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Idaho Insider by Suzi Budge

Congratulations to Dennis & Carla Campo – A Successful Year as WPMA President

Idaho's own – Dennis and Carla Campo presided over the 2020 WPMA Convention with style and grace and we want to acknowledge and congratulate them for a successful year, capped off with a home run of a key-note with Former Speaker of the US House, Paul Ryan. Following a year of constant commitment and travel to all WPMA member states, the Campos are likely ready for a well-deserved rest. (Those who know Dennis will expect that he really just wants to get back to the office.) How nice to have three generations of Campos join the party in Las Vegas, and special thanks to Campo-Poole Energy for their contribution and commitment to supporting Dennis and Carla as they rose through the ranks of WPMA leadership to president. WPMA and our member states owe our success as an organization, in business and in politics, to members like this, and all those who stand behind them!

Idaho Member Meeting in Las Vegas – February 18, 2020

Thanks to those who joined us in Las Vegas for our Idaho State Member meeting. We appreciate our Idaho members taking time away from their busy convention schedule to connect as Idaho members and compare notes on industry issues, legislation and upcoming events. With the legislature in full swing, our Las Vegas meeting is a perfect time to review the issues we need to watch, and to identify those that require action from our industry. Members also dip into their wallets for the PMAA PAC. Idaho continues to exceed our annual goal for PAC fundraising at the federal level, and for our state.

Thanks to all for taking a few minutes out of your busy WPMA Convention schedule to join the IPM&CSA member meeting in Las Vegas! We will do it again next year – same time, same place – so please plan to join us again in 2021!

2020 IPM&CSA Legislative Agenda: Industry Issues to Watch

Idaho members gathered to catch up on the latest action at the Idaho Legislature. We had a full house and a full agenda of 2020 legislative issues to review and discuss. For the first time in several years, our industry is out of the limelight (which is a good thing) while lawmakers grapple with rising property taxes, sales tax on groceries, paying teachers more and a host of social issues – all of which are consuming their time and energy. Leadership hopes to adjourn earlier than usual so everyone can go back to their districts and focus on their campaigns, with the May 19 Primary Election clearly in view.

Retail issues are in play this session, with legislation on E-cigarettes, Vaping and Tobacco 21 age restrictions being discussed. New requirements for enforcement, licensing and taxation of E-cigarettes and vape products are on the table, though the outcome is uncertain. Although the so-called “sin” taxes are more acceptable to some Idaho lawmakers, most legislators resist new taxes in any form – particularly in an election year.

Lawmakers are taking up several employment-related issues of interest – worker’s compensation, liability and tort reform, restrictions on hiring practices.

Fuel tax and transportation funding have been sidelined in 2020, but legislation on distracted driving and dyed fuel are topics of legislation.

Legislative Wrap-Up

Much of the action takes place in the final days of the legislature, when it is never safe to leave the Statehouse. The going-home issues in 2020 will include tax relief on property tax and groceries, paying teachers

more, and lots of odds and ends. And for a change – nothing major for us. Look for a thorough review after the 2020 session wraps up, hopefully in late March.

Upcoming Event Reminder

IPM&CSA Convention and Trade Show: August 5-7, 2020 Coeur d'Alene Resort – Call now and reserve your room at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. Our room block always fills up early for our annual event, so be sure to get your spot reserved early. *Register online at <http://www.wpma.com>.*