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Wow, where do I start. We are coming off of a record year in 2016. We overfilled the ballroom and ended up having fantastic exhibitor spaces inside and out. Attendance was a record as well. We had student attendees and new exhibitors. There is only one thing to do now, and that is, to continue the momentum into the future.

I would like to thank Steve Mikucki for his eight years of service to the HMS group. He remains on the Board of Directors as the Vice-Chairman and continues to provide strong leadership and keen insight on the organization. His countless hours of behind the scenes effort should not go unrecognized.

New faces this year include Frank Marzella at Vice President and Steve Shaup and Pete Maglicic on the Board of Directors. Also, thank you to all of those who ran in a close race, and please submit your names for election next year.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board Members who are rotating off of the Board and have served so diligently throughout the years, namely, Roy Bill and Herb Protin.

I look forward to starting my term as Chairperson, and bringing the Symposium back to Orlando in 2018. As always, feel free to contact me with any comments or questions that you may have.

Graciela Patino

Chairman of the Board

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PLAN for Orlando!

-President James Alison

A big thank you goes out to everyone for making the 2016 HMS Symposium a successful symposium. It is important to note that we had record attendance. I am sure that many of you enjoyed the food and evening events we had at the Symposium.

Special thanks to all those who volunteered, whether monitoring sessions, at the registrars desk, putting together the Symposium giveaways, etc. Job well done!!! Without the support of our exhibitors and authors, this symposium would have not been successful. We are counting on you for our 2018 Orlando HMS Symposium.

As we go back to Orlando in 2018, I am open to hear suggestions or ideas to make this another successful symposium. I encourage you to bring your family along, there are a lot of family activities for everyone in the Orlando area close to Universal Orlando, Disney World, and the location is practically in Sea World's "back yard"! The Renaissance Orlando is an amazing venue with all things under one roof. I think you will find it is efficient and convenient at the same time.

Again, thanks to everyone and hoping to see you all in Orlando in 2018.

James Alison
President



17TH BIENNIAL MOVABLE BRIDGE SYMPOSIUM

October 22 – 25, 2018

at the

Renaissance Orlando at Sea World

8623 Vineland Avenue, Orlando, FL 32821.

Look Ahead...

- Senior Vice-President John Proven

I wish to thank all of the members, exhibitors, officers, staff, board members, technical presenters, spouses, volunteers, and everyone involved for making our 16th HMS Symposium in Tampa last year a tremendous success. Over 400 persons registered, a new record. We received numerous positive comments regarding but not limited to the technical papers, the facility, the venue, the exhibitors, and mostly everything. We are as always looking for ways to make the Symposium better and welcome your suggestions and will continue work on ways to improve the overall experience for everyone. If you have a great new idea, please call or e-mail me at john.proven@nutallgear.com.

The Officers and the Board of Directors are already busy planning for our 17th HMS Symposium in 2018 in Orlando at the Renaissance near Sea World. We are always looking for volunteers to assist in continuing our tradition of excellence and making the symposium a successful, rewarding and enjoyable experience. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer. The duties of organizing the technical presentations will be assumed by our new Vice-President, Frank Marzella, who will be reaching out to past presenters later this year in an effort to get a leg up on planning and scheduling the technical presentations.

The officers have been meeting since the end of last year, primarily by Webex coordinating for the upcoming 2018 symposium. In June the officers and the board of directors will meet at the Renaissance in Orlando to make many of the final arrangements for 2018. I encourage all board members to attend and see what is in store for Orlando. The executive officers are already looking ahead to 2020 for a suitable location and will report our findings and recommendations to the board in June.

Again thanks to all and I look forward to seeing everyone in Orlando in 2018.

John G. Proven, P.E.
Senior Vice-President

Check out Orlando at the Renaissance Hotel Sea World!

Incoming Vice President's Report Vice President – Frank Marzella

First and foremost, I would like to thank you all for your support in electing me to serve as the new HMS Vice President. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to advance my service to the HMS organization. I trust that all HMS members found the 2016 Symposium in Tampa to be a successful event. The leadership of HMS hopes for everyone's continued support into the future.

Preparations are already underway for the 2018 Symposium, which will be held at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The Site Selection Committee is also busy researching possible locations for the 2020 Symposium. As your new Vice President, I am committed to diligently working with the other executive leaders to make the next two symposiums and the organization great.

To that goal, please consider volunteering some time and your personal expertise to be a member of one our Technical Committees. The six technical committees are:

- Electrical/Electronic Systems
- Ownership/Public Use & Management
- Performance/Construction/Maintenance
- Fluid Power Systems
- Machinery/Mechanisms
- Structural Elements

I am looking for 4 to 6 members for each committee, as well as a Chairperson for each Technical Committee. Also, I am reaching out to the membership to suggest any Panel Discussion topics for possible discussion at the 2018 symposium. Please contact me via email if you are interested in joining a Technical Committee or have any thoughts on possible Panel Discussion topics.

Having presented many times at past HMS symposiums, I know first hand the time commitment and effort it takes to write technical papers and prepare presentations. However, the quality and quantity of technical exchange that comes from our presenters is the heart and soul of our symposiums. Therefore, please consider presenting a technical paper on one of your favorite heavy movable structure topic or project.

Later this year, a "Call for Papers" will be issued and I encourage everyone to consider preparing an abstract. The first call for abstracts will come out in December 2017. Please respond to me promptly so that I may get abstract approval and prepare the presentation and panel discussion schedule in short order. Lastly, I will also be looking for volunteers to support the presentations as monitors at the 2018 Symposium.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish everyone a wonderful 2017.

Frank Marzella

Summer is Almost Here!

- Secretary Lee Lentz

What is the old saying? Time flies when you're having fun! It is almost summer. Seems like yesterday we were enjoying all that Tampa had to offer at the 2016 symposium. I had a wonderful experience at the Symposium. We should all be proud of the fact that our industry was represented so well. The sharing nature of our organization is rare and easy to take for granted. Thank you to all who participated to make it one of our biggest and best ever.

If you haven't already please consider joining HMS as a Member in order to receive a substantial discount when registering for our upcoming 17th Biennial Heavy Movable Structures Symposium. You can sign up for a membership using the form herein and stay tuned as our website is being revamped to offer these and other services.

As far as I know all PDH certificate requests have been responded to. If you still need certificates just let me know. I am happy to report that the pdh forms within the registration booklets seemed to meet the needs of the vast majority of our attendees.

We are gearing up for our off-year board meeting June 9th at the Orlando location. I can already tell it is going to be a good symposium in 2018!

Please contact me at LRLentz@Modjeski.com or call me at (717) 790 - 9565 if you have any questions or concerns.

Lee Lentz,
Secretary

HMS Website is Active:

**We have upgrade software and security measures on the website.
Please check out the website!**

TREASURER'S REPORT

- *Treasurer Daniel Appelbaum*

Thank you to everyone who attended and made the 16th Biennial Symposium in Tampa a great success! We had more exhibitors and more attendees than ever before which will allow us to provide for even better events in the future. We are building our reserves so we can again expand the Symposium outside of Florida while keeping fees low. Don't get me wrong Florida, we love you, but sometimes it is nice to see other places.

Though there is no Symposium this year, the executive officers and board members are busy planning for the 17th Biennial - coming back to Orlando in 2018. We will strive to maintain exhibitor and attendee costs reasonable with minimal, if any, increases in fees.

We know the website has had some technical difficulties, but stay tuned for a new and improved website which should be returned to full functionality soon. Membership renewals will be able to be done at the website, but if you just can't wait to renew your membership, fill out the membership form on the next page and mail it in.

Daniel Appelbaum
HMS Treasurer

Sign up to Become an HMS Member

SAVE \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

BIG TIME

on Symposium Registration Fees!!!

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