guard has been a sincere pleasure to experience. The feedback from the port directors has been very supportive. The assessment/education process is scheduled for completion by September 30 to the extent that preliminary funding allowed.

IRPT has applied for additional grants during TSA Grant Cycle II.

## IRPT ANNOUNCES CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

The Executive Committee remained in place for the 2003-2004 year. These include:

### CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD:

**James R. McCarville**  
Port of Pittsburgh Commission, PA

### PRESIDENT: **Rick Cunningham**

HDR Security Operations, MO

### 1st VICE PRESIDENT:

**George Andres**  
Kaskaskia Regional Port District, IL

### 2nd VICE PRESIDENT and SECRETARY/TREASURER:

**Randy Richardson**  
International Port of Memphis, TN

### UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN:

#### *Basin Chair:*

**Daniel L. Overbey** (Term Expires: 2005)  
Southeast MO Regional Port Authority, MO

**Sherrie Martin** (Term Expires: 2004)  
Missouri Department of Transportation, MO

### MISSOURI RIVER BASIN:

#### *Basin Chair:*

**Joe LaMothe** (Term Expires: 2004)  
Mid-West Terminal Warehouse Co., MO

### GULF AND GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAYS BASIN:

#### *Basin Chair:*

**Howard Hawthorne** (Term Expires: 2005)  
Port of Victoria, TX

**Capt. Robert Engram** (Term Expires: 2004)  
Stevedoring Services of America, MS

### PACIFIC RIVERS BASIN:

#### *Basin Chair:*

Position Vacant

### SOUTHEAST RIVERS BASIN:

#### *Basin Chair:*

**A. Eugene Bishop** (Term Expires: 2004)  
Yellow Creek Port Authority, MS

**Ron Coles** (Term Expires: 2004)  
W. R. Coles & Associates, TN

**Tony Hargreaves** (Term Expires: 2004)  
North American Equipment Sales Co., KY

**J. Richard Hommrich** (Term Expires: 2004)  
Volunteer Barge and Transport, Inc., TN

### OHIO RIVER BASIN:

#### *Basin Chair:*

**Maurice Owen** (Term Expires: 2005)  
Owensboro Riverport Authority, KY

**Scott Sigman** (Term Expires: 2004)  
Ports of Indiana, IN

**Richard Neumann** (Term Expires: 2005)  
Perry County Port Authority, IN

### ARKANSAS-WHITE-RED-OUACHITA RIVERS BASIN:

#### *Basin Chair:*

**Eric England** (Term Expires: 2005)  
Port of Shreveport-Bossier, LA

**Bob Portiss** (Term Expires: 2004)  
Tulsa Port of Catoosa, OK

**Fred Taylor** (Term Expires: 2005)  
Johnston's Port 33 Inc., OK

### LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN:

#### *Basin Chair:*

**Randy Richardson** (Term Expires: 2004)  
International Port of Memphis, TN

**Hal Greer** (Term Expires: 2004)  
Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority, KY

**David Stewart** (Term Expires: 2005)  
H & E Equipment Services, LLC, Crane Div., AL

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### ILLINOIS RIVER BASIN:

*Basin Chair:*

Position Vacant

**John D. Madgett**

Kansas City, MO

**Howard Margraff**

St. Louis, MO

**Cliff Mitchener**

Starkville, MS

**Paul N. Revis**

Conway, AR

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

**David Work**

Rosedale-Bolivar County Port Commission, MS

**Jack Hynes**

Chesterfield, MO

**Col. Paul R. Sheffield**

Memphis, TN

**Margie Tyler**

Murphreesboro, TN

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS EMERITUS:

**Col. Milton P. Barschdorf**

Fort Belvoir, VA

**Jack Hynes**

Chesterfield, MO

## IRPT AND HIP

IRPT has been actively involved in the evolution of the Heartland Intermodal Partnership in conjunction with representatives from the Great Lakes Region of MARAD, the Central Region of MARAD, and the Washington Office of Intermodalism. The goals are lofty but have positive potential for our inland river system.

Geographically, the Heartland includes 24 states and extends from Buffalo, NY, to Brownsville, TX. This region has most of the nation's inland waterways, half

of its largest deep-water ports, and all of the major shallow-water ports. HIP provides a forum where senior public and private-sector decision makers can explore a wide range of operating, policy and technology options for coping with unprecedented demands on the region's transportation systems.

HIP is committed to current solutions to intermodal problems and opportunities that are the product of burgeoning doubling or tripling of demand. More information on HIP will be forthcoming.

## IRPT WELCOMES RECENT NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS:

\* CISR, Inc. - LA

\* E-Crane International USA - OH

\* Intermodal Logistics Group - OK

\* Louisiana Department of Transportation - LA

\* Neel-Schaffer, Inc. - MO

\* Perry County Port Authority - IN

\* Ports of Indiana - IN

\* Red River Terminals - LA

\* Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure - LA

\* TT Club - United Kingdom

\* West Virginia Public Port Authority - WV

\* Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Board - MS

## MARKETING IRPT

Every year, IRPT representatives have attended the International WorkBoat Show in New Orleans in December to solicit memberships. Letters following up the show have always generated some new members for IRPT. A trade show booth at the WorkBoat Show is \$2,500. Undaunted, IRPT, through a supportive intermediary, approached show management and offered a trade of one of our exhibit booths for one of theirs. Their representatives felt

that the inclusion of IRPT at the trade show was a natural and have promised space at no cost. As the year evolves, we will be working on updating our booth. Thanks to Andy Fobes, Chair of the IRPT Communications Committee, we are blessed with an eye-catching promotional brochure for the inland river system, which we will distribute at the trade show. Volunteers are solicited to help staff the booth for a couple of hours any day during the trade show.

## TSA CONFERENCE - INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES IN MARITIME SECURITY

The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) is pleased to announce that the 2003 Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Innovative Technologies in Maritime Security Conference & Exhibition will take place August 4-7 in the Charleston Convention Center in North Charleston, South Carolina. Highlights include:

**Admiral James Loy**

Under Secretary of Transportation for Security  
Introduction & Welcome Remarks

**Senator Ernest F. Hollings (D-S.Car.)**

Keynote Welcome Address

**Capt. William Schubert**

USCG, Maritime Administrator  
Keynote Lunch Speaker

**Dr. Chuck McQuery**

Under Secretary for Science and Technology for DHS  
Keynote Lunch Speaker

**Rear Admiral Lawrence Hereth**

Director, Port Security, US Coast Guard  
Closing Remarks

**Panel Topics include:**

- Terminal Security
- Vessel Tracking
- Threat Dissemination
- Radiation Detection Systems
- Personnel Identification
- Cargo Integrity
- System Integration Panel
- Port Security Requirements

*Get more information from [www.ndia.org](http://www.ndia.org), Schedule of Meetings - August.*



### PLEASE NOTE

IRPT's website is now  
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