



A Great Opportunity

I cannot believe that the first quarter of 2017 is already behind us and we are closing in on the mid-point of the year! I did not realize that time would go so fast once you actually became president of this outstanding association. It has been a great honor to be your 2016-2017 WPMA president. I have enjoyed meeting everybody, and making friendships that will last a lifetime. I plan to remain active in the WPMA and look forward to all the great things to come. I would like to take this time to express my gratitude to all of you - our members, suppliers, and vendors. I was blessed with how this association is structured and organized when I became president, and I feel we have made a positive impact on our industry.

We have a great leadership team following me, as I had previous to me. I want to thank everyone involved in the WPMA, as they made my presidency a memorable experience in my life.

From the very beginning, the leadership of the WPMA has created one of the premier associations in the nation. Gene's leadership has created a great team at WPMA's home office. As I view it today, it will only get better with the upcoming presidents: Ron Berry, Mark Lytle, and Dennis Campo.

We recently attended our "Day on the Hill" with PMAA; please make every effort to work with your state executives to ensure your voices are being heard on a national level. Karen and I again have really enjoyed the opportunity to make new acquaintances, and look forward to seeing you all next year at WPMA's National **WPMAEXPO** in February of 2018.

All the best,


Rick Reese



*WPMA President,
Rick Reese*