



**2006  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
STATE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ADMINISTRATORS**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

Welcome to the 2006 edition of the SMSA Annual Report. I am excited to see all the activities we are involved in, and the enthusiasm from our membership. I am also proud to serve as a two-term Chair for the SMSA.

SMSA is deeply involved in development of five Professional Development Workshops for the 2007 conference. We are field-testing the PDWs in April and will meet in Oklahoma City to refine them before they are presented during the August 2007 conference.. The development of the PDWs is funded by NHTSA. Our hats are off to them!

Our strong partnerships that we have developed in recent years have led to more invitations to participate in areas we had not yet been. Groups such as AAMVA, NHTSA, MSF, MRF and others are asking us for input and participation.

We've added another article available for purchase through our on-line store. We now offer our "Always Check Twice" motorcycle awareness bumper sticker for sale on-line. The cost of the bumper stickers is 10 for \$4.00. To order, please click on the link below:

<http://www.nationalpremium.com/smsa/SKUGrpList101ALL.asp>

We had many requests for exactly that type of item from members and the public.

We expect our 2007 Annual Conference in Buffalo New York to be our largest attended conference in years. I hope to see you there.

Ken Kiphart  
Chair

## **OFFICERS AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

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

## **MEMBERSHIP**

At the conclusion of 2006, the membership of the Association consisted of the following:

40 member states  
No military branches  
118 supporting memberships  
and the following

## **PROFESSIONAL AND CORPORATE MEMBERS**

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

## **SUPPORTING ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Evergreen Safety Council

The Association also holds membership in the following organizations:

AAMVA                      AMA                      ADTSEA                      GHSA                      MRF

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2006

### Annual Conference

Our 2006 Annual Conference was held in Austin, Texas in August. Breakout sessions were purposefully balanced so there would be a nearly equal number of sessions focused on the Administrators and RiderCoaches, or Instructors. SMSA extends a large “thank you” to our host state for helping ensure a successful conference.

### Recently Elected Officers

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

Ken Kiphart, Chair  
Louie Kyler, Eastern Region  
Ron Thompson, Central Region  
Carol Thurn, Western Region

### Traffic Safety related organizations

We are actively participating with many organizations on spreading the word about motorcycle safety, and have strengthened our partnerships. Some of the groups and activities are:

- ✓ AAMVA – We are actively involved in assisting AAMVA to revise the “Integrating Motorcycle Rider Education and Licensing” and the “Motorcycle Operator Licensing System” manuals.
- ✓ MSF- We helped review some materials before final distribution
- ✓ NHTSA – We attend quarterly meetings in Washington D.C. for the Motorcycle Safety Network Meeting. Almost all groups who have an interest in motorcycle safety attend this meeting. We are also participating in two committees that are addressing motorists’ awareness and the drinking rider.
- ✓ NTSB – We attended a two-day meeting that was, of course, focused on motorcycle safety.
- ✓ FHWA – We are represented on the Motorcycle Advisory Council, which is narrowly focused on hazards for motorcycles in regards to road design, signage, and road maintenance.

### Conference registration procedure

For the Buffalo Conference, registration procedures are a little different from past years. We are asking RiderCoaches and Instructors to pre-register for breakout sessions. Go to

[http://www.smsa.org/events/conferences\\_and\\_meetings/registration\\_form/](http://www.smsa.org/events/conferences_and_meetings/registration_form/) for more detailed information.

### Conference locations

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

- ✓ 2007 – Buffalo NY
- ✓ 2008 – Montana
- ✓ 2009 – Florida
- ✓ 2010 - Utah

There are 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 2006**

Checking Account	\$ 118,591.82
Money Market	\$ 4,372.24
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 30,864.86

**INCOME:**

Membership Dues	\$ 76,970.00
August 2006 Conference	\$ 94,273.16
Other Revenues	\$ 1,460.67

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$326,532.75**

**EXPENDITURES:**

Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 2,675.00
Accounting/Audits/Tax Preparation	\$ 1,005.00
Insurance	\$ 2,248.00
Business Manager's Salary	\$ 43,507.56
Business Manager's Travel	\$ 1,620.50
Office/Administrative Expenses	\$ 3,026.33
Office Equipment/Maintenance	\$ 2,225.00
Office Supplies	\$ 1,495.55
Copying and Printing	\$ 933.73
Postage	\$ 952.62
Telephone/Fax	\$ 1,268.53
Shipping	\$ 407.25
Executive Committee Travel	\$ 11,532.15
August Conference	\$ 80,479.48
Partnership Development	\$ 4,222.02
Website	\$ 2,481.77

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** **\$160,080.49**

**ENDING BALANCE 12-31-06** **\$166,452.26**

Subject to audit