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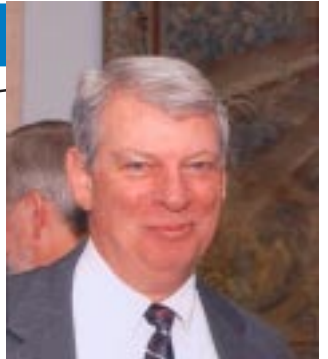
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News Bulletin

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear IRPT Members and Friends

We've just finished a terrific conference in New Orleans and special thanks are due to Gary LaGrange, Jim McCarville, John Marzullo, and Ron Coles for their extra effort to make it such a success. We were also pleased to be able to report that 46 new organizations joined IRPT since our last conference - and that our offices will be located in New Orleans after July 1.

These pieces of good news can not offset the impact of arbitrary "ton-mile" computations and "low-use waterway" designations. All of us are working together in an attempt to counter this short-sighted threat to the inland waterway system - and its concurrent capability to move vast amounts of freight in an economical, environmentally conscious fashion. Interested in this issue? Sign up for the IRPT Port Performance Committee by sending an email to the office at admin@irpt.net.

George Andres
IRPT President

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The NEWS BULLETIN is a quarterly publication of Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals, Inc. IRPT, as the intermodal professional association for the nation's inland waterway transportation system, provides inland river, port and terminal professionals and those concerned about the vitality of our industry with the opportunity to improve their professionalism, develop business connections, and educate the general public and policy decision-makers on the needs and importance of our industry.

For an IRPT membership application, go to that page of the IRPT website, www.irpt.net, print, complete, and fax to 601-355-1506 (effective July 1, fax to 504-525-8197).

Articles are accepted for publication in the NEWS BULLETIN. Forward all address changes, articles and comments to the IRPT office at P. O. Box 4363, Jackson, MS 39296-4363. Telephone 601-352-4778. Fax 601-355-1506. E-mail: admin@irpt.net.

Effective July 1, mailing address will be 316 Board of Trade Place, New Orleans, LA 70130. Telephone 504-585-0715. Fax 504-525-8197. E-mail same.

IRPT WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS SINCE THE SPRING NEWSLETTER

Admiral Security Services, Covington, LA - R. R. "Rusty" Barkerding, Jr.
 American Commercial Barge Line, LLC, Jeffersonville, IN - C. William Kinzeler II
 Amerisafe, DeRidder, LA - Gael Young
 Dept. of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN - Jerry Fruin
 Gateway FS, Inc., Red Bud, IL - Michael Kuhn
 GE Commercial Finance, Public Finance, Minneapolis, MN - John Miller
 Don Hartmayer, Analyst, Department of Homeland Security, Alexandria, VA
 Hawks Logistics, Inc., Edmond, OK - Steve E. Hawks
 Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute, Washington, DC - David R. Smith
 New York State Canal Corporation, Albany, NY - Capt. John C. Callaghan
 Rookwood Terminals, Cincinnati, OH - Jeffrey R. Stewart
 St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District, Chalmette, LA - Eric Acosta, David "Jeff" McClain
 Tetra Tech EM Inc., Houston, TX - Roger Hawkes
 Traylor Bros., Inc., Evansville, IN - Kenneth Blair
 Tri-City Regional Port District, Granite City, IL - Dennis Wilmsmeyer, Jim Labit, Robert L. Wydra
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile, AL - Kenneth Paul Bradley
 Waterways Council, Inc., Arlington, VA - Barry Palmer

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PORT AUTHORITIES AND IRPT

The American Association of Port Authorities has named Gary LaGrange, Executive Director/CEO of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, as Chairman of the AAPA Board for 2004-2005. LaGrange is Past President of the Gulf Ports Association, Past President and Chairman of the Board of Gulf Intracoastal Waterways Association, Past President of Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association, former National Chairman of the Water Resources Congress, and Founding President of the Ports Association of Louisiana. He is on the Executive Committees of the National Waterways Conference and the National Waterways Council. He also

served as IRPT Conference Chair for our 2004 meeting in New Orleans.

IRPT and AAPA have started a joint initiative through a subcommittee of the Basins and Association Alliances Committee. Subcommittee Chair Jim McCarville, former Chairman of the IRPT Board, is our contact point in establishing closer working relationships with AAPA, particularly in the areas of domestic shipping and professional education. IRPT members are welcome to sign up for this committee by emailing the office and can review the web page for the current members of that committee.

NAVIGATION PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Major General Carl A. Strock, Director of Civil Works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, convened a stakeholders conference on navigation performance measures in Springfield, VA, in early May. Designed for informal dialog with some structured presentations, the conference focused on infrastructure conditions of the waterways, utilization of low-use waterways, OMB funding trends and backlog, and the major rehabilitation planning and investment strategy. Deep-draft and shallow-draft concerns at coastal and Great Lakes ports were also considered. Conferees included IRPT members President George Andres, Executive Director Deirdre McGowan, and Past President and Chairman of the Board Jim McCarville.

HEARTLAND CORRIDOR CONNECTOR

A heartland corridor connector linking Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio, at a projected cost of \$266 million, has gone beyond the planning stage and into the beginning of its implementation stage. It is a multimodal project dedicated to the integrated rail corridor for double-stack cargo containers from Norfolk, VA's East Coast port to Columbus, Ohio. It has significant implications for the inland waterway system in the long term. The plan envisions key intermodal ramps at Roanoke, VA, and Prichard, WV, and intersection with the Ohio River and at Rickenbacker Field in Columbus, OH. The corridor will utilize the NS rail route, inland port facilities on the Ohio River, and interstate highway intersections at several points en route.

IRPT ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS

About 130 port and maritime professionals from across the country gathered in downtown New Orleans in April for a two-day conference on issues affecting inland waterway transportation. The conference focused on topics pertinent to us, to brown-water or inland ports such as trends in the cargo industry and the growing transportation sectors. Three specific conference segments included Port Operations, Performance Measures, and the Container-on-Barge Industry.

A major issue currently affecting inland ports is a lack of federal funding for dredging projects.

The container-on-barge industry has mushroomed in recent years, especially in the ports of South Louisiana, but also in Baton Rouge and Memphis. The future potential of this sector, the new technology leading it, and how companies can benefit were the focus for the COB segment at the conference.

The participants from 16 states and overseas also enjoyed a tour of the state-of-the-art Napoleon Avenue Container Terminal at the Port of New Orleans. Pictures from the conference are included within this newsletter. Many thanks to Andy Fobes, Chair of IRPT's Communications Committee, for his contributions in putting this collage together.

KANAWHA VALLEY LOCAL PORT AUTHORITY DISTRICT

The Kanawha Valley Local Port Authority District has begun a \$461,000 master plan of inland water port sites, operations, market needs, and related matters. It is coordinating data input with the West Virginia Public Port Authority, which has contracted with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The objective is to further efforts to solidify full-capacity use of Dow Chemical Company's existing North Charleston Distribution Terminal and create new network port sites within a regional network.

This project has been identified as the largest integrated inland waterway ports project with the largest potential economic development generator in the tri-state region. Networking port hubs on the Ohio, Big Sandy, and

Monongahela Rivers in West Virginia is the goal. Emphasis is being put into this project to link river port facilities, commodities transportation, technology, and skilled jobs to address projected massive growth in Latin American trade and overburdened interstate highway trucking systems. Efforts are being supported by a number of municipalities and community groups in a 40-square-mile port area. "Inland ports in West Virginia are key to a diversified industry and underpinning of our economy," according to Stephen Weir, the port project manager. Patrick Donovan, West Virginia Public Port Authority Development Coordinator, is spearheading the state's efforts.

— from news release, J. Wiater & Assoc., March 16, 2004

CALENDAR

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| August 4-6 | Mississippi Water Resources Association Annual Meeting. Grand Casino Bayview Biloxi. Contact Deirdre McGowan, 601-353-8538 or insightltd@msn.com. |
| August 18-20 | Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association. Wyndham, New Orleans. Contact info@gicaonline.com or 281-996-6915. |
| August 23-26 | Tenn-Tom Waterway Development Opportunities Conference. Marriott's Grand Hotel, Point Clear, AL. Contact Agnes Zaiantz, 662-328-3286 or tenntom@ebicom.net. |
| September 22-24 | National Waterways Conference. St. Louis, MO. Contact Worth Hager, 202-296-4415 or worth@waterways.org. |
| October 13-15 | Arkansas Governor's Conference on Waterborne Transportation. North Little Rock, AR. Contact Keith Garrison, 501-682-1173 or waterway@mail.state.ar.us. |

IRPT IS MOVING

IRPT is relocating to an office suite in the New Orleans Board of Trade offices. That address is 316 Board of Trade Place, New Orleans, LA 70130 and will be effective the first of July. Until then, contact IRPT by email at admin@irpt.net. For reference, the new telephone number will be 504-585-0715 and the new fax number will be 504-525-8197.

