



*WPMA President,  
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## Heartfelt Thanks ...

*I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks* to everyone who made the 2020 WPMA Expo possible. The time, resources, anxiety, anticipation, planning and coordination leading up to this event was beyond anything I've ever experienced before. I have a much deeper appreciation for all the intricacies that are required to execute an event of this magnitude. With sincere gratitude, I thank and applaud this year's sponsors, exhibitors, and staff who were responsible for the convention's success. The culmination of your hard work and dedication was evident in the final outcome.

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to attend this year's convention. Our members are the lifeblood and sole purpose behind this organization and as such we strive always to provide value through the trade show, educational seminars, networking opportunities, and keynote speeches. I sincerely hope our members left Las Vegas with new connections, valuable information, new possibilities and opportunities, as well as fun memories.

From my vantage point, the convention was a great success. The educational seminars were enlightening and worthwhile. Personally, I was alarmed at the current state of skimming in the United States, but extremely grateful for the insight that will allow our businesses to be more aware and mitigate the danger and damage of these sophisticated criminal operations.

I was especially honored to introduce our members to former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Paul Ryan. His keynote speech was a fascinating look into his successful political career. I particularly enjoyed the insight into his productive working relationship with President Donald Trump's administration. It was refreshing to hear that despite their occasional disagreements, they were able to make important policy changes that have benefited our industry and the country's entire economy.

I'm proud of my wife Carla's efforts to host a fun and well-attended ladies' luncheon. I thoroughly enjoyed spending some time with the ladies, calling a game of Big Money Bingo. I could tell everyone was having a wonderful time and the feedback from the group was excellent.

It was an extreme honor and pleasure to present this year's Hall of Fame award to my friend, Larry Hansen. I thought it was appropriate to come prepared with a pair of sunglasses in case the glare from the stage lights on Larry's head was too bright. I hope he and the audience appreciated my sense of humor.

As your WPMA president, I have been honored and humbled to represent such an incredible, diverse, talented group of business leaders. It's a gig I was originally hesitant to pursue but I am truly grateful to those who ultimately talked me into it. I've never been the type of person who sought the spotlight and I don't particularly enjoy public speaking. Needless to say, the WPMA presidency has been an enormous growing opportunity with all the pain, discomfort, and benefits that accompany such growth. I know Steve Clark, our next president, will do a fantastic job and I feel confident that the organization will be in capable hands.