

2006–2007 Year in Review

I have had the honor of serving as Chairman of the Board at AGMA since March 2006. As my term ends in March, 2007, I will take this opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments and new developments at the Association over the past year. This has been a terrific year and I'm pleased to say that we've achieved some truly notable milestones.

On the new membership front, we had an excellent year adding new members such as Exxon/Mobil Research and Engineering Group, Harley Davidson, Winergy AG and MPC Products Corporation to name a few. A key goal for me this past year has been to increase membership of the AGMA.

We started the Future Leaders Council, meeting for the first time in Tucson at last year's Annual Meeting. We followed up with meetings in Milwaukee in June and Rockford in September. This group is in the process of formalizing objectives and a mission. The purpose of this group is to develop future leaders within AGMA and their individual companies.

We've made concerted efforts this year to grow our focus on workforce training and education. Our on-line training programs are picking up momentum. Our Introduction to Hobbing module should be launched any day now.

The advanced engineering courses taught by Ray Drago have been extremely successful and very well attended. We have several courses planned for 2007.

The attendance at the gear school at Daley College has improved this year as well as the regional schools and in-plant courses taught by the Gear Consulting Group.

We have enhanced our communication to members of important industry information by launching a new e-newsletter during April last year. This biweekly e-newsletter aims to keep members informed about AGMA activities, publications, events and industry news.

This year we will be replacing the Gear Industry Journal with the AGMA Business Journal for Business and Technical Managers.

The Journal will continue to be published quarterly by AGMA and will provide its readers with business management information that helps run more effective and profitable businesses.

Finally this past year, a Classified Ad Service was launched within AGMA's website. If you have an item or service you would like to sell or if you are looking for employees, check out the job posting section.

The AGMA Board of Directors approved at its last meeting changing AGMA officer's terms

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from one to two years starting in 2009. In addition, Board of Director terms will be changed to three years from the current four years. Also, the AGMA Board met for two days in October to update the strategic plan that was developed in 2004.

To assist members compete globally, AGMA, for the first time had a pavilion at the PTC Asia Show in Shanghai last October. There were eight member companies who exhibited and all of them came away with a very positive experience.

Some of our members attended the Eurotrans meeting held in Finland in June last year and received a first hand look at gear industry trends in Europe.

As you know Bill Bradley, Vice President of the Technical Division, recently announced his retirement after 23 years of service. Bill's contribution to the industry has been invaluable and he will certainly be missed. Bill received the AGMA Lifetime Achievement Award at the Fall Technical Meeting. This award has been given out only on two other occasions.

Charlie Fischer, the manager of the Technical division, will move into Bill's position. Charlie is an excellent choice and will represent the Technical division extremely well.

There have been several requests to change the location of the annual meeting. I am pleased to announce that the 2008 annual meeting will be held in Las Vegas in March immediately before the CONEXPO-CON/AGG-IFPE Show.

I would like to close with a statement of thanks. First, I would like to recognize the outstanding leaders in this association. These are people who have extremely busy lives, yet they are still able to find the time to do impressive work, which has been essential to making this organization prosper.

We are grateful for the hard work and commitment put in by staff at all levels and in all areas of operation, and for their contribution to making AGMA the successful and dynamic organization it has become.

Thank you for your extraordinary dedication to our association. It has been an honor to serve as your Chairman this past year. □

Sincerely,

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