



Resources & Strategies for Growth 2007 AGMA/ABMA Annual Meeting

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Featured Presentations

The Worker of the Future: Why the Profit Future of American Business is Tied to the Quality of America's Future Workforce

Bill Beach, Director, Center for Data Analysis, The Heritage Foundation

If we know anything about the future of American business we know this: it will be largely determined by the quality of the American work force. Improvements in the skill and educational levels of workers today would suggest that businesses will be more productive, more innovative and flexible, and likely more profitable in the future. However, if these improvements do not occur, if instead training and educational levels decline (less reading, less math, and so on), we could see lower productivity, fewer innovations, and meager profit margins.

Bill is the director of the Center for Data Analysis (CDA). He is also a Visiting Fellow at the University of Buckingham in Great Britain. As CDA Director, Beach oversees Heritage's

original statistical research on Social Security, crime, education, trade and a host of other issues, ensuring it is both rigorous in its technical scholarship and produced in time to help inform the public debate over the issue.

Extra*Preneurship: Reinventing Industrial Work to Compete in the Flat World

David Pearce Snyder, Futurist & Editor, The Futurist magazine

As Thomas Friedman observes in his current best-selling book, *The World Is Flat*, our newly-matured information technology is rapidly altering the business operating environment by "flattening" not only international trade barriers, but organizational charts, U.S. wages and employment growth, worldwide inflation and interest rates! David Pearce Snyder will describe how American manufacturers can survive and thrive in our increasingly competitive globalizing marketplace by enabling their rank and file employees to use groupware to collaborate on-line with their co-workers, counterparts, and communities of practice to quickly solve problems, learn new techniques and assimilate

new tools—continuously inventing new and better ways to make new and better products.

David has been in the forecasting business for over 30 years, during which he has built an impressive track record with his private and public sector clientele. Drawing on his nearly 20 years experience as Life Styles Editor of *The Futurist* magazine, David enriches his statistical projections and expert forecasts with insights and anecdotes of the human comedy, creativity—and distress—arising from society's adaptation to changing economic circumstances and new technology.

Panel Discussion: Supply Chain Management

Moderated by: Bob Swinehart, Chairman & COO, Emerson Power Transmission Corp.

Supply chain management (SCM) is the oversight of materials, information, and finances as they move in a process from supplier to manufacturer to wholesaler to retailer to consumer. Supply chain management involves coordinating and integrating these flows to create synergistic partnerships. This session explores the importance of supply chain management and your company's role in creating an effective supply chain. The session shares an overview of supply chain management and includes a presentation from the Supply Chain Council on the SCOR management tool and a panel discussion with ABMA and AGMA members sharing their experience in this area and ways in which supply chain management has contributed to profits, service and capital turnover.

Report on the Economy

Dr. Mike Bradley, AGMA's Economic Consultant

Dr. Mike will bring us up-to-date on worldwide economic trends, identifying the key factors now driving the global economy and the critical elements to watch. While broad economic forecasts are readily available, it is difficult to find economic analyses focused on the gear and bearing industries. However, Dr. Mike will do exactly that and give

insight into future market conditions.

Dr. Mike Bradley is a Professor of Economics at George Washington University in Washington, DC. Dr. Bradley has been studying the economics of the gear industry for more



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than 20 years and provides an invaluable service to AGMA by acting as our economic consultant and forecaster and also by writing the "Eye on the Economy" column in AGMA's *Gear Industry Journal*.

American Politics: Looking Toward 2008 & Beyond

Stu Rothenberg, Editor, *The Rothenberg Political Report*

Now that the 2006 elections are over, Stu will bring you up to date on current political affairs and tell you the untold stories that the media has missed. Using humorous anecdotes and voluminous knowledge of the nation's political scene, Stu will help you identify and stay on top of political trends as he provides his perspective on the 2006 elections and its effects on the manufacturing industry. He will also give insight on what the nation can expect for the 2008 presidential campaign.



Stu Rothenberg is editor and publisher of *The Rothenberg Political Report*, a non-partisan political newsletter covering U.S. political developments. He is also a twice-a-week

columnist for *Roll Call*, Capitol Hill's premier newspaper. A frequent soundbite, Stu has appeared on Meet the Press, This Week, Face the Nation, The NewsHour, Nightline and many other television programs. Stu served during the 2006 election as a political analyst for CBS News.

Special Events & Activities

AGMA Foundation Silent Auction

Back by popular demand—the Foundation's 2007 Silent Auction will be held on Friday evening. Be sure to browse the auction tables. You don't want to miss the fun of bidding on the collection of unique auction items contributed by AGMA members! To make a contribution or for more information, please visit the Foundation's website at www.agmafoundation.org.

Spouse Activities

Relax in the Spouse Hospitality Suite, enjoy light refreshments, and chat with acquaintances.

The Suite will be open:

Thursday	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

In addition to the Spouse Hospitality Suite, there will be an optional tour organized for spouses and guests. This tour will take place on Friday opposite the General Session and Sports Tournaments. A special invitation will be sent out with details once the tour is finalized.

Golf Tournament

The annual golf tournament, a co-ed scramble event with a shotgun start, will begin on Friday at 1 p.m. Advance sign-up is required for this event. The tournament is a joint AGMA/ABMA event.

Tennis Tournament

On Friday afternoon at 1 p.m., another exciting tennis tournament will begin on the courts of the Marco Island Marriott Resort. You must sign up in advance to participate in this event. The tournament is a joint AGMA/ABMA event.

Open Play

On Saturday afternoon, relax with open play on the golf course and tennis courts. Advance sign-up is also required for open play. The open play golf and tennis are a joint AGMA/ABMA event.

Resort Information

The Marco Island Marriott Resort is set on three



and-one-half miles of sweeping, white sand and shimmering waters. Marco Island provides a beautiful backdrop for the 2007 Annual Meeting. The average daytime temperature in March is 82 degrees, with pleasant, cool evenings.

Marco Island Marriott Resort
400 South Collier Boulevard
Marco Island, Florida 34145 USA
Phone: (239) 394-2511 or (800) 438-4373
Fax: (239) 642-2672
Room Rate: \$300 single/double
Cut Off Date: February 13, 2007

All reservations must be received by the hotel cut-off date of Thursday, February 13, 2007. Reservations received after February 13th will be accepted on a space available basis only. The resort cannot guarantee the \$300 group rate for reservations made after February 13th.

Transportation

The Marco Island Marriott Resort is approximately 50 miles south of the Fort Meyers, Florida Airport, and approximately 15 miles south of the Naples Airport.

Meeting Attire

- The meeting sessions are business casual.
- The Thursday night reception is casual.
- The Friday night dinner is business casual.
- The Saturday night AGMA Awards Banquet is black-tie preferred for men and cocktail dresses for women.
- The Saturday night ABMA dinner is business casual.

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Registration

To register, please complete the enclosed registration form and fax it to AGMA at (703) 684-0242. To reserve a hotel room, use the enclosed hotel reservation form and fax it to the Marco Island Marriott Resort at (239) 642-2688.

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