From the President

It takes courage to change. We are now faced with courage of shaping our future. Peter Drucker once said “The Best Way To Predict the Future Is To Create It”. Have you started implementing a student IGAEA chapter at your facility? The first draft of the constitution and bylaws for an IGAEA Student Chapter has been completed and forwarded to the members of the board to be voted on at the mid-winter meeting. It is our plan to have the completed draft of the constitution and bylaw forwarded to the members for their input and the final draft presented at the annual business meeting for approval. However, you still can start a chapter on your campus and operate by the international constitution and bylaws already in place. It takes courage to put away our personal agenda and set aside personality differences and look at what’s needed for survival and growth. It takes courage to change the traditional structure that has governed our association.

“Courage is doing what you’re afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you’re scared” – Edward Rickenbacker, World War I Flying Ace.

Remember the strength of IGAEA is in its membership. We hope that you have marked your calendar to join us in Millersville, PA. See you in Millersville with your crop.
Dear Graphic Communicators

You are cordially invited to the 80th IGAEA Conference on July 31 to August 4 in Millersville, PA.

We are preparing an exciting conference for you. We have a participant program geared towards keeping up with technological changes as well as learning how to use evolving teaching techniques. You will become acquainted with new graphic communicators and renew old relationships. That is why I am certain that you will see that the advantages of the 80th IGAEA Conference in Millersville will be too great to miss!!!!

The 80th Conference, to be held July 31-August 4, 2005 on the campus of Millersville, will be dedicated to “Graphic Communications Keystone Technology”. In keeping with this theme, there will be technology updates, interactive presentations, and hands-on experiences. The Conference will bring together a diverse group of graphic communication teachers from all over the United States, educators who specialize in all educational levels: middle-school, high school, community college, vocational school, and university. In addition, attendees will include people who teach all areas of graphic communications, from traditional printing to web design and multimedia. You will also learn from the session presenters.

In addition to the professional development sessions, you’ll have time to enjoy many traditional IGAEA Conference full-filled activities, including an ice cream social, a reception, and a banquet. You’ll also find time to network with your friends and colleagues, and as always your spouse and children are welcomed.

The IGAEA Conference is the ideal place for professional development for 2005. Complete your application form and submit it soon. You-and your students-will be glad you did!

We thank our conference host Thomas Bell and co-host Dennis Dougherty for making all of this possible.

We sincerely hope to see you all in Millersville.

Cynthia Gillispie-Johnson

President, IGAEA

In Remembrance

Members recognized in the 2004 IGAEA Memorial Service held at the A. D. Bruce Religion Center on the campus of the University of Houston, Sunday, July 11 were:

Robert Hartzell
Dean Bloemgren, Illinois State
Ruth Hoffman, California (passed away May, 2003)
Bob Largent, Indianapolis (passed away on opening day of 2003 conference)
Steve Adams, Oren, Utah (passed away 3 Jan 04)

Gene Compton, Barb Fischer’s father
The SkillsUSA National conference was held in Kansas City, Missouri during the last week of June 2004. Students from thirty-eight States competed in the secondary Graphic Communications event. They were tested in the areas of desktop publishing, press work, and bindery.

The presswork competition required students to perform two timed jobs running a two color from a Heidelberg Printmaster. The hands-on performance test for bindery involved completing a job using a table top folder both written test and hands-on using a table top folder; Desktop Publishing, completing an assignment using either InDesign or QuarkXPress software; a written exam: an Interview: Direct to plate technology using Xante equipment; and a production problem. Each of these was a test area.

Students started at 7:30 am and finished by 6:00pm. The first place winners in secondary and post-secondary received a Heidelberg PrintMaster 2/color press to use for one year in their schools. Also, a $1000 dollar scholarship from Heidelberg and a trip to Graph Expo last fall. They also received software from QuarkXpress and books from GATF. The 2005 Conference will again be help in Kansas City, Missouri in June.

Meghan has applied to Cal Poly and Clemson Universities for the fall of 2005. She will be starting her try at repeating as National winner this spring in Michigan’s regional and state SkillsUSA contest. She is a Senior, with a 4.0 GPA, member of the National Honor Society, varsity basketball team, and in her spare time helps senior citizens learn how to use computers.

More News

• The IGAEA Board convened on the campus of Thaddeus Stevens College and Millersville University, February, 18 until 21.

• Albert Tucker of the Center for Arts and Technology, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania was appointed Secretary for IGAEA.

• Revisions to the 2005 edition of the Graphic Arts Merit Badge Booklet and requirements were completed. Tom Loch, Mike Stinnett, Dave Hayes, James Nelson, and James K. Tenorio, and John Craft completed recommendations for the revised Merit Badge Booklet.

• Second Vice President John Craft’s article, Trends in Catalog Production appeared in the February issue of GATF World.

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