

# Thank You and Welcome Back!

*The close to another great WPMAEXPO!* WPMA had another successful convention this year, beginning with a fun night at Topgolf and concluding with an outstanding trade show. I would like to thank the WPMA Executive Committee: Steve Clark – President, Kary Tonjum – 1st Vice President, Jeremy Bautista – 2nd Vice President, Matt Berry – 3rd Vice President, Annie Marszal – Senior EMA Director, and Dennis Campo – Immediate Past President for their continual help to make our convention such a success.

We started our convention for the first time ever with a Monday night kickoff at Topgolf. This allowed for a return to in-person networking and the opportunity to catch up with old friends over a fun activity.

Tuesday began with golf at the beautiful Rio Secco Golf Club on a sunny Vegas morning. Later that morning we enjoyed hearing from our educational speakers who came prepared to address the continual changes in our industry, with a focus on alternative fuels, state and legislative issues, biofuels, human resource concerns, and EV charging stations.

Our trade show opened showcasing 11 trucks, the most ever on our convention floor, as well as the latest in technology and services for our industry. We would like to thank all our wonderful exhibitors for attending and helping us to deliver a sold-out show. The first day was capped off with our Welcome Back Celebration featuring fantastic food and live music. Everyone was excited to be meeting in person again.

Wednesday we were proud to welcome our Keynote Speaker Trey Gowdy, who gave valuable insights on the importance of surrounding ourselves with those who think differently than us, to ensure we do not live and die by a world divided into halves. He reminded us that we must make an effort to understand others' differences in circumstances and beliefs in order to ensure we are part of one whole.

The Ladies' Luncheon was hosted this year by Tami Clark and began with a fun taco bar lunch and cash prize drawing, followed by a tour of the Mirage's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat.

Wednesday afternoon, WPMA was pleased to host Cardlock meetings for Pacific Pride and CFN, along with brand meetings for Chevron, ExxonMobil, Marathon, Phillips 66, Shell, and Valero dealers.

Thursday began with an educational session featuring nationally known expert Frank Abagnale speaking about fraud protection and cyber security. Frank gave an eye-opening speech that made us think twice about the security of our financials and personal data. Thursday also saw the closing of our Scholarship Silent Auction, which helps finance our scholarship program. Thanks to all those who participated in our Silent Auction this year in support of our WPMA Scholarship Foundation.

It was amazing to see everyone excited to be back at the *WPMAEXPO*, face to face with no masks. I would like to personally thank all those who attended our show, whether as an attendee, exhibitor, or speaker. It is your participation that makes our convention successful. We look forward to seeing you again

**February 21-23, 2023** at the Mirage Hotel.



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## **2022 Survey Says:**

**96% would  
Recommend  
WPMA to their  
colleagues.**

*"Great networking  
opportunity"*

*"Excellent  
networking show  
and great to see all  
the faces we do  
business with plus  
meet new ones."*

*"This is a great  
event to learn about  
changes coming up  
in our industry and  
networking amongst  
our (peers)."*