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President's Message

Years of Growth

by Steve Guise, President

It's been two years now that we have been communicating through this column. In many ways it has been a pleasure to serve all of you as your President. I have expressed my concerns and thoughts for our organizational growth and the results, I am proud to say, were positive.

We have grown into a financially strong and energized association. With financial strength comes the ability to follow through on the background support and program development that improves and increases services to you, the members.

Our accomplishments over the past two years have been many, thanks in part to the hard work of our Executive Director, Steve Trusty, and his staff at Trusty & Associates. Many STMA Board Members and Committee Members have spent an enormous amount of time and energy on our behalf and I wish to express my sincere thanks once again for a job well done. It's through the dedicated efforts of these many volunteers, working with the support of Headquarters, that dreams and ideas become reality. The Certification Program is one example. The informational packets are now in the hands of our members and completed application materials are flowing into Headquarters. Our Awards and Scholarship Program continues to grow. Our Education Committee is working on the development of member resource services. We've increased the number of our affiliated Chapters and new Chapters are developing across the country. Our annual Conference offers even more educational opportunities, including Category Sessions and Workshops.

With growth comes new opportunities and development which require additional work. All of the programs listed above and all the new programs on the horizon must be coordinated, monitored and guided. As our association turns the



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Millennium corner, we begin the busiest years for our future Boards and Committees.

Our accomplishments over the past eight years were spear-headed by the three past presidents that I had the opportunity to work along side, and they deserve a lot of credit. If not for these individual's efforts during the tough years, it would not have been possible to achieve the goals in my term as President. Presidents Landry, Petry and Schiller created the foundation for which your recent Board of Directors & Committees have built the first floor. Thank you Gil, Greg and Mike for your vision, commitment, dedication, and for teaching me the tools required to keep your construction project afloat. My term as President has been a challenge, but an exciting and fulfilling one.

At our annual meeting this January, I will officially move to the back seat as our 2000 officers and board members are installed. I pledge my support to our new President, as President-Elect, Rich Moffitt takes the wheel, and to his new Board of Directors. Rich has the drive and vision for at least two more floors to be built in our organization and I join all of you in looking forward to bigger and better things to come.

It's been a great experience. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this great organization!