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## *Presidential Overburden* **Bill Silvers, IMAA President**

Greetings to all from soggy Northern Indiana. As most of you are aware, last month was very different from May 2005 when the northeast part of the state saw only three days of precipitation.

As the president of IMAA, I have been very involved with planning the future of the Association. Attending the numerous meetings this year has given me an opportunity to observe the very capable members who serve on IMAA committees while managing their own businesses. It is exciting to see the expertise that they bring to the table. I would like to thank all who have been so generous with their time and talents.

The annual Washington D.C. Fly-In for meetings with our legislators is taking place this week. Judie and I have enjoyed these trips for the past eleven years. I feel that IMAA has made progress for the various industry causes we bring to their attention.

I look forward to seeing you at the Summer Meeting in Louisville, KY at the end of July. We encourage you to bring the family as there are many activities planned in addition to the industry sessions we have scheduled.

## *May we introduce....*

.....the new IMAA Office Coordinator, Carol Cheesman. Carol has been onboard for eight weeks and is already getting to know some of you and how IMAA works. She has over fourteen years industry experience, working for one of our Associate Member companies. This prior experience allows her to know some of your names, your companies and a better understanding of what our business is really all about. Please welcome Carol when you're in the office or by phone or e-mail. For a picture of Carol (and the rest of our staff) you should look on the website [www.indmaa.org](http://www.indmaa.org) and click on the About tab, then click on Staff and bingo...there we are.

## John Schuler Retires From a Long Career at Martin Marietta

In 1963 John started working for the Standard Materials Corporation in New Trenton, Indiana. At that time, the plant was processing material for the new I-74 highway from Harrison, Ohio to New Point, Indiana. In 1964 Martin Marietta purchased Standard Materials. Later that year John was asked to transfer to the stone quarry at Lapel, Indiana. At that time there were no quarries in Indianapolis and all the stone had to be imported from outside the area. As it turned out, this plant was setting records hauling stone to the Indianapolis market.

In 1966 John was again transferred, this time to Indianapolis to start a dispatch department for central Indiana in Broad Ripple. This move started John's career in sales and sales management. From 1970 to 1980 he devoted all of his time to sales. As deposits began to diminish, there was a concerted effort to open new mines for the Indianapolis market. A mine was developed at Kentucky Avenue and that was followed by others at Belmont Avenue, Waverly and River Avenue. He served as Sales Manager for the Indianapolis area through the '80's and '90's. During these years John became interested in politics and began working on legislation that was important to the aggregate industry, primarily road funding. Since 1992 he has led annual IMAA trips to Washington, DC to visit the Indiana Congressional Delegates and to verbalize industry concerns. The last several years he covered Indiana and Ohio as the Director of Governmental Affairs and Public Relations for Martin Marietta Aggregates. The following is a "brief list" of committees and boards where John has served over the years:

- **IMAA:** Board Member, Past President, Chairman of Legislative Committee, Member
- **ICI:** Board Member and Chairman of Convention Committee
- **BIC:** Founding Member, Past Chairman, presently Secretary and Board Member
- **Ohio Aggregates:** Past Board Member and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Co-chairman of Legislative Committee
- **National Stone, Sand and Gravel:** Member Legislative Committee
- **Carmel-Clay Chamber of Commerce:** Past President, **Carmel Symphony Orchestra:** Past President
- **Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce:** Legislative Committee Member
- **Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce:** Board Member, Chairman Transportation Committee
- Present or former member: **Ohio River Corridor Initiative, Ohio Aggregates PAC Committee, Ohio Contractors Legislative Committee, NSSGA PAC Committee, NSSGA Legislative Committee, TRIP, Marion County Well-Field Protection Committee, Janus Development.** In addition to these boards he has been an active participant on various committees in Carmel, Indiana and has served as chairman or president of several homeowners associations.

So what do you think John's retirement plans will be? Well, he recently agreed to a consulting agreement with Independent Concrete Pipe. He will actively work with his son-in-law at Hydraulic Component Specialists LLC, a business he and his family started 5 years ago. He plans to visit with former customers and develop new ones who have a need for hydraulic repair service.

In John's words, "Patty and I have been very fortunate to make so many wonderful friends over the years. We also have a great family that includes our son John, our daughter Amy, son-in-law Tony, and 3 wonderful grandchildren."

"It just doesn't seem possible that 42 years have gone by so quickly. I still remember all of the great people who we have been associated with in this industry but are now gone. I guess by process of elimination, I am the current historian and the one who can recall all the changes that have taken place in our industry. I remember talking to Past IMAA Executive Director Joe Harrison about a book that should be written about our industry in Indiana. I had the same conversation with Bruce Mason and now I guess it will be left up to me to get this book started. If you have stories about how your company started, please pass them along and let's put together that story that I think is worth telling about our industry. I'm willing . . . . are you? Thanks."

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**We have recently updated our member links on our website. If you find that your link is not listed, please let us know and we will make sure to include yours.**

[www.indmaa.org](http://www.indmaa.org)

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# ICAR

(International Center for Aggregate Research)

Robert Jones

Over 125 persons were registered for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual ICAR Symposium last month in Austin, TX. Again this year, Indiana was well represented with eight producer member companies, one associate member company, one INDOT person and myself from the IMAA staff. In one of the sessions we were given recognition for the fact that Indiana almost always has the best and largest representation of any state including Texas. I take pride in knowing that our member companies are genuinely interested and involved in aggregate research.

I believe ICAR is nearing decision time for the future. The present funding is winding down and may only last another year or so. Discussion is taking place about the options available. Some thought has been given to a more regional focus to concentrate on more localized issues like the freeze-thaw issues we have in our area. Identified research might be conducted at local universities or through more regional settings. Another option is to re-fund the system and continue on with the present way of doing things.

IMAA's Technical Committee has discussed this issue and would like to hear more from you. Please feel free to contact me or Chairman Jon Havens (260) 459-6334 with your comments.

## Regulatory Reminder

The Indiana Blasting Law went into effect on December 1, 2005.

### 675IAC26. Regulated Explosives

Use and licensure rules and regulations apply to the purchase and use of "regulated explosives."

Information for Operator Licenses and Blaster Licenses may be found at the Department of Homeland Security website: [www.in.gov/training/certregsection.html](http://www.in.gov/training/certregsection.html) or call 800-666-7784 with questions or to request forms by fax.

The IMAA also has a supply of **Application for License** forms available to you.

## Advertise in *The Source Report*

**At the recent IMAA Board of Directors Meeting there was board approval to allow Member Companies to do some limited advertising in our newsletter.**

**A one page advertisement from an Associate or Producer Member Company will be mailed with *The Source Report*. The IMAA newsletter is published 6 times per year and mailed to over 500 aggregate industry people.**

**If your company is interested in this excellent advertising opportunity, call the Association Office at 317-580-9100 to schedule your ad or to request additional information.**

## SAVE THESE DATES



### IMAA LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN

June 7-10, 2006



### 2006 IMAA TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

June 20-22, 2006

Sign up now!!



### IMAA JOINT SUMMER MEETING

w/KENTUCKY CRUSHED STONE ASSOCIATION

July 27-30, 2006

Louisville Marriott Downtown, Louisville, KY

Registration forms can be downloaded from the IMAA website.

# ***Build Indiana PAC***

## ***What is it and why should I contribute?***

Build Indiana PAC funds are used to support the campaigns of those Indiana legislative candidates who support Build Indiana Council initiatives, particularly a strong investment in Indiana's highways. Recently, the Indiana legislature passed the Major Moves program, which fully funds INDOT's 10-year highway construction program. Helping to re-elect those individuals who supported Major Moves will be the best protection against possible future diversions of the funding for non-highway construction purposes. The Build Indiana PAC hopes to raise \$100,000 this year. Many thanks to those companies and individuals shown below who have (as of May 31, 2006) already contributed to the PAC in this year's fundraising effort. If your company has not yet made its contribution to the BIC PAC, please do so now. Mail your check TODAY to Build Indiana Political Action Committee, One N. Capitol, Suite 305, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204. Contribution forms that allow you to direct your contribution are available from BIC or the IMAA office. (The Build Indiana Council supports candidates for the Indiana House and Senate, caucuses in both houses, candidates for statewide and local offices, and state committees for political parties. Because all Build Indiana PAC funds will be used within Indiana, corporate checks will be accepted. However, corporate contributions are subject to statutory annual limits. Political contributions, including contributions to political action committees, are not tax deductible.)

## ***The Highway Industry Thanks PAC Contributors***

Many thanks to the following companies who have responded to the Build Indiana Political Action Committee fundraising request this year! It is very important for all companies involved in the highway industry to do their part in helping raise PAC funds to help fund the election campaigns of those candidates who support our issues. The Build Indiana PAC has sent letters seeking contributions to all companies who are affiliated with one of the seven BIC member associations, including IMAA. Please consider making a contribution to the BIC PAC today. And thanks to these companies and individuals who have already done so!

American Contracting & Services, Inc.  
Asphalt Materials, Inc.  
Baker & Schultz, Inc.  
Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC  
Berns Construction Co., Inc.  
Brandeis Machinery & Supply Company  
Brooks Construction Co., Inc.  
Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc.  
Central Paving, Inc.  
Cummins Mid-States Power, Inc.  
Doyle, Ed  
E & B Paving, Inc.  
Engineering Aggregates Corp.  
Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Inc.  
Gerow, Ronald (Process Machinery, Inc.)  
Gradex, Inc.  
Harmon Steel, Inc.  
The Hoosier Company, Inc.  
Hydraulic Component Specialists LLC  
Hydro-Technologies, Inc.  
Indiana Steel & Engineering Corp.  
Irving Materials, Inc.

Janssen & Spaans Engineering, Inc.  
Lawson-Fisher Associates P.C.  
MacAllister Machinery Co., Inc.  
MacDonald Machinery Co., Inc.  
Mid America Milling Co., LLC  
Milestone Contractors, L.P.  
Modified Concrete Suppliers, LLC  
Mt. Carmel Stabilization Group, Inc.  
Morphey Construction, Inc.  
Phend & Brown, Inc.  
Primco, Inc.  
Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.  
Rock Industries, Inc.  
RQAW Corporation  
Slusser's Green Thumb, Inc.  
Stone Street Quarries, Inc.  
Tobias Insurance Group, Inc.  
Syljebeck, Robert N. (Engineered Aggregate Service, LLC)  
United Consulting Engineers & Architects  
Wabash Valley Asphalt Co., LLC  
Walsh & Kelly, Inc.  
Weddle Bros. Construction Companies

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**Helpful Website Information on Major Moves and INDOT projects...**

**<http://www.ai.org/dot/projects/tenyear/>**

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## **What's Up with Major Moves**

**May 15, 2006**

The recently passed legislation for highway funding is the hallmark of sound highway funding. Major Moves allows the State to lease the Indiana Toll Road for 75 years to a consortium that will pay \$3.85 billion up front. This money is earmarked for road construction projects throughout Indiana and corrects the projected shortfalls in INDOT's highway budget.

Three funding mechanisms were set up:

1. A special one time distribution of funds to the counties adjacent to the toll road
2. The annual distribution of funds to INDOT for highway construction
3. A two year distribution of funds to counties, cities, and towns

This was the legislation that we pushed, promoted and ultimately was passed by the State Legislature. However, there now appears to be an effort underway to redirect these funds. The intent of Major Moves was to protect this money and use it for highways and roads around the state, but others are now looking to raid these funds for non-highway uses.

We have recently heard stories about counties that have proposed purchasing equipment (i.e. pavers, tools, loaders, etc.) instead of fixing their roads and bridges. Unfortunately, as we understand it, it appears that these governmental agencies are able to spend the money in this manner. If the money dedicated to counties is indeed being spent this way, it would appear that these expenditures are certainly not in keeping with the intent of Major Moves. To make matters even worse, there is even talk that many of these same counties are considering repealing the wheel tax that has been previously enacted. As you can see, the work of BIC and the Public Works Council is not done.

So here is the challenge: First, we need your continued support of the Public Works Council. Our work is not done, even though Major Moves has passed. Second, and most importantly, we need you to contact your county officials and point out to them the intent of Major Moves and the importance of using these funds for the intended and original purpose – to improve the roads and bridges in their respective counties! Lastly, once you have contacted a county official, please provide feedback as to the nature of your visit. If you have questions, need clarification or would like assistance, please contact Robert Jones at IMAA (317-580-9100).

We can't assume that the county leaders will do the right thing. We can't sit back and wait for the order to come. We need to be proactive and ask for the order!

Thank you for your support and assistance and good luck!

John Tiberi, PWC Chairman  
Public Works Council

Robert G. Jones, Executive Director  
Indiana Mineral Aggregates Association

## Welcome New Members

American Mining Insurance Company

Birmingham, AL

Contact: Bryant Brown



Andrews Environmental Engineering, Inc.

Indianapolis, IN

Contact: Bill Paraskevas

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### SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR NSSGA MEMBER COMPANIES REGARDING SILICA LITIGATION

Joy Wilson, President and CEO  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association

Silica litigation is getting a lot of national attention these days. Judge Janis Jack of the U.S. District Court in Corpus Christi has stated that much of the litigation appears to be driven by plaintiffs' lawyers than potential health issues. It is of concern to our members that they are asked to make decisions for litigation defense when there are not felt to be health and safety issues. In product liability litigation, plaintiffs' lawyers often allege that the defendant "failed to warn" of a condition that constitutes a health risk. NSSGA has put together some general guidelines for you to consider in protecting your company against this claim in silica litigation, recognizing that each company has unique operating issues, and consequently that these suggestions may or may not be applicable to the specific circumstances of your company and its facilities.

1. Place a silica warning on all weigh tickets or similar documents.
2. Place a warning sign at appropriate sites at your plants visible to all drivers who exit your plants and to on-site contractors or other visitors to your plants.
3. Update MSDS information regarding your products to cover silica information and distribute an appropriate MSDS to every customer on an annual or other appropriate periodic basis.
4. Evaluate the adequacy of any current silica warnings, including wording, placement, color, symbols and translation into other languages (e.g. Spanish).
5. Make your MSDS available to anyone who requests a copy (e.g. by mail, internet, printing out at your plants or otherwise).
6. Warn your employees about the impact tobacco smoking in relation to its connection to lung cancer and other pulmonary diseases.
7. Analyze multiple methods of distributing silica warnings in addition to signage and weigh tickets, such as via website, on other business documentation, and evaluate the effectiveness and feasibility of distributing warnings for various modes of transportation, such as truck, rail and barge.

For more information, you can access sample materials on the NSSGA Members Only website at:  
<http://www.nssga.org/members/esh> or call Gary Walter, NSSGA Vice President, Safety & Health at 703-526-1074.

**National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association**

