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Dear IFMA Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer as it is flying by us so quickly.

As you are all aware, every July 1<sup>st</sup> brings us a new IFMA board and I feel very honored to have the opportunity to be your new President for the upcoming year. Joining me in this leadership role will be Julie Keil, Vice President; Jim Stueber, Treasurer; and Frank Merrins, Secretary. Please welcome them in their new roles the next time you see them at a Chapter event.

We are very excited about the upcoming year for our Chapter as we move forward with new ideas and opportunities that have been brought our way through our membership. We will start out this week by having an IFMA Family Night at St. Louis's newest tourist venue – Purina's Event Center. The response has been phenomenal and we are very excited about this opportunity for our membership and their families. Secondly, we hope to announce the details this week about Congressman Russ Carnahan's visit to our chapter to address the interests of the facility management profession in Washington D.C.

As you recall, the chapter sent out a membership survey a few weeks ago and the results are in and have been reviewed by the board. Work has begun to consider everyone's comments and address all issues to keep our chapter strong and introduce new growth opportunities for everyone. Stay tuned for opportunities to come your way!

I personally would like to invite each one of you to contact me directly with any questions or concerns you would like to discuss regarding our chapter and its future. You can also access the latest information on our chapter by visiting the website at [www.ifmastl.org](http://www.ifmastl.org). The board encourages all of you to get involved in the chapter in order to get the most of your membership. You will see there are many different levels of involvement that can work with your interests and availability with more in the works. Just let us know what works for you. This is your organization!

In closing, I would again like to thank you for the confidence you have shown in electing the new Executive Board to work for you. We all look forward to seeing you at future chapter events. Let us all look forward to the best year ever!

Respectfully,

Vicki L. Woodside  
President  
St. Louis Chapter of IFMA