



## **President's 2022 Symposium Recap and Look Ahead**

There were many Covid related challenges associated with the 2022 Symposium, but it is at last behind us. Despite many unknowns and fears, we had excellent attendance (480 people) and technical session participation at the Orlando Marriott. I would like to thank everyone for making the 2022 Symposium a successful event.

Many thanks to all the exhibitors and authors for their contributions to the success of the 2022 Symposium. We hope for the continued support from all exhibitors at the next symposium.

We are gearing up for the 20th HMS Symposium which will be held on October 7th -10th, 2024 at the Sheraton Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. There is certainly a lot of exciting activities in NOLA including the famous French Quarter and Bourbon Street, many excellent restaurants and cafes, the World War II Museum and much more.

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

New positions this year include Jeff Newman at Vice President and Jenny Fu, Emily Miletech, Ray Lopez, Brandon Hinson, Charles L. Debardeleben, Tyler Vander Linden, Michael Parciasepe, and Robert Tosolt 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, John Williams, Pete Davis, Pete Maglicic, Roy Bill, Stewart Hingle, Steve Shaup, Jeff Newman and Jim Phillips.

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 7-10, 2024. We are in preparation mode for our time at the Sheraton next year. On June 9<sup>th</sup> the Board and Officers will have 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. 2024 sponsorship opportunities will be finalized and published soon.

We need authors and presenters for 2024. Consider this the formal "Call for Papers". **Abstracts are due to Jeff Newman ("OFFICERS" link below) by Friday December 15, 2023.**

I hope to see you all in the Fall of 2024 to continue the Heavy Movable Structures tradition of excellence. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [fmarzella@hardestyhanover.com](mailto:fmarzella@hardestyhanover.com).

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