

Idaho Insider

Successful PAC Events Help IPM&CSA Support 65 elected officials in 2018

We had our most successful PAC fundraising year ever in 2018 allowing IPM&CSA to contribute more than \$24,000 to 65 state candidates in the 2018 election cycle. As always, thanks to our members, vendors and friends who supported four IPM&CSA PAC golf tournaments that make these contributions possible! Also a huge “Thank You” to our event coordinators (noted below) who donate countless hours to making these events a success!

IPM&CSA PAC Supports Our Allies at the Statehouse:

IPM&CSA commits time and resources to legislative and statewide races and supports elected officials who share our philosophy of government policy and regulations. As in previous election cycles, Idaho marketers continue to build relationships with key legislators and government officials to ensure that our industry is represented in the development of Idaho laws and regulations.

2018 IPM&CSA PAC Golf Events:

Ridgecrest Golf Course, April 24 (Tony Stone, Jackson Energy)

Blue Lakes Country Club, June 6 (Rob Franklin, United Oil)

Circling Raven, August 7 (Eric Busch, Busch Distributors)

Huntsman Springs, August 30 (Ron Berry, Berry Oil)

2019 Legislative Preview

Overview

IPM&CSA is well positioned to defend and protect our industry in the 2019 legislative session. As always, we will be on guard for proposals that impact our industry – new taxes and regulations on fuel, C-Stores, USTs, and the rest. Legislators will be grappling with several major issues which compete for the same General Fund dollars. Big ticket items include education, health care, transportation, and corrections. Add to that mix the transition to a new administration, with the dynamics that come with new players and relationships on many levels. The economy is strong, and unemployment is at record low levels, but state revenues are a bit off, as 2018 state and federal tax changes have kicked in, causing some uncertainty in revenue projections for the coming fiscal year.

2018 Elections – Big Changes on the Horizon for 2019

2018 Elections will bring big changes at the Idaho Statehouse in 2019. From the Governor’s office on down the political food chain, we will see a transition to a new administration, with new leadership likely at many, if not most, state agencies. On the legislative front, we can also expect significant changes in committee leadership and members, as the domino-effect of retirements, appointments and election results shakes up both House and Senate. Committees are where the business of the legislature gets done, and these are the changes that will impact how we do business at the statehouse. The relationships our members develop at home make all the difference to our success at the State Capitol.

Industry Issues for 2018

IPM&CSA Legislative Focus on UST compliance and PSTF board: In the 2019 session, IPM&CSA will focus our legislative efforts on extending the deadline for new UST rules beyond Idaho’s current date of October 13, 2018. We are working with PSTF and DEQ to ensure that tank owners have the time and resources to comply in a timeframe that allows for adequate technical support and equipment replacement. We will also work with the new governor to recommend candidates to the newly-restructured PSTF board, which includes three marketers, and financial, environmental and legislative representatives. With the recent retirements of Chairman Forde Johnson and Senator Bob Nonini, the new governor will need to appoint two new board members.

New Faces & Fond Farewells

We owe a debt of gratitude to two long-time members of the PSTF board who are retiring at the end of 2018. Chairman Forde Johnson has served as chairman since the board was created by statute in 2003. Forde was involved in drafting the original legislation when the Petroleum Clean Water Trust Fund was created in 1990, was appointed as the first (and so far the only) chairman in 2003, and has served with distinction throughout. Forde has represented the financial/insurance sector and will be missed.

Senator Bob Nonini is another long-time member of the PSTF board and served as both House and Senate representative. He has been a solid ally and advocate for the PSTF and has helped pass several legislative proposals in support of the program. We appreciate the time, effort and commitment that Forde and Bob have committed to the Petroleum Clean Water Trust Fund.

Upcoming Events – Mark your Calendar:

Idaho Member meeting in Las Vegas:

Tuesday February 19 – Time/location TBA. Come get an update on the 2019 legislative session and weigh in on issues impacting our industry. Stand by for details on time and place.

Get Your Room Reserved Early:

August 5-7, 2019 IPM&CSA Convention and Trade Show, Sun Valley Resort, Sun Valley, Idaho. Hold the date for a family vacation in beautiful Sun Valley, Idaho for the 2019 IPM&CSA Convention and Trade Show. You will want to bring friends and family and stay awhile. This is the high season in Sun Valley. The room block always sells out early, so get your reservations now! Call Sun Valley Reservations at 1-800-786-8259, and ask for the IPM&CSA room block.

PLEASE NOTE: 2019 ONLY -- Convention dates run Monday thru Wednesday rather than the traditional Wednesday thru Friday schedule.

Check This Out –Idaho Website Has Photos, Registration, and News!

Check out the Idaho section of the WPMA Website. Register for events, find critical industry information and see your favorite photos from IPM&CSA events. Visit the updated Idaho page and let us know what you think and how we can improve the information we provide. <http://www.wpma.com/idaho>