

President's Message



By Pat Gaver, President, MBA of Florida

We are almost halfway through the year. Time seems to be flying at the speed of light. As we pass through the 2017-18 year, our goals are to increase participation in our conferences, increase our membership, and provide excellent learning opportunities.

MBA of Florida is truly on the way for success. Our Secondary Conference Committee has done an outstanding job in preparing for this event, as you will see further down in this newsletter. The dedication of our partners and associates continues to astound. While every member deserves mention, and contributes to the success of the conference, one is especially amazing. Tim Allen, one of our past Presidents, continues to provide guidance, support, and enthusiasm for our Association. Thank You Tim!

If you are attending the Secondary Conference, I would like to stress to you, the earlier you register the more you save for the attendee fees and to please make your hotel room reservation now, as the hotel is fully committed and will be sold out quickly.

Our industry is going into a period of disruption. Technology will continue to transform us. By all accounts this will bring about better execution, lower costs, and better business model. An additional contributing factor will be the reform of the GSE's. There is no telling on the timetable for reform, but it is on the way. The next five years of our industry will prove to be exciting and rewarding.

On a personal note, I want to thank each member of our association for providing the means for me to travel to the MBA National Convention in Denver. It was an amazing learning experience for me. As a first time attendee, I can say the exhibition hall was spectacular, teeming with, which I can only guess, as hundreds of vendors. This was a great opportunity to meet new people, explore new products and ideas and visit some old friends. With the likes of Payton Manning and HUD Secretary Ben Carson, it made for an electrifying experience. Attending state conferences and conventions always keep me abreast of the changes and future of our industry. The national convention provides the same guidance with a beacon. My Thanks!

If you haven't yet noticed, we have a great team of leaders, with our Executive Committee, Directors, Local Chapter President's and our State Office management, staffed with Brenda and Latisha, whom all deserve the highest kudos.