



PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Stephen J. Weitekamp
President
California Moving & Storage Association
Phone: 562-865-2900; 800-672-1415 (within CA)
Fax: 562-865-2944
Email: sweitekamp@thecmsa.org

May 17, 2019 — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CALIFORNIA MOVING & STORAGE ASSOCIATION HOLDS ITS 101ST ANNUAL CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

CERRITOS, Calif., (May 17, 2019) — The California Moving & Storage Association (CMSA) held its 101st Annual Convention from April 23-28, 2019 at the Paradise Point Resort & Spa in San Diego, California with more than 330 moving professionals in attendance!

While the schedule was filled with the usual convention activities, there were also special guests and good times that made the convention memorable.

While vital committee and board meetings were held to address industry issues, there were also fun social events that promoted comradery and good times. This year's convention included a Movers & Shakers Dinner in the Bay View Room at the Paradise Point Resort & Spa with stunning sunset views over the water. The dinner was held to thank board members, chapter presidents, committee members, convention speakers and special guests.

The annual Convention golf tournament was hosted at the top-rated Maderas Golf Club in San Diego County on Thursday morning. Although no one won the \$10K hole-in-one contest, golfers enjoyed the great weather and challenging course. CMSA's Young Professional Group also met that day and were tasked with a fun scavenger hunt list of photos to take and post to the Facebook CMSA Young Professionals Group with #CMSA101. A lot of hilarious pics and great videos came out of this game! Later that evening, members enjoyed the well-attended Exhibitors Welcome Reception, where mover members visited vendor booths and socialized throughout the night as a photo slideshow of past CMSA events played on.

At the Friday General Business Session, the new CMSA logo ushering the Association into its next century was revealed! The new logo now says, "MOVING CALIFORNIA SINCE 1918." General Business Sessions were held Friday and Saturday mornings and included motivational speaker "Antarctic Mike" Pierce, an endurance athlete known for completing the grueling

Antarctic Ice Marathon and Antarctic 100K. He talked about bringing out “The Conqueror in All of Us.” A big highlight of not only the General Business Session, but the Convention in general, was the regulatory panel made up of regulators from the Bureau of Household Goods & Services (BHGS). This was the first-time regulators came out to our convention in such force and enthusiastically interacted with our members. This was definitely a momentous event! International Association of Movers (IAM) President Chuck White was also on hand to speak on the hot topic of military outsourcing plans. His speech was titled, “What effect will DoD HHG outsourcing have on the worldwide moving market.” Van line executives from Atlas, Interstate, National, North American, UniGroup and Wheaton|Bekins|Stevens were also present to talk about important issues and hear feedback from van line agents and those interested in becoming van line agents.

CMSA also hosted a military breakout session with a special presentation from IAM Director of Government & Military Affairs Dan Bradley and AMSA Director of Military Policy John Becker. The discussion panel included Gary Dootson of Suddath Government Services, Tim Helenthal of National Van Lines, Matt Connell of Total Military Management and Jeanette Homan of Lambert Enterprises.

The Friday luncheon program involved a review of current California Legislative actions by new CMSA Lobbyist Joshua Shaw of Shaw/Yoder/Antwih.

Friday night beach-themed party was highlighted with life-sized cut-outs of shirtless beach hunks CMSA President Steve Weitekamp and Former CMSA Chairman Jay Casey. Attendees lined up to take pictures with the cut-outs and donated \$5 towards the CMSA Scholarship Fund. The crowd got rowdy when the “bandit mover” pinatas came out. Attendees took turns being blindfolded and tried to hit the pinata with a stick while being belted with beach balls from the crowd. The pinatas were being swung in front of the participants to make things even more challenging!

At the Saturday awards luncheon, CMSA made a special \$5,000 donation presentation to the Southern California Special Olympics and announced its \$5,000 donation to the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, the 2018-2019 Chairman Alan Freese’s Chairman’s Choice Charity. Freese also raised money with a Go Fund Me fundraiser, and Victory Packaging made a generous donation to make the total donation \$12,000! CMSA also awarded \$85K in scholarships this year to deserving college and vocational students. Special recognitions were given to the Association’s retiring board members and its 12 chapter presidents, with the Chapter of the Year Award presented to Co-Presidents Griselda Gonzalez and Olga Garcia of CG Moving Company, Inc. on behalf of the Northern Region Chapter for the second year in a row!

On Saturday night at the Chairman’s Ball/Dinner, CMSA formally installed Thomas McCarthy of McCarthy Transfer & Storage in El Cajon, Calif. as the 2019–2020 Chairman. Convention attendees celebrated the Association’s new chairman by dancing to music.

The 102nd CMSA Convention will be held April 14-19, 2020 at the Kauai Marriott in Lihue, Hawaii.

The CMSA is a nonprofit trade association representing more than 375 licensed and insured movers operating in California. The CMSA also includes more than 195 associate member companies. Established in 1916, the Association is comprised of 12 chapters strategically located throughout California.



The Regulatory Panel from the Bureau of Household Goods & Services (BHGS) on stage at the Friday General Business Session of the 2019 CMSA Annual Convention.



The last CMSA members standing after dancing the night away at the 2019 CMSA Convention Chairman's Ball.