

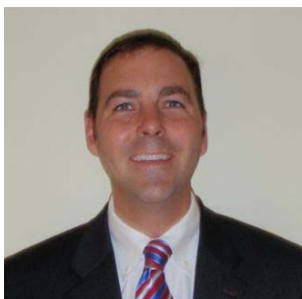
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MEET IDC's NEW CHAIRMAN



As your Chairman of IDC this year, I wanted to say thanks for giving me the opportunity to lead the organization through these challenging economic times we are facing. We recently held a successful annual conference in Lisle which shows that IDC is on the cutting edge of professional development with timely topics and speakers, and a little bit of fun. Thanks to Mike and Darlene Lane and Susan Tolley for pulling it all together with all their behind the scenes work that goes unnoticed to most attendees.

The future looks bright for Illinois because of our natural economic development attributes that we already have in place. Now is not the time to sit back and wait by thinking that things will naturally happen. If you look back to just a year ago, oil and gas prices were at record highs. Today, gasoline is nearly 50% less in cost. Unfortunately, our local and State unemployment rates are now at all time highs. From the IDC leadership on down to our newest members, we must continue to advise elected officials at all levels of government of the need for sound business policies and programs that can make our State a preferred business destination of not only the Midwest, but the world.

In the coming editions of the IDC newsletter, you will continue to hear about opportunities to get involved, to make the organization stronger, and to enhance your professional development. We are planning regional meetings for the fall on the topics of governmental affairs and a follow-up to the conference round table session on using social media networks. The Education Committee will also be developing a member resource and experience survey which will allow members to seek out other members with knowledge in specific areas such as TIF districts or webs site development. Lastly as part of our strategic plan rolled out earlier this year, we will continue the investigation of alternative cooperative efforts to promote Illinois as a business location.

IDC is only as strong as our members so please reach out to your regional board of director representatives to share your thoughts and ideas and consider joining one of our various committees. I am proud to represent IDC and look forward to the year ahead!

A special thanks to Mark Williams, our outgoing board chairman for his leadership over the past year. He began the implementation of the new IDC strategic plan and set the stage for the current board of directors to follow through on the future direction of the organization. Thanks also to Janet Mathis who has been on the executive committee for several years and her involvement and knowledge will be missed.

Ed Sitar
ComEd Economic Development Manager

GOVERNOR QUINN SIGNS TAX INCENTIVE LEGISLATION

Late last Friday, July 31, 2009, Governor Pat Quinn signed legislation that will extend three key tax incentives for an additional five years. Taking effect immediately, the new law ([PA 96-0116](#)) extends the Manufacturers Purchase Credit, Graphic Arts Machinery & Equipment exemption and Investment Tax Credit through 2014. These tax incentives had been scheduled to sunset on July

31 of this year.

SB 1691 was the ONLY tax incentive measure to pass the General Assembly and be signed into law this year.

NEW LOOK - NEW VISION



The Illinois Development Council Board of Directors earlier this year commissioned the design of a new association logo - a graphic that depicted a contemporary image of our name. The board wanted to maintain a traditional acronym look but symbolize statewide representation and "movement."

This new logo was unveiled at the Annual Conference and is currently being "retro-fitted" into all of the official IDC venues (letterhead, website, marketvolt banners, etc). It goes without saying that we all take pride in our own names and so it is with the Association as well. Branding an organization takes time, i.e. the Nike "Swoosh" no longer has the word "Nike" under it. The new IDC logo uses a similar concept being clean in appearance and while our name does appear under the acronym, in time we are confident that the sweeping look of "IDC" embedded in the stylized outline of Illinois will gain recognition and will be readily associated with the professional image of this organization and the people it serves.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED IDC LEADERS

At the 2009 IDC Annual Conference the new officers were recognized and the membership voted on new directors to fill positions open in the Southern, Central, Northern and Metro areas, as well as, a director at-large position. Elected by the board of directors were:

Officers:

Chairman of the Board - Ed Sitar, ComEd

Vice Chairman - Marty Vanags, Economic Development Council of the Bloomington Normal Area

Secretary/Treasurer - Kim Uhlig, City of Park Ridge

Directors Elected by the Membership for 3 year terms:

Bola Delano, Chicago (Metro Region)

Heather Sotelo, Sterling (Northern Region)

Aaron Ridenour, Jacksonville (Central Region)

Jeanne Gustafson, Centralia (Southern Region)

James Alexander, St.Louis (Out of State)

Lori Clark, Chicago (At-large)

Special Appointment Director: Tracey Hyatt Bosman, Chicago

Appointment to fill unexpired term: Roger Hopkins, Lisle

MEMBERSHIP THANKS SERVICE OF OUTGOING DIRECTORS



While the IDC said "farewell" to a few directors whose term had expired we are confident that their leadership service is far from over. Pictured with new Chairman Sitar (L) are (L-R) Angela Griffin - Central, John Thompson - Northern and Janet Mathis - Immediate Past Chairman. Not pictured is Skip Smallwood - Out of State Director.

IDC GIVES OUT INDUSTRY HONORS



Congratulations go out to two IDC members who received a standing ovation when they were announced as the 2009 recipients of the IDC Developer of the Year and the Chairman's Award.

2009 Developer of the Year: Chuck Rose, Springfield
Chairman's Award: Lori Clark, Chicago.

The other top honor given out at this year's annual conference was the **Ameren/IDC Business Partnership Award**. This year's recipient was General Mills Corporation in Belvidere, IL. Vince Castle (middle) was on hand to receive the honor presented by Economic Development Manager for Ameren Michael Kearney (R) and Outgoing IDC Chairman Mark Williams.



CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

[Click here](#) to view pictures from this year's annual conference. By everyone's measure, this year's event was a wonderful success. Congratulations go out to the IDC Annual Conference Committee for all their work in planning an outstanding conference.

IDC also wants to thank its conference sponsors. Their generosity help make this event possible!

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