

# INTERNATIONAL METAL DECORATOR

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Tuesday, May 24, 2016

**Annual Conference**  
Wednesday, May 25  
&  
Thursday, May 26, 2016

Oak Brook Hills Hilton  
Bloomington, IL USA



## ***The IMDA Conference Was a Success!***

Gauging the success of an event, some would qualify success as having the largest attendance, the greatest revenue, and the best presentations. We qualify success as having hosted an event where attendees departed feeling that they were rewarded with new knowledge, found new sources for equipment, services and supplies and more importantly, made new acquaintances resulting from the numerous networking opportunities. As a bonus, we were in fact fortunate to have one of the largest attended May meetings, the most sponsors in our history and hosted the most exhibitors on record. Attendees completed surveys at the conference and the resulting tally demonstrated high rankings for our presenters. Overall we deem the Conference to be a success and the Conference Committee should be applauded for their great work for putting another first class event together!

Our Association completed the May Conference proceedings and did not rest on our laurels. We continued to spread the IMDA message at the Cannex show held in China in early June. Garnering more than 20 new member applications the show was fruitful for the IMDA.

In July we awarded the \$7500.00 Scholarship funds to our 7 deserving Scholarship recipients and received notes of gratitude in return. Our Golf Outing participants made this possible and we are happy to continue the tradition.

In August we finished our new Directory edition and mailed them to our members. We also continued to upgrade our website with a new mobile app, posted the conference presentations and added more technical information. Our next mission is to once again put together a fabulous conference for the coming year and we have begun the planning.

In this issue we share the results of our Excellence in Quality showcase and photos from the Conference. However, you can find much more in the Member's Section of our website:

[www.metaldecorators.org](http://www.metaldecorators.org). Shown are plenty of photos from the golf banquet, our Awards Luncheon and our Conference proceedings.

We stay focused on keeping you informed of IMDA activities and this issue serves as proof that we are doing our best to communicate with you our valued member. If you would like to see a particular subject presented in future editions, please email us at [info@metaldecorators.org](mailto:info@metaldecorators.org).

## *Meet your New IMDA Officers for 2015-2016*

During our May Annual Meeting, we voted to install our new slate of officers. Leading our Association for the next two years is President **Art Hurley**, Silgan Closures. Art has served as chair of the Golf Outing, a Board Member, Secretary/Treasurer, and Vice President and Conference Chair.

Moving into the Vice President position is **Dr. William Hoyle**, Hoyle Consulting. Bill has served as a Board Member, Secretary/Treasurer, Golf Outing Committee member, Website Committee member, Conference Committee member and now Chair of the Conference.

Joining officers Art and Bill is **Renee Schouten**, INX International, as our new Secretary/Treasurer. Renee has been very active having served as a Board Member, Website Committee Chair, Conference Committee member coordinating communications and exhibits as well as working with the Conference hotels.

We are excited and grateful to have such a strong Officer Team and look forward to the energy and talents that they bring to the leadership in the IMDA. We wish them much success in the future.



**Art Hurley**  
Silgan Closures  
President



**Dr. William Hoyle**  
Hoyle Consulting  
Vice President



**Renee Schouten**  
INX International Ink Co  
Secretary/Treasurer



Executive Director **Michael Masenior** presents the outgoing Presidential Award to **Janelle Harris**.



## DecoDates

September 13-16, 2015

### Graph Expo 15

McCormick Place  
Chicago, IL USA  
703-264-7200

September 28-30, 2015

### Pack Expo Las Vegas

Las Vegas Convention Center  
www.packexpolasvegas.com

October 29-30, 2015

### Canmaker Summit

Scotland  
www.spgevents.com

May 24, 2016

### IMDA Scholarship Golf Outing

Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort  
Oak Brook, IL USA  
Tel: 410-252-5205  
E: info@metaldecorators.org

May 24-25, 2016

### IMDA Annual Conference

Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort  
Oak Brook, IL USA  
Tel: 410 252 5205  
E: info@metaldecorators.org  
metaldecorators.org

May 31-June 10, 2016

### Drupa 2016

Dusseldorf, Germany  
www.drupa.com

## MEMBERSHIP

### STATISTICS

(as of May 18, 2015)

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>583</b>
<b>HONORARY</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>PRIVILEGED</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>639</b>
<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>28</b>



## 2016 IMDA Annual Conference *New Location*

Hilton  
Oak Brook Hills Resort  
Oak Brook, IL  
May 24 - 26, 2016



## Conference Presentations

We posted this year's conference presentations on our website. You can find them in the Member Section. Need assistance getting access? E:info@metaldecorators.org for help; we will gladly assist.



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## 2015-2016 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

### President

Art Hurley, Silgan Closures\*

### Vice President

Dr. William Hoyle, Hoyle Consulting\*

### Secretary Treasurer

Renee Schouten, INX International Ink\*

### Executive Director

Michael Masenior\*

### Directors

John Clark, Heraeus Noblelight America  
Rick Clendenning, INX International Ink Co.\*  
Craig Eberts, Honorary Member\*  
Joe Finan, INX International Ink Co.\*  
Mark Finch, Silgan Containers  
John Friedman, Northern Container  
Eugene Furey, Honorary Member\*  
William Graue, Honorary Member  
Nick Hammer, Ardagh Group  
Janelle Harris, Past President\*  
Jim Hogan, Rexam Beverage  
Kyle Hurla, INX International Ink Co.  
Jack Knight, INX International Ink Co.\*  
James Lore, Watson Standard  
Kenneth Matyska, Honorary Member\*  
T.R. Moreau  
Ted Nevins, J.L. Clark  
Mark Novotny, Nordson Corp  
Neal Santangelo, Urethane Roller Specialists\*  
Allan Sayers, Sayers Publishing  
Phil Shaughnessy, Crown Cork & Seal  
Gary Silke, Honorary Member  
Steve Steerman, Ball Corp  
Mark Von Bokel, SGS International  
John Wise, Metal Container  
Michael Yavorski, Valspar Corporation\*

\* Executive Committee Member

## Memorials

We are saddened to report the passing of two longtime members in August.

**Larry Welch** passed away on August 12th. Larry joined the IMDA in 1981 and served as a Board Member and as Vice President of the NMDA. Larry held the Privileged Member classification.

**Mark Leasure**, G3 Enterprises, passed away on August 17th. Mark joined the IMDA in 2003.

We send our condolences to their families.

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## IMDA Committees and Chairpersons

The following persons are in the current leadership roles. If you wish to join a committee, please email us at [info@metaldecorators](mailto:info@metaldecorators) and let us know what committee you want to participate on. We will contact you soon after.

**Conference Committee:** Dr. William Hoyle

**Scholarship Golf Outing:** Kyle Hurla

**Newsletter:** Michael Masenior

**International Outreach:** Jack Knight

**Website:** Renee Schouten

**Social Media:** Michael Masenior

**Membership:** Mark Novotny

**Decorator of the Year:** Ken Matyska

**Excellence in Quality:** Michael Masenior

**Scholarship:** Gene Furey (only open to Past Presidents)

**Nominating:** Joe Finan (only open to Exec. Committee)

**Technical Resource:** To be established

## Future Newsletter Publications

### *Request for Articles*

Following are the dates of future publications and featured topics. If you wish to submit copy, please email the files to [info@metaldecorators.org](mailto:info@metaldecorators.org) by the listed due dates.

**Fourth Quarter 2015** (copy due September 30, 2015)

Topics: New Equipment reviews, non specific

Metal Decorating Services (featured company)

**First Quarter 2016** (copy due January 30, 2016)

Topics: Substrates

Press equipment (flat sheet and two piece)

**Second Quarter 2016** (copy due March 30, 2016)

Topics: Pre-Press

Quality and Vision Systems

*Mark your calendars, inform your PR staff, marketing departments and others key to providing valuable information for our industry.*

## Membership Outreach - We Were At Cannex

The IMDA membership committee, with Chairman **Mark Novotny's** leadership, is developing a strategic plan to grow the IMDA worldwide. Our first mission was to have a presence at Cannex Asia Pacific in June of 2015. Our President **Janelle Harris** will be represented the IMDA in China hosting our booth. She had membership packets available to tell the IMDA story and informed the metal packaging industry on the value of IMDA membership. She and team members, **Jack Knight** and **Mark Novotny**, signed up more than 20 new individuals into the IMDA membership.

Thanks, Janelle for continuing to support the IMDA after completing your tenure as IMDA President!

And, we extend a hearty Thank You to **Allan Sayers**, the show organizer, for providing the complimentary booth to the IMDA.



## 2015 SCHOLARSHIPS

We received 29 requests for applications and 20 students submitted applications and essays. In order to fairly select the winners, copies of the essays were sent to each of the judges, seven past presidents, with all identifying information removed. Each judges was asked to rank the essays in order of merit. This approach is totally equitable in that it is blind to the members and candidates. We announced the recipients during our Awards Luncheon held at our recent conference. The recipients are as follows:

<b>First Place:</b>	<b>Olivia Blandford</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>High Point University</b>
<b>Second Place:</b>	<b>Alexis Susralski</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>Univ of Illinois, Urbana</b>
<b>Third Place:</b>	<b>Rebecca Roccasalva</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>Lewis University</b>
<b>Fourth Place:</b>	<b>Baylor Barvinek</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>Univ of Illinois, Urbana</b>
<b>Fifth Place:</b>	<b>Alexa Mirandola</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>Illinois State University</b>
<b>Sixth Place:</b>	<b>Patrick Kane</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>Clemson University</b>
<b>Seventh Place:</b>	<b>Rachel Kwain</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>Perdue University</b>



Dear IMDA Scholarship Committee,

I was extremely happy to learn that I was a recipient of the 2015 IMDA scholarship program. I am writing to thank you for your generous financial support toward my college career.

I am a Graphic Design major and Marketing minor, and am going to be a sophomore at High Point University this fall. I plan to continue my studies to pursue not only a Bachelor's of Art Degree, but also eventually a Master's Degree in the future.

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity to help bring me one step closer to my goal as a college student. The financial assistance you provided will be of great assistance in paying my educational expenses. I hope one day I may help others achieve their goals, just as you have helped me achieve mine.

Sincerely,

*Olivia Blandford*



Dear IMDA,

I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude for selecting me as one of the IMDA Academic Scholarship recipients. I am so grateful for the financial assistance for the coming school year, as I segue into my last year and quite frankly, my toughest year, of my master's program. Thank you for believing in me and my future endeavors.

Sincerely,

*Rebecca Roccasalva*



Dear IMDA,

I am writing to thank you for your generous \$500 IMDA Scholarship. I am very grateful and appreciative to be the recipient of your scholarship.

I am currently a mechanical engineering student at Purdue University Calumet, with the hope of someday contributing to the space program. I am a member of the Purdue University Calumet NASA Rover Challenge Team. My team and I designed and built a human powered rover and tested it at the Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Thank you for investing in my education and my future. Your generosity has taken some of the financial burden away and has allowed me to focus more on my studies.

Sincerely,  
*Rachel Kwain*



Dear IMDA,

I would like to thank the IMDA for giving me the opportunity to apply for the scholarship. I was so excited to find out last week that I had received it! This generous scholarship will be a great help toward my education at Clemson University.

Thank you again and Go Tigers!

*Patrick Kane*

## **2015-2016 IMDA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

We recently mailed out our new membership directory. We updated the files with the information you sent to us earlier this year. Please review your copy and advise us of any needed changes so that we maintain your contact information to assure that you receive the latest information on your Association. We send out information to you through emails and in printed matter throughout the year and want you to stay abreast of membership activity.

You may also find the directory in the member section of our website:  
[www.metaldecorators.org](http://www.metaldecorators.org)

## ***Congratulations to The Schouten Family***

Renee and Jason Schouten welcomed the newest member of their family, Maci Sue, this summer.





# 19th Annual EXCELLENCE IN QUALITY COMPETITION for 2015

*We extend a special Thank You to the companies listed below for their 2015 Sponsorship, not only in a financial way, but for believing that there is value in recognizing those metal decorating companies who participated. Without your support, our showcase would not be a reality.*

## 2015 SPONSORS

### Gold Level



### Silver Level



### Bronze



# 2015 EXCELLENCE IN QUALITY AWARD WINNERS

## AEROSOL

### Best of Category

DS Containers

Batavia, IL

*STP Octane Booster*



### Award of Excellence

Crown Cork & Seal

Aurora, IL

*Barbasol Jurassic Park Original*



## CLOSURES

### Best of Category

Shetron Limited

India

*Kybahoyka*



### Award of Excellence

Independent Can Co

Belcamp, MD

*Zoots*



## CRAFT CANS

### Best of Category

Crown Cork & Seal

Worland, WY

*Honcho, Mother Earth Brew Co.*



### Award of Excellence

Ball Corporation

Broomfield, CO

*Terrapin Golden Ale*





## FOOD & GENERAL LINE

### Best of Category

Zenith Tins Pvt Ltd

India

*Complan Choco Royale*



### Award of Excellence

NCI Packaging

New Zealand

*Resene Pohutukawa Can*



## MISCELLANEOUS

### Best of Category

Industrial Litografica

Mexico

*Choco Milk Pail*



### Award of Excellence

The Ohio Art Company

Bryan, OH

*Pan's Labyrinth Steelbook*



## SPECIALTY

### Best of Category

J.L. Clark

Rockford, IL

*Reese's Peanut Butter*



### Award of Excellence

Ball Corporation

Baltimore, MD

*Sunday Morning Gathering*



## TWO-PIECE

### Best of Category

**Ball Corporation**

Broomfield, CO

*Monster Juice Khaos*

### Award of Excellence

**Ball Corporation**

Broomfield, CO

*perfect, Natural Choice Beverage*

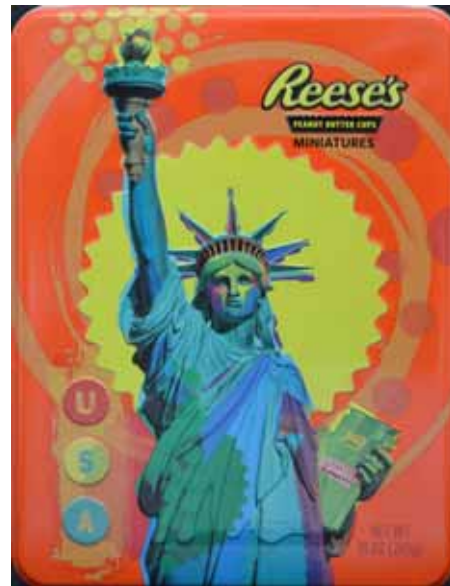


## GRAND AWARD

**J.L. Clark**

Rockford, IL

*Reese's Peanut Butter*



**Janelle Harris** presents **Ted Nevins**, JL Clark with the Excellence in Quality Grand Award.

## **Excellence in Quality Competition 2016**

We will be celebrating our 20th year of conducting our quality showcase. We are taking this opportunity to change some of the parameters of the competition. Our committee is evaluating the category titles to make certain that we are keeping up with the latest technology. For starters, we will introduce the first Digital Printing category as the technology has evolved to meeting the level of high quality decoration standards. We will also be fine tuning and possibly expanding the can category titles to reflect the various decorating and manufacturing methods used today.

We are also moving the deadline for submitting entries up by one month, April 1, in order to provide more time for photography and judging the submissions. Having said that, start to gather your best decorating for entering our 20th Annual Excellence in Quality Showcase.



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## Website Report

Presented by Renee Schouten, Website Chair

Whether you are a new or current member, if you haven't visited the IMDA website recently you are missing out! You will find an abundance of information for our members and industry associates. Whether you're a canmaker or supplier you can find industry info, technical resources, resource and member directories and an abundance of information related to the mechanical, technical and manufacturing phases of the metal decorating industry.

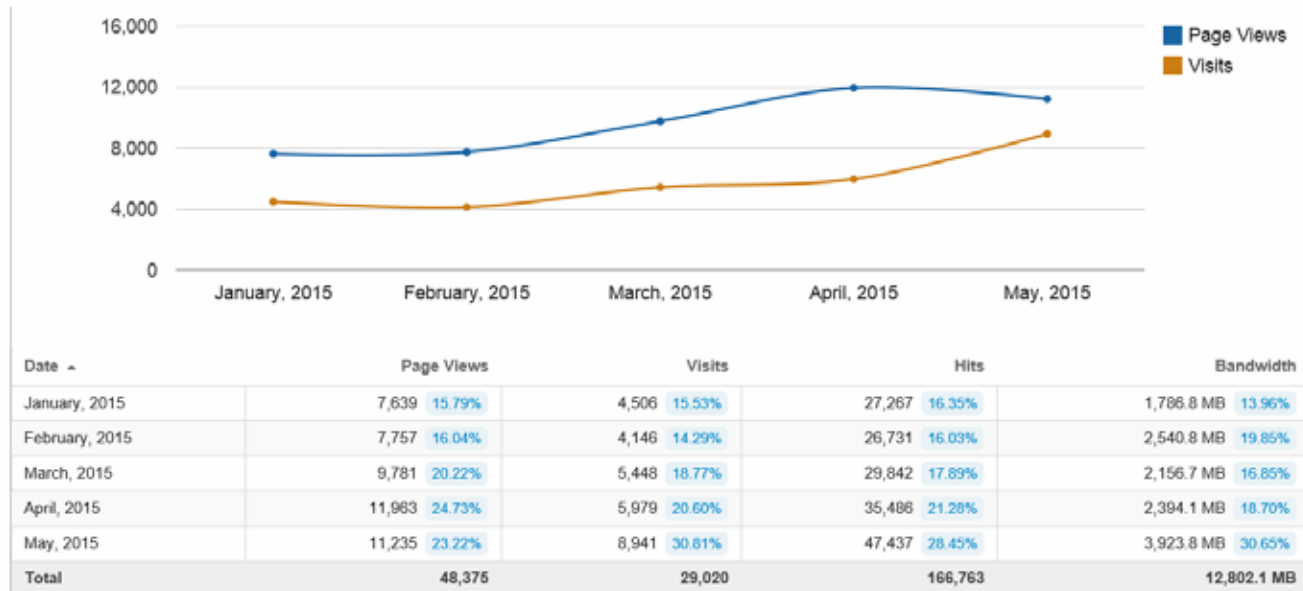
### What's New?

2015 Annual Conference Presentations, Photos and Awards are posted. Visit the Events Page for links to this information.

We have added additional Industry Information including sections on the Environment & Recycling, Regulatory & Compliance and Trade Associations.

The Resources Directory, linked directly from the homepage continues to be updated as it is one of our most viewed pages. If you aren't listed and would like to be please email [info@metaldecorators.org](mailto:info@metaldecorators.org)

### What's our Traffic?



### What's Next?

The IMDA website is going Mobile. It will be updated to be user friendly on mobile friendly device such as phone, pads and tablets. We're expanding the Technical Resources section to include a Glossary of Terms and Technical Tutorials.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments about the IMDA website please email [info@metaldecorators.org](mailto:info@metaldecorators.org).

## ***Notes from the IMDA Board of Directors Meeting: 18 May 2015 Minutes***

The meeting at Indian Lakes Hilton was brought to order by President Janelle Harris.

Craig Eberts delivered the invocation followed by memorials to Fred Weincek, Jim Eimer, and Tony Vopenka.

**Treasurer's Report:** A summary of the treasurer's report was presented by Bill Hoyle. A total of \$7500 was provided to the Scholarship winners resulting in an excess of expenses in the amount of \$5933 for 2014. Ken Matyska made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; seconded by Gene Furey and approved unanimously by the attendees.

**Conference Committee:** Chair Art Hurley presented a status update of the 2015 IMDA Conference: 333 advanced registrants and a record 76 exhibitors. There will be a full agenda for the two day conference, including a tour of Revolution Craft Brewery Thursday afternoon.

**Golf Committee:** Chair Kyle Hurla presented the status update for Tuesday's Golf Scholarship Outing: 228 golfers registered for the morning & PM shotguns. A record 303 people preregistered for the dinner. Golf balls courtesy of the Canmaker (Allan Sayers), a golf towel and a stadium blanket will be provided to each golfer. Door prizes and raffle prizes have been purchased for the dinner attendees.

**Scholarship Committee:** Chair Gene Furey stated that \$66,000 had been awarded to various recipients to date. For 2015, 20 people applied for the \$7500 to be awarded to the 7 winners. The winners were selected via a blind rating by the past presidents of the 20 submissions. The winners will be announced at the members Awards Luncheon on Wednesday 20 May 2015.

**Newsletter:** Mike Masenior provided the upcoming contributor schedule. News letters will be published quarterly; 30 June is the deadline for submissions for the next newsletter. The primary focus of this newsletter will be the convention report and a to be determined technical article. A full color version of the newsletter will be included in the members section of the website.

**Speaker Gifts:** Chair John Friedman stated that the speaker gifts will be a pair of IMDA wine glasses. They have prepared a survey for each session and except for the tour, a drawing will be held after each session. The winners of each drawing will receive either an iPad Mini, a Kindle Fire or another electronic device.

**Quality Contest:** Mike Masenior reported this is the 19<sup>th</sup> year for the can deco quality contest. A new category for Craft Cans had generated great interest and concomitant submissions; 2Pc submissions were down slightly. The \$14,500 from the contest sponsorships will enable the IMDA to actively promote the contest. Mike is looking for help to improve the contest and to make it an international showcase. The 2015 winners will be announced at Wednesday's luncheon. Mike has contracted an outside designer to create a booklet of winners and advertisement for next year's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary contests. Mike also suggested moving the contest submission deadline up earlier in the year and adding a digital category. The Board agreed with moving the entry deadline to an earlier date.

**Decorators of the year:** Chair Ken Matyska reported that 4 individuals have been selected from the nominees. He also reported that the award had generated more company interest as a way to recognize excellence within their organizations.

**International Outreach:** IMDA will be participating in the upcoming Cannex Summit in China. Janelle Harris will be attending to promote the IMDA to the international participants. A discussion ensued on "How does the IMDA add value to its international Membership." This needs to be addressed in order to retain international members that are not able to attend the annual conference.

**Website:** Chair Renee Schouten reported that the individual information and Technical resources part of the website was being worked on. The Environmental and Regulatory sections had been significantly improved with the addition of links to many of the critical resources. The committee is looking to make the IMDA website mobile friendly and to incorporate additional languages. They want to update the resources directory; the resources directory is the most looked at.

**Nominating Committee:** Chair Joe Finan reported that the Executive Board had nominated Art Hurley as President; William Hoyle as Vice President, Renee Schouten as Secretary/Treasurer and Janelle Harris will become Past President. Ken Matyska made a motion to approve these nominations; William Hoyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the attendees. Joe also moved that all current members of the Board be approved to continue another term with the exception of Janelle Harris will be move back to the board of Directors. There was a discussion about future additions to the board and committees. All members were requested to provide names of people they thought would contribute and help grow the IMDA.

**Membership:** Chair Mark Novotny reported the total membership as of 15 May 2015 was 647 members. This is a result of losing 73 nonpaying and adding 61 new members. The committee is working on a membership retention plan with the goal to ultimately increase the membership. The committee plans to survey the members that have not renewed. The survey will include a question on what the IMDA needs to do to add value.

**New Business:**

**Future Site selection:** A future site selection committee comprised of W. Hoyle, G. Furey & K. Matyska visited a number of potential sites to determine if they were suitable for holding the 2016 IMDA annual convention and Golf Scholarship Outing. The main criteria utilized included, but was not limited to: In addition to being cost competitive, they must have sufficient conference and hotel space to accommodate the IMDA; they must have a contiguous Golf course capable of holding the two shotgun starts; The restaurant facilities must be able to accommodate our needs; The site must be within 3 hours of Midway and O'Hare airports. The sites contacted included: Eagle Ridge Resort, Geneva National Resort, Swan Lake Resort, Eaglewood Resort, and Oak Brook Hill Hilton Resort & conference center. The Committee narrowed the potential candidates to the Eaglewood and Oak Brook locations. The IMDA Executive Board has approved the 2016 Conference site at the Oak Brook Hill Hilton complex.

**Other Business:** 1: There was a discussion on how to add value to the membership; suggestions included broadcasting the conference via a webinar and to hold one day conference like sessions in Europe.

2: Art, with input from Mike and the committee chairs, will prepare the 2016 IMDA calendar of "events." Renee suggested a full year marketing calendar; so that we are promoting the association year round and not just on the front and back end of the conference. Renee will draft one for review

**Budget:** Following some discussion about auditing the financial books, it was decided to form a Financial Committee consisting of Chairman Gene Furey, Ken Matyska and William Hoyle (past Treasurer) and the current Treasurer, Renee Schouten. This committee will: 1. Work with the various other Committee chairs to develop a budget. 2. Will perform a financial review.

**By-Laws:** We need to have the by-laws and current activities be congruent.

**2016 Committees:** Mike and Art will meet to discuss the Committees and the Chairs.

The Fall Board meeting was set for 13 Oct 2015.

Submitted by  
William C. Hoyle  
Secretary



**INTERNATIONAL METAL DECORATORS  
ASSOCIATION**

**2015**

**MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Presented to

**JOHN R. GREENWALD**

In recognition of your dedication and service to  
the IMDA

May 20, 2015  
Bloomingdale, IL



## 2015 DECORATORS OF THE YEAR

Scott LaCrosse, J.L.Clark, Daylan Cole, Crown Cork & Seal, Greg Anderson, Ball Corporation, and Mark Wincentsen, Rexam Beverage



New to our Conference Agenda this year was a guided tour of a craft brewery. **Revolution Brewing Company** was gracious to extend their hospitality to those participated in the tour. As you can tell from the above photo, they had the complete brewery tour experience.



## Scenes from Our Annual Conference



Conference Committee member **Carrie DuMars** presents speaker **Tom Mallen**, Valspar Corp, his speaker gift.



Motivational Speaker NFL Referee Jerry Markbreit



Keynote Speaker Color Expert **Raf Mulla**, Xrite-Pantone Color



Keynote Speaker, **Janice Dunphy**, Crown Cork & Seal discusses Craft Cans



Oven Panel Members, **Phil Shaunessy**, Crown Cork & Seal, **Jeff Robinson**, ES&T, and **Paul Krueger**, Valspar Corp.



PrePress Roundtable members **Mark Dimmock**, **Paul Zienert**, **Larry Moore**, **Jan Boerkamp**, **Sam Courtney** and **Mark VonBokel** discuss the conversion process from Analog to Digital.







Clean Water 4 Kids **Greg Stromberg** presented the cause.



President Harris joined Golf Committee members **Gene Furey, Bill Hoyle and Gary Silke** for a photo op.



Moderator **Phil Shaunessy**, Crown Cork & Seal, guides our Digital Roundtable which included **Mike White**, Prisco Digital, **Tim McGlinchy**, GED Integrated Systems, **Ralf Gumbel**, KBA Metalprint and **Becky McConnell**, Fujisystems.



## **ONE DECORATOR'S DREAM**

After a vigorous workout on the plant floor, I returned home to unwind and quickly settled into my easy chair with my trusted dog, Fido, at my feet. I began to ponder the ways my life of employment could develop, evolve and settle into a wondrous, productive, lucrative, and *blissful metal decorating utopia*. After an exhausting internal debate on how to achieve the possible, I slipped into an unconscious euphoric state of mind.

I soon found myself in the ideal metal decorating facility. One where the backlog was at capacity with orders from my favorite paying accounts, the sales department processed the job orders with specifications written to perfection, the personnel were all self-motivated and worked as the consummate team, materials arrived on time and the formulations were mixed to specifications, the equipment was all state of the art, maintenance was performed like a world class symphony, and the regulatory agencies sent holiday cards and thank you letters for a job well done. Oh, and yes, money is no object. This facility surpasses budgeted income levels every quarter- without fail. Little did I know, I was surely dreaming.

My dedicated companion Fido accessed the situation and became alarmed. He was worried that the smile on my face was truly out of character for that time of day. Especially a weekday. So the decision was made, get the master back to reality or we may lose him out there in dreamland forever.

After an unwelcomed pounce on my lap, I was startled into consciousness and my thoughts, aside from why Fido was staring into my bloodshot eyes, soon digressed. With renewed cognizance, I returned to the reality of the world I live in. Eager to turn my dreams into a reality and to create the perfect operation, an intuitive and driving intellectual force beckoned me to hail the "Problem Solvers" to narrow the mission to a more manageable task. But where would I start?

My dream world surely did not include any directories, seminars, magazines, or websites. It didn't even include the internet. Go figure. They weren't needed there ! Being of sound mind and body, surely presumptive I my part, I do know where the "Problem Solvers" lurk- At the Metal Decorator Conferences and Seminars held during the year and certainly within the ranks of the membership. Now I just need to prioritize my biggest and most important obstacles to overcome and set out on my journey to network with the industry and secure my answers which will take me one step closer to a *blissful metal decorating utopia*. In the real world, conventions and seminars are truly useful, magazines are great resource tools, the membership directory serves as a link to getting help from colleagues and friends, and the internet allows a decorator to communicate at "dreamspeed" with other decorators around the globe. With these tools and with the great minds of the metal decorating industry as support, I will prevail!. I have confidence that the "Problem Solvers" will be there to help. Yes, the challenges are real, the tasks are more demanding, and the customers are less forgiving, but in the long run, the rewards are worth the effort. I just need to reach out to my fellow IMDA "Problem Solvers", the IMDA website, and the IMDA Resource Directory for knowledge to enable me to put these challenges to bed.

By the way, Fido, after a full day of meeting customer demands, answering technical questions, traversing the shop floor all day, and answering to my superiors, you may find me once again in my easy chair with my eyes closed and a smile on my face.

Don't wake me, I'm dreaming.

*Author anonymous*

# Resource Guide to Packaging, Regulatory and Sustainability Websites

## Regulatory & Compliance:

### Government:

#### Federal:

FDA	US Food & Drug Administration	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/food">www.fda.gov/food</a>
NIOSH	US National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/NIOSH">www.cdc.gov/NIOSH</a>
NIH	US National Institute of Health	<a href="http://www.nih.gov">www.nih.gov</a>
Health Canada	Canada Department of Food Safety: Regulations	<a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/index-eng.php">www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/index-eng.php</a>
Canada Department of Food Safety: Food Inspection	<a href="http://www.inspection.gc.ca/eng/1297964599443/1297965645317">http://www.inspection.gc.ca/eng/1297964599443/1297965645317</a>	

#### State & Country

OEHHA	California Office of Health Hazard Assessment	<a href="http://www.oehha.ca.gov">www.oehha.ca.gov</a>
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