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CALIFORNIA MOVING & STORAGE ASSOCIATION HOLDS ITS 104TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN RENO, NEVADA.

CERRITOS, Calif., (May 13, 2022) — The California Moving & Storage Association (CMSA) held its 104th Annual Convention from April 19-24, 2022 at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno, Nevada.

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, CMSA was finally able to hold an in-person convention. Many delegates commented how thrilled they were to see everyone again.

While vital committee and board meetings were held to address industry issues, there were also fun social events that promoted comradery and good times.

The Thursday morning golf tournament was canceled due to bad weather, but the casino at the hotel provided lots of entertainment. CMSA's Young Professional Group also met that day and did their version of speed dating for members to get to know one another. Later that evening, members enjoyed the well-attended Exhibitors Welcome Reception, where mover members visited vendor booths, ate delicious food, and socialized throughout the night.

The Friday General Business Session was highlighted by the annual attendee roll call, remarks from the CMSA President, Chairman, and Senior Chairman about the past year; an update about international shipping issues from the International Association of Movers (IAM) President Chuck White; and regulatory news from BHGS Bureau Chief Justin Paddock and BHGS Policy Manager Yeaphana La Marr.

CMSA also hosted a military breakout session, which included a presentation by IAM Director of Government & Military Affairs Dan Bradley and a panel discussion with panelists: Jamie McDaniel of The Suddath Companies, Michael Wilson of National Forwarding Co., 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 CMSA Lobbyists Joshua Shaw and Matt Robinson of Shaw/Yoder/Antwih.

A special “This is Your CMSA Life, John Chipman Jr.” was held Friday evening in honor of CMSA’s outgoing chairman. During the Covid-19 years, the CMSA Board of Directors seats were frozen and remained unchanged, which gave John Chipman Jr. the unique distinction of serving as CMSA chairman for two terms in a row. However, with this distinction, he was also unable to have his own Chairman’s Ball. This special event was done to fill that void with stories, photos, and a trivia game honoring Chipman Jr. for his service to CMSA.

The Saturday General Business Session was highlighted by special guest speakers, which included Bill Sullivan of ATA MSC, Sean Edgar of CleanFleets.com, Joshua Erdman of Torchlight Marketing. The popular van line panel discussion was also held with Steven McKenna of Allied Van Lines, Paul Gregory of National Van Lines, Heather Paraino of UniGroup, and Craig Carver of Interstate Van Lines.

At the Saturday awards luncheon, CMSA made a special \$5,000 donation presentation to the Northern California Special Olympics and announced its \$5,000 donation to Grateful Gatherings, the 2020-2022 Chairman John Chipman Jr.’s Chairman’s Choice Charity. CMSA also awarded \$45K in scholarships this year to deserving college students. Special recognitions were given to the Association’s retiring board members and its 12 chapter presidents, with the Chapter of the Year Award were presented to two deserving chapters, which included Co-Presidents Griselda Gonzalez and Olga Garcia of CG Moving Company, Inc. on behalf of the Northern Region Chapter and Chapter President Andria Skiff of Republic Moving & Storage on behalf of the San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter.

On Saturday night at the Chair’s Ball/Dinner, CMSA formally installed Shree Hammer of California Relocation Services in Garden Grove, Calif. as the 2022–2023 Chair. Convention attendees celebrated the Association’s new chairman by dancing to music played by DJ Ensi.

The 105th CMSA Convention will be held May 16-21, 2023 at the Omni Rancho Las Palmas in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

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.



Delegates enjoying food, catching up with colleagues and visiting booths at the Exhibitors Welcome Reception.



Friday General Business Session of the 2022 CMSA Annual Convention.



(L-R) CMSA Senior Chairman John Chipman Jr., CMSA Chair Shiree Hammer, CMSA President Steve Weitekamp, CMSA Vice-Chairman Jesse Chabot, and CMSA Secretary/Treasurer Mike Sarro at the 2022 CMSA Annual Convention Chairman's Ball.