

# *A Message from VMA President Eddie Worth*

*From the President:*

*First of all I would like to thank everyone that attended our recent Mid-year Conference. I could spend a lot of time recapping the conference however I would like to share some of Dave Smoots comments as he was the Men's Official Visitor. The Executive Board is very proud to lead the very best Association and want to thank everyone for your continued support. A special "thank you" to Dave for all your kind words.*

*Eddie Worth*

*"Nearly every presentation was accompanied by visual aid – mostly Power Point; this was true of the field staff as-well. VA has a great A/V person in Jim Puckett – his knowledge of Power Point and computer visual aids in general is remarkable – he added VA Moose banners to many presentations including the M.I. videos – he had introduction slides for each agenda presentation. Visual aids make information more interesting for attendees."*

*"I would actually give this Conference a 12 just comparing it to all of the others I have attended."*

*"they also kept their sessions on schedule."*

*"Secretary Robbie Robertson did an excellent job and is aware of concerns over cost and balancing hotel wants and member wants; he is doing a good job. I heard many compliments on the content of the presentations and the overall Conference."*

*"Moose Charities had display/manned tables at both the LOOM and WOTM Conference sites – in addition the LOOM sessions collected an Endowment at the conclusion of each session, and conducted a march of checks"*

*"Additionally the energy in the meeting rooms is much greater than at many of our associations – upbeat music is played prior to the start of the meetings and great visual aids are utilized for presentations -this provides attendees with another feature to help with all of the information shared – and makes the information non-boring as when presenters just read from the podium."*