



Welcome to the new format of the HMS News Brief. We are streamlining in an effort to get you the details you need to stay connected to HMS. You will find below, key topics for this time of our “off-year” schedule. Please keep in touch with the officers and Board of Directors so we can continue to provide top notch collaboration within the Heavy Movable Structures industry.

2018 Symposium in the Books - It may sound like a broken record, but we once again topped our attendance from the previous symposium. In 2018 there were over 500 attendees and we had the wonderful problem of overfilling the exhibitor space in the main ballroom. There is only one thing to do now, and that is, to continue the momentum into 2020 and beyond!

Changing of the Guard - Special thanks to all those who volunteered, whether monitoring sessions, at the registrar’s desk, putting together the Symposium giveaways, authors and presenters, and the list goes on and on. Job well done!!! We are counting on you for our 2020 HMS Symposium in New Orleans.

We would like to thank Grace Patino for her eight years of service to the HMS Organization. She remains on the Board of Directors as the Vice-Chairman and continues to provide strong leadership and keen insight to the organization. Her countless hours of behind the scenes effort should not go unrecognized.

New positions this year include Jon Henrichsen at Vice President and Reid Brooks, Iqbal Biln, Richard Marchetti, Steve Mikucki, Mickey Harrison, and Bob Frawley on the Board of Directors.

Finally, a thank you goes out to the Board Members who are rotating off and have served so diligently throughout the years, namely, Gill Detweiler, Christopher Samford, Jennifer Lemke Creske, Mike Morton, and Rob Moses.

2020 Planning - As we get back to New Orleans, please pass along any suggestions or ideas to make this another successful symposium. Plan to spend some time in the “Big Easy” October 12-15, 2020. We are in preparation mode for our time at the Sheraton next year. On June 21st the Board and Officers had their off-year site meeting at the hotel to continue coordination with the Sheraton and within HMS. We are planning a fantastic river boat cruise as our offsite event. 2020 sponsorship opportunities will be finalized and published soon.

2020 Participation - We need authors and presenters. Consider this the formal “Call for Papers”.

Abstracts are due to Jon Henrichsen (“OFFICERS” link below) by Friday December 13, 2019.

Wanting to get involved with HMS, but not sure where to start? Joining a technical committee is a great way to involved. The six technical committee groups are:

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

Please contact our VP, Jon Henrichsen, if you are interested in joining a Technical Committee or have any thoughts on possible Panel Discussion topics.

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