



# THE MGI-NA COMMUNIQUE BULLETIN

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## *North American Area Coordinator*

Patrick Riley, of the Braver Group in Boston, MA has been transitioning the role of the MGI North American Area Coordinator (AC) to Charles Postal of Santos Postal & Company, P.C. in Washington, DC. Patrick's term as AC expires after the AGM in October 2008. Patrick, who has been the AC since 2005, and has also served on the International Committee, will continue to actively participate on the MGI Managing Committee. Please join us again in thanking Patrick for his significant contribution of time and effort as the AC and congratulating Charles in his new role.

## *New Managing Committee Member*

Arthur Baguley of MGI Bass Gordon in Cape Town, South Africa has been elected to the MGI Managing Committee effective after the AGM in October 2008. He will succeed Des Caulfield of MGI Adelaide in Australia whose term has expired. Arthur is also the current chairman of the MGI International Committee as well as the African Area Coordinator of this committee. Arthur has actively participated in MGI as Area Coordinator for Africa and has served on the International Committee as deputy Chairperson and Chairperson. Des, who has served on the Managing Committee for the past six years, will continue to serve MGI on the Executive Committee of MGI Australasia and the MGI Australasia Coordinating Committee. Please join us in congratulating Arthur and thanking Des for his past service and contributions to the Managing Committee.

## *NA Website*

Chuck Snead has taken the lead in enhancing the current MGI-NA website using his firm's web designer. The NA website will have a similar home page design as the MGI World Site ([www.MGIWorld.com](http://www.MGIWorld.com)). We will keep you informed of continuing progress with this project.

## *2008 AGM*

The 2008 MGI Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place in Mexico City, kicking off with golf on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and a welcome cocktail party for all attendees that evening. The conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The post conference tour will be held in Cancun. The Mexico City AGM offers all of our NA members the chance to experience the benefits of attending an AGM close to home at a reasonable cost. We encourage all of the MGI-NA members to attend this conference.

## *2009 NA Area Meeting*

Charles Postal and his staff are already hard at work planning for the MGI-NA Area Meeting to take place on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The meeting will take place in Washington, DC. Keep an eye out for “save-the-date” and other information regarding this meeting.

## *Survey*

The MGI-NA Committee encourages all members to complete the survey you received from Florida International University on "Client Relationship Management". The Committee believes our participation in this project will enhance the MGI brand on National and International levels.

## *New Member Project*

We are currently working with firms in the following cities who are interested in joining MGI:

- Toronto, Canada
- Louisville, Kentucky
- San Diego, California
- Jackson, Mississippi
- Birmingham, Alabama

We also have an application in-process from a two-partner firm, Gilman Knotts located in Langley, British Columbia. This firm was referred to NA by an International member.