

President's Message

By Pat Gaver, President, MBA of Florida



We are half way through our fiscal year and it has been a busy one. Our eight local chapters have had phenomenal success with their events and meetings. The legislative session continues here in Florida with nothing exceptionally troublesome to the mortgage banking industry. Eric, our legislative representation provided a brief report below in this newsletter. We recently held our 15th Annual Eastern Secondary Market Conference & Exhibits with a lower attendance this year but still good networking and speakers. We are reevaluating this conference and the schedule to possibly condense it. Surveys regarding this have been sent to past attendees and exhibitors to get their ideas and advice. Please take a minute to respond. A reminder was sent on 2/27. If you did not receive it, email mbaf@mbaf.org and our state office will send you a link to complete.

The next thing we are very much looking forward to is our **65th Annual Convention** to be held **June 20-21 at the Vinoy Renaissance Resort in St. Petersburg**. The committee has been working to get some great speakers and planning some fun and networking time for all to enjoy. There is more information included below. Registration is open and ready for you!

We stepped up our efforts and we need to work to continue to include new mortgage bankers in this association. Some of our members of the local markets are still missing out on the benefits of participation in our state functions. The MBA of Florida conferences introduce us to new roles and avenues to follow in our career paths. It is an opportunity missed and once you come you will find the benefits to come again. There is so much information to gain that is tough to find anywhere else. Economic updates, product changes, mortgage delivery, and GSE reform are just some of the topics. MBAF is our industry resource to become better and more intelligent lenders. Please continue to strive to get the new faces, and the leaders of tomorrow to attend our upcoming events.

It continues to be one of the great honors of my career to serve as your state MBA President. It is hard to believe we are halfway through the year. There is still much to accomplish. I look forward to seeing all of you in June!