



Moving Up Through the WPMA Chairs ...

by WPMA President, Ron Berry

It is a great opportunity to serve as the 2017-18 President of WPMA. I have had my eyes opened to what great state associations we are all a part of. The time that is put in by you as members is what has made WPMA as successful as each state organization. It is impressive.

Our Staff at WPMA are some of the best people I know and they are why our *WPMAEXPO* is always a success. We have become a premier trade show that is attended by people all over the United States. Our staff at WPMA assists with each of our state organizations in distributing legislative information and providing each state with convention and member services. They are the best!!

Moving up through the WPMA chairs has been a great honor for me and I have made so many wonderful friendships through this organization that will last forever. Michelle and I truly value your friendships and are grateful for the opportunity to serve you. WPMA has had some great leaders that I have been able to watch and learn from while I have been on the executive committee. Thank you Brett Adams, Robert Fung, Larry Poulton, Brad Bell, and Rick Reese. It has been a lot of fun to serve with you and to learn from each of you. I hope I can measure up to your examples of service.

Michelle and I have been married for 35 years, and we have 3 children, Matt, Jessica, and Josh. Matt and his wife Amie have given us three beautiful granddaughters, Avery, Hailey, and Mattie. We have lived our whole married life in the little town of Teton, Idaho with a population of 262. I started working in the fuel distribution business with my father when I was 14 years old. Michelle and I spend a lot of time together working and playing with our family. Our lives are centered on family first. All three of our children work with us at Berry Oil. Thanks to each of them for putting in extra time while we serve in WPMA.

I think each of us is more optimistic than we have been in the past when it comes to political issues that are affecting our industry. We need to be involved in each of our state organizations and the political process more now than ever, so we can support and

promote issues that will help our industry as a whole. A lot of the legislative issues we have faced in the past have been put aside for now. This gives us a great opportunity to find a positive approach for new issues that could improve things for our industry. I encourage each of you to get involved and stay connected to your state and federal representatives, and to use the information from WPMA to help in this endeavor.

We have enjoyed the state conventions we have attended, and look forward to attending more conventions and our upcoming *National WPMAEXPO*. We also look forward to getting to know more of you individually. If you have any suggestions please feel free to contact me about how we can improve this organization and the *WPMAEXPO*. Thank you for your support — I will do my best to serve you.

Best Wishes to each of you,

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Passing of the gavel by Immediate Past President Rick Reese to incoming President Ron Berry during summer board meeting in Deer Valley, Utah.