

STMA MESSAGE



Mike Schiller

Thanks, STMA

I sit here trying to think of something really impressive for my first presidential message. After much soul searching, I can only say *thanks* to all of you who have been a part of STMA. I am humbled and honored to have been elected to serve as the president of this fine organization. We continue to grow, and I know our founding fathers are proud of the direction in which we are heading.

I do want to take a moment to say a very special thank you to two people without whose efforts STMA would not have come as far as we have.

The first is Dr. Gil Landry. Gil has been a longtime board member as well as president and past-president. Thank you, Doc, for your patience and dedication.

The second person I would like to thank is our immediate past-president, Greg Petry. Greg and I have known each other a long time, and his dedication and persistence has helped carry us through. Thanks, Greg, for all you've done. I look forward to your counsel during my tenure.

I would also like to thank those people at Smith, Bucklin & Associates who have helped carry the association for the past few years, especially Bret Kelsey, who served as our executive director.

As we begin the new year, we are also welcoming a new management firm to our organization. Welcome to our new

executive director, Steve Trusty, and to Suz and Stephanie of Trusty & Associates. These three are not newcomers to our group. They have been involved in our organization for the past few years, and we look forward to new growth and new services for our members under their direction.

I look forward to the future and will make myself available to listen to your con-

cerns, problems and suggestions. Please don't hesitate to contact any of us on the board. We can only continue to grow and prosper through your active participation. Become a doer, *not* a sideline observer. You'll get much more out of the organization if you do.



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