



**2005  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
STATE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ADMINISTRATORS**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

Welcome to the 2005 edition of the SMSA Annual Report. I am excited to see the forward momentum the organization has taken. Cooperation, communication, and the display of members helping members is very encouraging.

SMSA has received a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The grant provides us with funds to develop Professional Development Workshops for both administrators and instructors at our Annual Conferences for the next four years. We will be working with the Transportation Safety Institute in Oklahoma City for this very worthwhile project. Success in obtaining this grant was the hard work of your Executive Committee. Western Region Representative Carol Thurn (ND) spearheaded the project.

We continue our strong partnerships with other organizations that focus on motorcycle safety. We meet with and talk to such groups as NHTSA, AASHTO, GHSA, MSF, AMA – just to name a few.

Our on – line store is up and running. Presently, we only carry a few items. However, you can ask for other items to be added to the on – line store. Some members cannot sell items like clothing, etc., but you could make shirts, hats, and other items available to your instructors. Give us a call if you are interested.

At our annual conference in Bismarck ND, we conducted a second focus group, asking for input from members on issues that SMSA should tackle. Again, we obtained great information from all of you. Some of your input was used to revise our 2006 Strategic Objectives.

Lastly, we are communicating with NHTSA and GHSA concerning the motorcycle safety grant contained in SAFETEA-LU. As we get more information, we will be passing it along to all of you.

See you in Austin, Texas for our 2006 Conference.

Ken Kiphart  
Chairman

## **OFFICERS AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

Ken Kiphart, Chairperson  
Chad Burns, Vice Chairperson, Eastern Region Representative  
Mike Melis, Secretary, Eastern Region Representative  
Bob Secrest, Treasurer, Central Region Representative  
Michele Calvert, Western Region Representative  
Carol Thurn, Western Region Representative  
Ron Thompson, Central Region Representative

## **MEMBERSHIP**

At the conclusion of 2005, the membership of the Association consisted of the following:

39 member states  
No military branches  
101 supporting memberships  
and the following

## **PROFESSIONAL AND CORPORATE MEMBERS**

ABATE of Indiana	Motorcycle Riders Foundation
Accident Scene Management	Motorcycle Training Institute, Inc.
American Honda Motor Company	National Premium
American Motorcyclist Association	Northern Illinois University
American Suzuki Motor Corporation	Progressive Insurance Company
Buell Motorcycle Company	Rider Education of New Jersey
Gold Wing Road Riders Association	Sentry Insurance Group
Harley-Davidson Motor Company	Snell Memorial Foundation
Innocorp, Ltd.	U.S. Insurance Services, Inc.
Motorcycle Association of New York State, Inc.	

## **SUPPORTING ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Evergreen Safety Council

The Association also holds membership in the following organizations:

AAMVA                      AMA                      ADTSEA                      GHSA                      MRF

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF 2005**

### **Annual Conference**

Our 2005 Annual Conference was held in Bismarck, North Dakota. Subjects for break-out sessions were selected based on your input. We also balanced the break-outs so that about half were for administrators and half for instructors. We extend a large ‘thank you’ for our host state. The registration desk was extremely efficient and received great reviews from attendees.

### **Recently Elected Officers**

During our Annual Business Meeting, elections were held for three regional representatives. Those elected are:

Chad Burns, Eastern Region

Bob Secrest, Central Region

Michele Calvert, Western Region

### **Traffic Safety related organizations**

We participated with many organizations, working on spreading the word about motorcycle safety and strengthening our partnerships. Some of the groups and activities are:

- AAMVA- We presented at regional meetings in New Hampshire and Utah.
- MSF- We attended all four state administrator meetings in Irvine CA. We also participated in determining the award recipients for their 2004 Awards.
- MRF, MSF, Secretary of Defense & U.S. Military – We met with these groups to discuss upcoming federal legislation.
- IMSC- We participated in the steering committee to identify what subjects are presented.
- US DOT- We have been asked to participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Interstate System.
- GHSA-We participated in a panel discussion about reducing the incidence of motorcycle crashes.

### **Conference registration procedure**

For the first time, conference registrations can now be paid on line with your credit card. It worked very well, with some minor glitches that we should have corrected for the 2006 conference.

### **Conference locations**

We have been successful in identifying the locations for upcoming conferences.

- 2006-Austin TX
- 2007- New York state
- 2008-Montana
- 2009-Utah

There were many more activities that we have been involved in, but space does not permit a complete recap. Your Executive Committee works very hard to provide services to our valuable members.

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**BEGINNING BALANCE – 1 JANUARY 2005**

Checking Account	\$ 68,077.06
Money Market	\$ 4,332.65
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 30,611.21

**INCOME:**

Membership Dues	\$ 65,490.00
August 2004 Conference	\$ 70,958.30
NHTSA Website Grant	\$ 14,990.00
Other Revenues	\$ 62.00

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$254,521.22**

**EXPENDITURES:**

Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 2,350.00
Accounting/Audits/Tax Preparation	\$ 1,122.56
Insurance	\$ 2,239.01
Business Manager's Salary	\$ 36,376.17
Business Manager's Travel	\$ 1,953.25
Office/Administrative Expenses	\$ 2,397.33
Office Equipment/Maintenance	\$ 1,028.55
Office Supplies	\$ 1,262.91
Copying and Printing	\$ 961.99
Postage	\$ 500.00
Telephone/Fax	\$ 1,255.87
Shipping	\$ 935.03
Executive Committee Travel	\$ 8,855.61
August Conference	\$ 36,758.94
Partnership Development	\$ 2,704.55
Website	\$ 3,767.33
Executive Committee Training	\$ 175.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** **\$104,644.10**

**ENDING BALANCE 12-31-05** **\$149,877.12**

Subject to audit