

# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals, Inc.

Summer 2019

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

[IRPT's 2019 annual conference](#) in Baton Rouge, LA was a huge success, and we are grateful for the many sponsors, exhibitors, speakers and attendees who contributed to that success. To put on an event with as much valuable content, as many speakers, and 3 nights of awesome off-site events, including a live demonstration of loading containers on barge, took months of planning and coordination. A huge congratulations is due to Aimee Andres, our executive director, and to Miranda Cook, Aimee's assistant, for putting together a totally awesome conference!

Since we returned from the conference in late April, a swollen Atchafalaya River has kept the Port of Morgan City (Morgan City, LA) focused on daily river conditions. The Atchafalaya River has been above flood stage since last October with record rain fall for more than 100 years. The amount of sediment accumulating in the channel is unbelievable. Severe shoaling and lock closures have caused navigation restrictions that have totally interrupted commerce. We know we are not alone; much of the inland river system has been dealing with excessive rain and overflowing banks.

Whether we are experiencing failing infrastructure or the forces of nature, we all become more aware of the need for the entire river system to operate without failure. Unfortunately, we can't control the weather. However, we can continue to work on those things that will help to provide opportunities for all of our ports and facilities such as waterway and facility infrastructure initiatives that will allow us to operate as an uninterrupted system.

We appreciate your continued participation and support for IRPT as we work to make out inland river system the best it can be! I invite you to contact us with your comments, suggestions, or specific needs in your basin. Let's work together so we can enjoy continued success along the inland river system!

Sincerely,

Cindy Cutrera, 2018-2020 IRPT President  
Port of Morgan City, Louisiana

### Our Strength Continues to Grow

#### Total number of members

2018-2019: 299

2017-2018: 287

2016-2017: 230

#### Per Basin:

Arkansas-White-Red-Ouachita Rivers: 25

Gulf & Gulf Intracoastal Waterways: 15

Southeast Rivers: 9

Illinois River: 33

Upper Mississippi River: 32

Lower Mississippi River: 40

Missouri River: 21

Ohio River: 37

International/Multi-State: 87

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[Port Bienville Industrial Park](#) is located on Mulatto Bayou a tributary to the Pearl River located on the Mississippi/Louisiana state line and 5 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. Port Bienville is currently a tug and barge port with depths of 10-12'. Dredging the canal and accompanying waterways to a depth of 14' is scheduled for Jan. 2020. Port Bienville, with 18 industries and employment of 705 employees are home to *DAK Americas*, *Calgon Carbon*, *Sabic*, *SNF Polychemie*, and *Jindal Tubular* just to name a few. The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission owns and operates Port Bienville as well as the Port Bienville Railroad. The railroad connects with CSX and has 7 miles of track. Last year the railroad moved over 6,000 rail cars between Port Bienville and CSX. Our rail serves the industries of DAK Americas, Sabic, SNF Polychemie and Jindal Tubular.

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**IRPT needs your News!**

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**Please make sure all your contact information is up to date.**



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Governor's office regarding maritime issues, is on the team which has just been selected to assess the economic impact of Ohio River commerce on the State of Ohio, is currently providing advice to a local port authority on negotiating its port operating agreement and is working on a River Port Master Plan in Illinois.

In 2016, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works appointed Ron to be Commissioner, US Section, World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC). He is a contributing author to PIANC's 2014 international publication *Masterplans for the Development of Existing Ports*, and PIANC's 2019 publication *Masterplans for the Development of Greenfield Ports*. Ron is a Past President of IRPT and has served as President of several other national and related organizations. He is registered as a professional engineer in several states. If you'd like to get in touch with Ron Coles, you may reach him at [ron@wrcoles.com](mailto:ron@wrcoles.com) [www.wrcoles.com](http://www.wrcoles.com) or at the office 615-712-9755.

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To view their facility map and contact their corporate office, click [here](#).

#### IRPT needs your News!

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#### Not a Member yet? Join Today!

The benefits to our members start immediately. All new members are highlighted in our quarterly newsletter (a \$500 value). Members benefit in many ways including (but certainly not limited too):

We invite you to join today!

- \$550: Associations, development organization, trade associations, etc.
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IRPT has done some very exciting things over the years to continue our mission of being a resource for the inland river ports and promoting the healthy growth and operation of our industry, and we are not slowing down!

The mission of IRPT is to be a resource for inland river ports, terminals and river-borne transportation services and to promote the value of the inland river transportation system to users and policy makers. We also understand and appreciate the value of an all-inclusive transportation package that includes truck and rail.

## IRPT News

### Inland Rivers Ports and Terminals, Inc., Presents Former Ports of Indiana CEO with Lifetime Achievement Award

A high point of the Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals Inc. (IRPT) conference held in Baton Rouge, La., April 23–25 was the four longtime port and terminal leaders recognized for their impact on the industry. IRPT Executive Director Aimee Andres presented a most influential person award, a lifetime achievement award and two IRPT impact awards—all first-time awards for the organization.

Steve Taylor, who retired as chief operating officer of Oakley's Port 33 in Catoosa, Okla., at the end of April, received the most influential person award. Taylor, whose influence extends well beyond the Verdigris River to the Arkansas River and others, is well known as an outspoken—and funny—member of IRPT and advocate for the inland waterways. But Deidre Smith, director of the Arkansas Waterways Commission and director of IRPT, said Taylor's impact is much more than that.

“A lot of you may know him as being boisterous, impulsive and the life of the party, but what you may not know is that Steve has a really big heart and a gentle spirit,” Smith said. “I've known Steve for almost eight years, and I can truly say he has richly blessed my life with his friendship.”

Smith also praised Taylor for being a great teacher, who understands both the river industry and how to explain it to outsiders. “And even if he doesn't know the answer, he'll either lie to you or he knows people all over the country he can get the answer from,” Smith said to widespread laughter.

Addressing the crowd, Taylor said he was completely surprised when Andres told him about the award. Taylor found out when Andres called him to say that none of the people he nominated

at the time. “She said, ‘We had a better nomination,’” Taylor recalled. “I said, ‘Well, I'm sure you did.’ So she says, ‘Yeah, it was you.’ Well, I could've run right off the road into the ditch.”

Taylor said, though he's retiring, the river industry remains a vibrant part of his family. He recognized his family—including brothers, nephew and sons—and the years each has worked in the river industry. He then tallied up the years. “That's one year short in my family of 200 years of river service,” Taylor said. “It's amazing, and I love it.”

Rich Cooper, who retired last year as CEO of the Ports of Indiana, received IRPT's lifetime achievement award. Prior to joining the Ports of Indiana in 2001 as chief operating officer, Cooper was global director of manufacturing for Purina's international agribusiness, Andres said.

“Even before that, he was with Continental Grain Company, an international agribusiness, where he oversaw that company's first mill in China,” Andres said.

Cooper also has been a longtime member of IRPT, serving as the organization's vice president in 2013 when Andres became executive director. Andres recalled the first time she met Cooper shortly after she joined IRPT. Cooper, a recreational pilot, flew himself up to America's Central Port in Granite City, Ill., where Andres' office was at the time.

“He came strolling into the office with his flip flops, shorts and his Hawaiian shirt,” Andres recalled. “He said, ‘I was on my way to vacation, but I wanted to stop and say hi.’ That was one of my very first impressions of Rich.”

“As I scan the room, I see so many peers who have made a difference to their organizations and this industry, and it makes the significance of this honor even more special to me,” Cooper said to the crowd.

For the full article by *Frank McCormick*, *The Waterways Journal*, [click here](#).

# IRPT News

## IRPT: Urgent Action Needed

Many of you around the nation, in different river basins and on both sides of the private versus public sector have written letters to their House and Senate Leaders asking for support for IRPT's Inland Port and Terminal Grant Proposal.

I am excited to present you with a path forward for the Inland Port & Terminal Grant Program that we are asking for, **but we need everyone's help**. If you have not yet contacted your Congressional Leaders, please do not delay any longer.

The House T & I Committee has the opportunity to work together to ensure a portion of this is directed to inland port projects and here's how: The Senate bill:

- Authorizes \$600,000,000, and
  - of that, 25% (or \$150,000,000) is set aside for 'small projects' (being defined as less than \$11,000,000) **BUT.....**
  - no determination was made for specifically setting aside funds directly for rural projects (defined as outside urbanized areas) and
  - no mention being made of the elimination of the minimum award floor, in addition,
  - the program is only being made to public entities or private entities with a public sponsor...
- With overwhelming encouragement to Congress from our Members, we have the opportunity to hit a grand slam by directing Maritime Administration activities in this one area to ensure inland port and terminal competitiveness under the new Port Act.

I would like to share with you links to documents in support of the Inland Port and Terminal Grant Program:

[IRPT Letter to Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:](#)

[Inland Port and Terminal Grant Proposal one-pager;](#)

[Letter from Congressman Bost](#) to Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves seeking items for inclusion in the FAST Act reauthorization, including (but not limited to):

- Investments in Short Line Rail Infrastructure (45G Tax Credit);
- Improvements to grant programs for inland waterway ports;

Our Members around the nation have submitted letters of support to their congressional leaders in their districts and states. 188 Letters of Support have been submitted to House and Senate Leaders around the nation.

[Please find a draft House Letter of Support here](#). Please send me a copy of your letter so I can follow up with your Congressional Leader directly.

If I can provide additional information or answer any questions please let me know.

# Congratulations to our 2019-2020 IRPT Directors

IRPT's Bylaws provide that at the Annual Meeting of the organization, the Members from each River Basin shall caucus to elect Directors from that River Basin. On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, elections were held in Baton Rouge. The following Directors were elected to represent corresponding Basins:

## **Arkansas-Red-White-Ouachita Rivers Basin:**

*Eric Gilmore*, Red River Waterway Commission  
*Deidre Smith*, Arkansas Waterways Commission  
*Jack Long*, Logistics Services, Inc.  
*Kimbra Scott*, Arkansas Oklahoma Port Operators Association (AOPOA)

## **Southeast Rivers Basin:**

*Grady Coble*, Parker Towing Company  
*Dan Benken*, Parker Towing Company

## **Gulf and Gulf Intracoastal Waterways Basin:**

*Molly Bourgoyne*, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development  
*Crystal Hutchison*, Louisiana International Deep Water Gulf Transfer Terminal (LIGTT)

## **Illinois River Basin:**

*Chad Cailteux*, 5R Enterprises  
*Ed Van Poucke*, Ozinga Materials  
*Matt Hogan*, J.F. Brennan Company  
*Bill Stahlman*, America's Central Port/Illinois Ports Association

## **Upper Mississippi River Basin:**

*Rich Diffley*, Alter Logistics Company  
*Susan Taylor*, St. Louis Port Authority  
*Dave Riggs*, Watco Companies,  
*Jim Taylor*, MarineNet LLC  
*Mandi Brink*, Southeast Missouri Port/Missouri Port Authority Association  
*Ed Weilbacher*, Kaskaskia Regional Port District

## **Lower Mississippi River Basin:**

*Henry Phillips*, Rosedale Bolivar County Port  
*Timmie Lynn Hunter*, New Madrid County Port  
*Randy Richardson*, Port of Memphis  
*Sandy Sanders*, Plaquemines Parish Port

## **Missouri River Basin:**

*Lucy Fletcher*, AGRIServices of Brunswick  
*Kevin Keller*, HDR, Inc.  
*Robert Brand*, J.F. Brennan Company

## **Ohio River Basin:**

*Meg Wood*, Superior Marine Ways  
*Phil Wilzbacher*, Ports of Indiana - Mount Vernon  
*Jeff Stewart*, Cincinnati Barge & Rail  
*Bill Miller*, Paducah Riverport Authority

## **International and Multi/State Basin:**

*Greg Kelahan*, Hanson Professional Services  
*Carl McNabb*, PND Engineers  
*Ken Blair*, Traylor Bros., Inc.  
*Sean Anderson*, Marine Solutions  
*Tom Fuhrhop*, Environmental Restoration  
*Larry Kelhoffer*, F & M Mafco

## **2018-2020 Officers:**

**Anthony Hauer**, *Chairman*  
**Cindy Cutrera**, *President*  
**Anthony Gex**, *1st Vice-President*  
**Robert Maxwell**, *2nd Vice President*  
**James Kearns**, *Secretary/Treasurer*

We appreciate their willingness to serve on the Board of Directors of Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals Association and their leadership in our industry.

## Member News

### **St. Louis Port Authority is currently seeking a Port Manager in St. Louis, Missouri**

As you have all been made aware, IRPT member [Nick “Elmer” Nichols](#) passed away in April of this year. His passing left a large void in the hearts of not only his family, friends and co-workers at the port, but he also left large shoes to fill at the Saint Louis Port Authority. Currently, the port is seeking to fill this position and a certain skill-set is needed. We would like to encourage you to take a moment to review the position, review the qualifications, and pass this opportunity along to your business contacts. Only persons who meet or exceed the criteria and qualifications noted above should apply. Applications are taken online only using the [application portal](#).

Full details can be found on our website: <https://www.irpt.net/project-manager-ii-port/>

**But I Don’t Need That Much:** *When enough to meet the need is not enough to get the help.*

**By James A. Kearns**

James Kearns, IRPT Secretary/Treasurer speaks about inefficiency in how our country moves freight in May’s issue of MarineLink magazine. “From my office window in downtown St. Louis, I can see a dramatic illustration of the inefficiency in how our country moves freight. My office faces east, and I look down on a stretch of Interstate 70, that major east-west highway that runs from Baltimore to Interstate 15 in Utah. It is not unusual to see the traffic on this highway heavily congested, even at a standstill at times. This congested traffic usually includes many tractor trailer trucks. While some of these trucks might be there to cover the proverbial last-mile for a delivery to a local destination, I feel reasonably certain that, given the nature of this highway, most of them are just passing through, on their way from a remote origin to an equally remote destination.”

**To read the article in it’s entirety, please click [here](#).**

### **Marine Highway Project Designation: Container on Barge**

The [Ports of Indiana](#) has received recognition from United States Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao for its leadership role in the development and advancement of the Marine Highway M-35/M-70 Container-on-Barge Service on the Ohio and Upper Mississippi Rivers.

This project is a new container-on-barge service being developed by members of Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals Association (IRPT), including Port of Indiana-Mount Vernon, along the inland river system connecting ports and terminals on the Ohio River and the Upper Mississippi River; promoting container-on-barge development.

This project will support a waterway transportation network on the river system that will have the capability to deliver vital goods between three major gateway ports – including the Port of Indiana-Mount Vernon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and St. Paul, Minnesota – and establish new trade networks with significant public benefits, creating a foundation for future trade growth. Click [here](#) for more about this new project.

## Member News

### **Paducah– McCracken County Riverport Authority and Southern FS to partner in building State-Of-The-Art Fertilizer Handling Facility**

The Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority has reached a 10-year lease agreement with an additional 10-year extension option with Southern FS to construct a state-of-the-art Fertilizer Handling Facility in its Bulk Terminal complex.

The process began in July 2018, when the Riverport advertised a Request for Qualifications for the construction, lease, and operation of a Fertilizer Handling Facility. Sealed bid packages from qualified bidders were opened during a public meeting in August. Alan Kirby, Southern FS General Manager, said the facility will replace the one currently leased at the Riverport. "A Southern FS-owned facility will allow us to operate at a higher capacity and ensure continued supply of fertilizer products to local customers and others throughout the region," says Alan Kirby.

Kirby noted the new terminal is adjacent to a fertilizer solution terminal, owned by GROW-MARK. Southern FS is part of the GROWMARK System, which provides agriculture and energy products for its FS members. "This project is in a strategic location for us and supports our efforts to maintain reliable access to fertilizer for our customers. Proximity to a GROWMARK solution terminal provides synergies for our customers, as well," Kirby added.

The Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority services a four-state region that handles a wide range of foreign and domestic commodities, including containerized, break-bulk, and bulk cargoes, as well as storing cargoes on terminal or in terminal warehouse facilities. For more information, visit [paducahriverport.org](http://paducahriverport.org)

[Please access the full press release here.](#)

### **Bruce Oakley Inc. To Buy Lange-Stegmann**

[Bruce Oakley Inc.](#), a North Little Rock, Ark.-based transporter and distributor of bulk commodities, has signed a definitive agreement to purchase the Lange-Stegmann Company.

Founded in St. Louis as a fertilizer wholesaler, and now a bulk commodity warehousing and transloading firm, Lange-Stegmann will "broaden our fertilizer distribution network and complement our other transportation services," said Oakley president Dennis Oakley. The companies expect to close the sale on or around May 31.

Lange-Stegmann's 60-acre site at Mile 182.7 on the Upper Mississippi River includes a barge dock, a rail yard with 23,000 feet of track, three locomotives, a truck and rail scale, and over 153,000 tons of storage capacity, including a 63,000-ton-capacity, state-of-the-art urea warehouse and five 10,000-ton-capacity domes designated for potash or phosphate. There are also two UAN tanks with a total capacity of 30,000 tons.

For the full article by *Frank McCormick, The Waterways Journal*, [click here](#).

## Upcoming Events

### Inland Port Manager and Port Executive Class

The next inland port manager and inland port executive class will be held in **Little Rock, AR** from June 10th –June 14th. If you plan to attend, please reserve your space as soon as possible as limited space is available. The Inland Marine Port Manager and Executive (IMP/IMPE) seminar is the premier professional development program for brown water port executives.

If you would like to register now, please contact Aimee Andres at [admin@irpt.net](mailto:admin@irpt.net), Miranda Cook at [mcook@irpt.net](mailto:mcook@irpt.net) or Michelle Ross at [info@iampe.org](mailto:info@iampe.org).

**[Simply access the registration form here.](#)**

### Chem Edge Conference– August 14-15th

IRPT will be attending and exhibiting at the National Association of Chemical Distributors **ChemEdge** conference in Louisville, Kentucky. ChemEdge is a conference and trade show tailored for the chemical distribution channel. It provides training and education on issues important to chemical distributors, manufacturers, warehouses and service support companies. For more information about the conference, please visit:

<https://www.nacd.com/education-meetings/meetings/chemedge/2019-chemedge/>

### IRPT Missouri River Basin meeting in Arrow Rock, MO

**When: Friday, September 13th 1:00 pm**

**Where: Arrow Rock State Park**

*Reminders will be sent 30 days before each meeting*

### **IRPT Board Meeting**

**When:** Wednesday, November 13th (1:00 Eastern Time)

**Where:** Hyatt Washington, DC on Capital Hill

Hill visits to follow

These and other events on **IRPT's calendar**

[Click here to see all events](#)

