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CALIFORNIA MOVING & STORAGE ASSOCIATION HOLDS ITS 103RD ANNUAL CONVENTION VIRTUALLY

CERRITOS, Calif., (May 5, 2021) — The California Moving & Storage Association (CMSA) held its 103rd Annual Convention virtually via Zoom Webinar for five consecutive Tuesdays (April 6, April 13, April 20, April 27 & May 4) from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Pacific Time). There was even a special Trivia Night hosted by Move For Hunger and CMSA for a fun social event on the opening night of the virtual convention. Approximately 150 registrants signed up to attend the virtual convention!

Each of the five sessions featured speakers who are leaders in their field. Those speakers included CMSA Chairman John Chipman Jr., International Association of Movers (IAM) President Chuck White, American Trucking Association – Moving & Storage Conference (ATA-MSA) President Katie McMichael, CMSA Lobbyists Josh Shaw & Matt Robinson of Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange (SYASL), Attorney Conor Dale of Jackson Lewis P.C., Move for Hunger President Adam Lowy, Cleanfleets.net President Sean Edgar, and CMSA President Steve Weitekamp.

The virtual convention also included panel discussions that brought together top experts in the moving industry to discuss and provide insights on military affairs and van line issues.

Panelists for the Military Affairs Discussion included Jamie McDaniel of Suddath Government Services, Michael Wilson of National Forwarding, Matt Connell of Total Military Management and Jeanette Homan of Lambert Enterprises. The moderator of the discussion was IAM Director of Government & Military Affairs Dan Bradley.

The Van Line Panel included executives Jeff Schimmel of Atlas, Mark Lundgren of Interstate, Mark Doyle of National, Kevin Murphey of North American, Marc Rogers of UniGroup and A.J.

Schneider of The Wheaton Group. CMSA Senior Chairman Thomas McCarthy of McCarthy Transfer & Storage moderated this discussion.

Representatives of the California Bureau of Household Goods & Services (BHGS), the regulatory agency for intrastate moves also participated in the convention and provided an overview of its services and recent accomplishments. BHGS Policy Manager Yeaphana LaMarr, Senior Investigator Rick Villuci and Staff Services Manager Jacqueline Castro made their presentations and were happy to answer attendee questions.

Special recognitions were given to the Association's 12 chapter presidents, with Co-Chapter of the Year Awards presented to Andria Skiff of Republic Moving & Storage on behalf of the San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter, and Co-Presidents Griselda Gonzalez and Olga Garcia of CG Moving Company, Inc. on behalf of the Northern Region Chapter!

This year, a total of 26 scholarships were awarded to vocational and academic winners, which brought the current total CMSA scholarships awarded since it was established to more than \$1.2 million.

CMSA also announce it's \$5K donations to 2019-2020 CMSA Chairman Thomas McCarthy's Chairman's Choice Charity to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) and 2020-2021 CMSA Chairman John Chipman Jr.'s Chairman's Choice Charity to Grateful Gatherings, which were approved by the CMSA Board of Directors. The CMSA Charity Fund also donated \$5K to the Southern California Special Olympics.

The 104th CMSA Convention will be held April 19-24, 2022 at the Peppermill Resort & Spa in Reno, Nevada.

The CMSA is a nonprofit trade association representing more than 300 licensed and insured movers operating in California. The CMSA also includes more than 150 associate member companies. Established in 1916, the Association is comprised of 12 chapters strategically located throughout California.