



*Secretary Michael Collins has served the IMGA for fifteen years.*

## **2005/2006 Officers Elected**

At the Annual Meeting the Board of Directors elected Officers for the Fiscal year 2005-2006.

Elected to the position of President was Craig Robinson from Pleasant Hill, Illinois. Craig has not only been serving as President Pro Tem since the resignation of Ernie Cleveland, but was also serving as Mayor Pro Tem for the Village of Pleasant Hill. Craig has served on his city council for the past twelve years.

Elected to the position of Vice President was John Watret from Franklin, Illinois. John has held the position of Superintendent of Utilities with the Village of Franklin for ten years and has been involved with the IMGA since it began.

Elected to the position of Secretary was Michael Collins from Bethany, Illinois.

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## **Can't Get Enough!**

At the IMGA Annual Membership Meeting, during the Business Meeting, President Craig Robinson presented an award of special recognition to a very special board member for his leadership and service to the IMGA.

Michael Collins of Bethany, Illinois, has been a member of the IMGA Board since 1990. In fact, Mike is the only individual in the IMGA to serve as Secretary on the Executive Board. Mike has demonstrated unique leadership skills through his dedication and willingness to serve. He donates his time, traveling numerous miles to attend quarterly Executive Board meetings, Board of Directors meetings and even Ad Hoc Committee meetings. Mike is always just a phone call away and always there to offer suggestions or help the staff in any way.

Mike Collins is the Village Manager for the Village of Bethany and has been with the Village for 26 years.

The Board of IMGA and the staff of IMGA greatly appreciate his dedication and his performance 'above and beyond' the call. As a token of appreciation, Mike was presented with a crystal antique knife rest, which he enjoys collecting when he's not traveling to a meeting!

Thanks Mike for all you do and for staying on as our Secretary for 2005-2006. ♦

## **2006 APGA Calendar Helps Meet RP-1162 Needs**

You may now go to [www.lyontreestudios.com/apgacalendar2006](http://www.lyontreestudios.com/apgacalendar2006) to order your high-quality 2006 APGA calendar spotlighting end use natural gas appliances. Buying systems will be able to customize their calendars with name, logo and several important phone numbers such as One-Call for gas emergencies.

Importantly, this calendar will also serve as a vehicle to demonstrate your compliance with DOT's RP-1162 Public Awareness requirements. Two pages of the 36-page calendar will be devoted to safety awareness information specifically required by RP-1162. Other non-month pages will include eye-catching heating/cooling, cooking, water heating and clothes dryer efficiency tips. The calendar, 11 x 12 inches, 13-months and 4-color glossy, is offered for very reasonable prices. Prices vary by purchase quantity and range between \$1.46 and \$1.75 per calendar including the cost of shipping. Please call Bob Beauregard at 202-464-0831 with any questions. ♦

## Members of IMGA

Aledo, IL  
Auburn, IL  
Bethany, IL  
Bushnell, IL  
Cairo, IL  
Casey, IL  
Chester, IL  
Cobden, IL  
Divernon, IL  
Edinburg, IL  
Enfield, IL  
Findlay, IL  
Flora, IL  
Franklin, IL  
Grayville, IL  
Karnak, IL  
Louisville, IL  
Marshall, IL  
Martinsville, IL  
McLeansboro, IL  
Milford, IL  
New Boston, IL  
Pleasant Hill, IL  
Pinckneyville, IL  
Pittsfield, IL  
Rantoul, IL  
Red Bud, IL  
Riverton, IL  
Roodhouse, IL  
Rossville, IL  
Stonington, IL  
Sullivan, IL  
Tamms, IL  
Waterloo, IL  
Waverly, IL  
Westville, IL  
White Hall, IL  
Winchester, IL

## Non-Member Purchasers

Corning, IA  
Perryville, MO  
Bloomington, IL - Cornbelt Energy

## Officers

Mike is the Village Manager with the Village of Bethany and has served as Secretary for the IMGA for fifteen years (see article “Enough”)!

Elected to the position of Treasurer was Michael Millikin from Pinckneyville, Illinois. Mike holds the position of Foreman of Natural Gas and Water Distribution with the City of Pinckneyville and has been with Pinckneyville for seven years. He has been involved with the IMGA for the past two years.

Bill Scheiwe has served as an alderman for the City of Pittsfield for two years and has also been involved with the IMGA for two years.

Chuck Stone has been with the City of Riverton for 22 years as the Public Works Superintendent. Riverton is the newest member of the IMGA and we are happy to have their participation. ♦

## IMGA Welcomes New Staff Member

IMGA Welcomes Charlene Howard to its staff. Charlene has accepted the part-time clerical position created by the Board of Directors at the Annual Business Meeting on April 20, 2005.

Charlene is native to Illinois and has lived in Pawnee her entire life. She is married with three sons and three grandchildren.

When you call the office, chances are it will be her cheery voice on the other line. Please welcome her, as we are thrilled to have her join our family. ♦

# IMGA gas NEWS

**EXTRA**

## Annual Meeting Held April 19th & 20th

The Illinois Municipal Gas Agency held its Annual Membership Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield, Illinois.

On April 19<sup>th</sup> attendees gathered in the unique atmosphere of the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, which features a “blast from the past” decorating theme, to attend the IMGA sponsored Public Awareness Workshop (see article this issue) and then hosted a social hour for those in attendance.



*Front entrance to Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield, Illinois*

Afterward the IMGA Executive Board met over dinner to conduct its last meeting of the fiscal year. At this meeting Treasurer Carol Mitchell announced that she would not run for re-election. The Board discussed several topics including hiring of new personnel, raises for current personnel, the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 budget, an extension to a current supply contract, and the approval of an all requirements contract.

On Wednesday, April 20, members were provided with a breakfast buffet preceding the Annual Business Meeting. During this meeting the membership:

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## Perryville Ranked No. 1

Perryville, Missouri has always been number one in the eyes of its residents and now it is officially number one in the State of Missouri. A panel of judges decided in 2004 that the City of Perryville deserved first-place in the Missouri Community Betterment (MCB) Contest in Category 5; cities with populations between 7,667 and 17,295. The last time Perryville won that honor was 1993.

The contest consists of entering a scrapbook of community events and progress, followed by a one-hour visit by MCB judges. Perryville featured the Perryville Area Higher Education Center and spotlighted the local youth organizations featuring the Girl and Boy Scouts and the Eagle Eye Playground project headed by Gavin Flentge, which has won recognition on its own. Also featured were the Perry County Community Task Force, economic development and the new partnership between the Optimists and the City of Perryville in building the new soccer complex along Highway 51. Executive Director of the Perryville Area Chamber of Commerce, Jackie Wengert stated that the Perryville “youth made a very strong impression”.

The contest was started by Perryville resident Viola Blechle and Perryville is one of four cities in Missouri to have submitted an entry every year for the past 41 years. “It’s a very distinguished honor that we received,” stated Steve Rozier, President of the Chamber of Commerce. “The youth who participated should be especially proud, because they are our future leaders.”

Executive Director of the Perryville Area Chamber of Commerce, Jackie Wengert, accepted the award on behalf of the City of Perryville. “I was thrilled when Perryville was announced as the first-place winner.”

The City of Perryville has been purchasing natural gas through the IMGA since 1990. ♦

# IMGA gas NEWS

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## Public Awareness Workshop Held

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Illinois Municipal Gas Agency hosted a Public Awareness Workshop at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield, Illinois.

Twenty municipal gas managers participated in the workshop, cosponsored by the American Public Gas Association. John Erickson, APGA's Vice President of Operations explained the new Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) public awareness requirements and walked the attendees through a model public awareness plan.

The model plan follows the regulatory requirements to the letter and is intended to assist IMGA/APGA members to comply with new public awareness requirements. Under the new rules, all operators must submit to OPS within one year a written public awareness plan following guidelines established in API Recommended Practice 1162. He provided spreadsheets and other tools to help systems assess how their current public awareness programs satisfy new requirements and where gaps exist that must be filled.



*Attendees at Public Awareness Workshop listen to presenter John Erickson, APGA.*

### For Sale!

Energy Plus has the following surplus materials for sale.

6" NOM, 500 ft. LG, Polyethylene PE 2406 SDR, 13.5 approx.  
8,500 ft. Asking price \$1.85/ft.

1" CTS, 500 ft. LG, Polyethylene PE 2406 SDR, 11.5 approx.  
28,000 ft. Asking price \$0.19/ft.

Pipe was manufactured by Chevron-Phillips Chemical, is yellow (6500). New, never installed and in 500' coils/spools.

Contact: Jim Lindsey  
Energy Plus  
(618)252-7310

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1. Approved an All Requirements Contract with the Village of Cobden for a term of three years.
2. Authorized the Executive Board to find and hire a Marketing/Membership individual under the salary guideline discussed.
3. Approved the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 with estimated expenses of \$298,000.00.
4. Approved the hiring of a part-time clerical individual to be located and hired by IMGA staff.
5. Approved a 3.5% raise for current employees.
6. Elected officers for Fiscal year 2005-2006
7. Set the date for the 2006 Annual Meeting for April 19.
8. Approved extending a current supply agreement to match a current all requirements contract.
9. Discussed the IMGA invoices and making them more "user friendly".
10. Recognized Secretary Michael Collins for fifteen years of service.

The IMGA Annual Membership Meeting concluded with the Annual Business Meeting. If you would like a complete set of minutes from the Annual Business Meeting, please contact Debbie Kibler at 217/438-4642. ♦