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A Message from the Director

Your Board of Directors held the 2nd Quarter Board Meeting on Thursday, June 16th. The meeting agenda and discussion focused on a review of the 2016 financial audit results and 2016/2017 key initiatives underway.

Society financial books for 2016 were closed and balanced in early March. A financial audit covering 2014/2015 financial records was completed in late March by the IP audit staff. No audit items were identified. The Board was provided with a copy of the audit report.

The Board has worked to develop Chapter Leadership Position Descriptions in an effort to provide improved understanding of leadership roles. The position description template will allow local Chapter leadership teams to revise in order to meet local needs while ensuring key Chapter accountabilities are well defined. A final copy will be available for distribution following the September Board meeting. Based on 2015 Chapter reports, QCS membership aligned with our 35 Chapters increased to 14,087 members. 73% of these members are retired. Each U.S. Chapter has been provided a local Chapter directory. Based on the updated QCS member directory, total North American membership is 43,781. This reflects 29,694 QCS members not aligned with current organized Chapters. The Board recognizes this Chapter network gap is a critical issue. The immediate focus remains the organization and start up of new chapters in Bogalusa, Orange and Erie. A task team has been chartered to look at organization options to address QCS members aligned with the converting network including Industrial Packaging, Foodservice and the former Beverage Packaging plants.

A key strategic initiative for the Board remains to improve the level of grant activity across the Chapter network. The Chapter "Best Practice" model initiative was completed in October. This information has now been shared with all Chapters.

The Board has chartered a small team to review and provide recommendations on the language contained in the QCS Constitution. The objective is to determine if any updates are warranted.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Society's purpose is to provide financial aid quickly and confidentially to and for the benefit of a member or a deceased member's surviving eligible dependent who is in need of financial assistance in the face of misfortune or emergency.

A Message from the Director (Continued)

The 25 year service pin vendor change is now complete, including reduced pricing. The 25 year pin will be included in the service award catalog available to HR. As reported in prior Bulletins, a redesigned QCS Membership Certificate has been approved and is now available. The Human Resources website provides information on how to order signed QCS certificates for new members. Recognition for employees achieving the 25 year service milestone includes the following:

- 25 Year Service Pin
- QCS Member Certificate
- New Member Letter

The New Member Letter is designed to provide QCS members with the background and original vision of the Society dating back to 1923. It also outlines the current Mission of the Society including grant results.

The QCS Board priorities for 2016/2017 include the following:

- Standardized Grant Management Process
- Finalize a Converting Network Chapter Proposal
- New Chapter Formation Target: 3
- Chapter Leadership Succession Planning
- Streamline Financial Reporting

The Board extends thanks to all Chapter leadership teams for their continued commitment to the QCS Mission. Your hard work and dedication is the key to realizing the QCS Mission: identifying and confidentially supporting QCS members in dire financial need. Personally, I continue to appreciate the opportunity to serve as a member of the QCS Board.

3rd Quarter 2016 Calendar

6 Month Chapter Activity Report July 31

3rd Quarter Board Meeting September 15

Bill Wilson

Executive Director

2016 QCS Board of Directors & Officers

John Hash	President
Elizabeth Leslie	Vice President
Marianne Duvall	Secretary
William Wilson	Exec. Director/Treasurer
Gregory Mitchell	Assistant Treasurer

Frank Chirco	Mary Fortin*	Ottie Dixon
Fred Ellrich	Joyce Margulies	Terri Moore
	Rick Ouellette	

* Mary Fortin was added to the QCS Board in June to replace Lou D'Eri following his resignation.

IP's San Antonio Box Plant Helps Bring Comfort to U.S. Military Veterans

International Paper was recently recognized and featured in the annual report of Soldiers' Angels, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide aid and comfort to the men and women of the United States military and a growing veteran population. To do this, Soldiers' Angels used donated boxes to send care packages, first aid kits and letters to deployed service members.

IP leaders and their spouses packaged more than 1,000 non-perishable lunch boxes for homeless veterans during the IP Officers' Meeting. The boxes were produced and donated through Industrial Packaging's Container The Americas Sealy, Texas Box Plant.

Three Rivers Quebec Chapter Celebrates 5th Anniversary of Paper Mill Museum

The Three Rivers QCS Chapter in Quebec has provided information on a permanent exhibition as part of an upcoming Canada National Historic event. The Roots and Identity exhibition features former lumberjacks, raft men and workers sharing stories of their travels and work from past years. It will also allow visitors to relive the working conditions of a papermaker in an immersive exhibit. The smell of stationary and sound of machinery along with life size images are all gathered together in one space to tell the story of the various stages of papermaking. A papermaking workshop inside the Discovery Laboratory allows visitors to learn about the papermaking process from pulp to paper.

The paper mill museum is celebrating the 5th anniversary this year. Additional information is available by calling 819-372-4633

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IP Celebrates 20 Years of Recyclable Water Resistant Corrugated Packaging

International Paper is the largest supplier of recyclable water-resistant corrugated packaging since introducing ClimaShield's advanced technology in 1996. 2016 represents the kick off of a year-long celebration at the International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE) for 20 years of innovation and sustainability with ClimaShield® recyclable water-resistant packaging. As a pioneer in the development of recyclable water-resistant corrugated packaging for the protein industry, International Paper provides solutions for every product using existing processes and packaging systems for all meat applications. In fact, IP has produced and sold more than 1 billion recyclable water-resistant corrugated boxes that packed, shipped and recycled across the U.S.

According to the Corrugated Packaging Alliance (CPA), recyclable alternative coatings for corrugated packaging have surpassed traditional wax coatings, which are moisture barriers to preserve box performance while holding wet or iced protein products such as meats, poultry and seafood, as well as fresh fruits and vegetables. ClimaShield® recyclable corrugated packaging uses proprietary coating technology that allows for easy recycling via existing Old Corrugated Container (OCC) recovery systems.

Memphis No Hungry Senior Initiative

IP's CTA business is working in collaboration with MIFA (Memphis Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association), Mid-South Food Bank and other local Memphis agencies to support the *No Hungry Senior* initiative. This effort provides much-needed food to elder citizens. Through its global citizenship efforts, about 85,000 boxes are being donated by the CTA business to fulfill the needs of this Memphis community project through 2017. Hundreds of *No Hungry Senior* clients across Shelby County, TN receive groceries each week in the boxes produced at CTA's Olive Branch, Miss. box plant. More than 3,500 seniors in the Memphis area do not have access to regular meals according to MIFA. Some seniors do not have regular transportation to leave their homes or cannot afford to buy food. Some are too ill to cook and others do not have family or friends in the area to help.

The initiative began in May, 2015 thanks to a three-year, multi-million dollar grant from the Plough Foundation. Volunteers deliver one hot meal a day or one shelf stable box of food a week to the elderly identified as in need of a regular food source. Over the next two years, MIFA, Mid-South Food Bank and partners hope to serve more than 3,300 seniors.

A healthy attitude is contagious but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier! Tom Stoppard

You can't plow a field by turning it over in your mind. Irish Proverb