



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of STATE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ADMINISTRATORS

The SMSA is dedicated to serving the needs and interests of state motorcycle safety administrators and programs by advocating motorcycle safety and fostering and promoting the exchange of ideas and resources.

### SMSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Columbus, OH

August 20-22, 2010

#### COLUMBUS - THE HEART OF IT ALL

SMSA invites you to Columbus, Ohio for the SMSA Annual National Motorcycle Safety Conference, August 20-22, 2010. Columbus has a lot to offer including entertainment, culture and science. For culture and science Columbus has the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) and the Franklin Park Conservatory in downtown Columbus. For entertainment, the renowned Columbus Zoo and Zoombezi Bay water park in NW Columbus. Looking to do some shopping? The Polaris Fashion Mall and Easton Town Center are located close to the Doubletree Hotel where the SMSA Conference is being held. There are several dining options near the Doubletree Hotel. Information places of interest in central Ohio will be available at our registration desk. Please click on the link below to view a video of what noted people think of Columbus:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d\\_exlZ\\_NN7s&NR=1](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_exlZ_NN7s&NR=1)

For additional conference information, please visit our website at [www.smsa.org](http://www.smsa.org) or click on the link below:

[http://www.smsa.org/events/conferences\\_and\\_meetings/registration\\_form/index.php](http://www.smsa.org/events/conferences_and_meetings/registration_form/index.php)

### SMSA MEETING

The Executive Committee met in Columbus, OH in March to conduct business and to review the Call for Papers for conference breakouts. We had a number of good proposals but unfortunately we were not able to accept all proposals. Once again we will have a variety of breakout sessions for both state administrators and instructors/rider coaches.

Diane Wigle from NHTSA attended the meeting and presented a draft of the National Standard Curriculum for Entry Level Riders Guideline for SMSA Executive Committee to review. Diane also asked if SMSA would be interested in being the keeper of the Standards and whenever a curriculum was developed SMSA would need to review it to make sure the standards were being met prior to approving the curriculum. The SMSA Executive Committee voted to be the keeper of the Standards Curriculum for Entry Level Riders Guidelines. I will keep you posted on the completion of the guidelines.

There will also be two Professional Development Workshops. One for the state administrators and one for the instructors/rider coaches. They will be posted to the SMSA website soon. The state administrators PDW will be National Standards for Entry Level Rider Training presented by NHTSA. The instructor/rider coach PDW has not been determined yet, still negotiating.

Ride safe.

Carol Thurn, Chair



