

Healthy and Happy Again!

As we close out summer and head into fall with the renewed perspective of having a vaccine widely available and clearly successful, and with social events back on the calendar, health seems to be the word of the day. We have healthy bodies and healthy state associations.

It was a tremendous honor and privilege for me to observe this return to health and happiness while attending most of the state conventions this summer. I was very encouraged and impressed with the resounding enthusiasm and broad involvement of members, associates and sponsors. From the golf tournaments and trap shoots to board meetings and welcome dinners, attendance and excitement in every state exceeded expectations. I was amazed but not surprised at how well Gene, Jamie, Kim and all the WPMA staff worked to ensure that every event and all accommodations ran smooth and on schedule.

It was great for me to see firsthand how potential problems were headed off and unexpected challenges were handled in stride. There is no sweat with this crew. Let's just admit it ... they make us all look good. We are very lucky to have their depth of knowledge and experience. Well done WPMA team!

With all the member states having healthy reserves in the bank and with life coming back to the economy, along with our revenue streams, we appear to have survived a never-imagined calamity. Having those reserves was so vital! Despite the COVID year without revenue, we were able to continue operations and indeed win battles at the local level. This is also a reminder about how important our Las Vegas *WPMAEXPO* is. It is the main source of operating income for WPMA and a significant contributor to state associations income.

We are locked and loaded to return to Vegas **February 22-24, 2022!** Trey Gowdy will be our keynote speaker and Frank Abignale is our Thursday educational speaker. In addition to our golf tournament at Rio Secco, we have planned an evening at TOP GOLF which will surely be a blast. Book your flights and get registered early as we are expecting a big turnout.

*I look forward to seeing you in
February in Las Vegas.*



*WPMA President,
Steve Clark*



WPMA CEO Gene Inglesby presents Steve Clark the 2021-2022 WPMA President's Gavel