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JANUARY 2008

Calendar of Events

JANUARY 3, 2008

**CMFI Board of Directors Meeting.
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont**

JANUARY 24, 2008

**Members' Annual Business Meeting.
Colletti's Restaurant, Chicago**

FEBRUARY 7, 2008

**CMFI Board of Directors Meeting.
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont**

FEBRUARY 28, 2008

**CMFI Member Meeting.
Colletti's Restaurant, Chicago**

MARCH 2-4, 2008

**NASF Management Conference. Sheraton
Hacienda Del Mar, Cabo San Lucas**

MARCH 6, 2008

**CMFI Board of Directors Meeting.
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont**

MARCH 27, 2008

**CMFI Member Meeting.
Colletti's Restaurant, Chicago**

APRIL 22-24, 2008

**NASF Washington Forum. L'Enfant Plaza
Hotel, Washington, DC**

JUNE 16-19, 2008

**SUR/FIN. Indiana Convention Center,
Indianapolis, IN**

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

January 24, 2008

Colletti's Restaurant 5707 N. Central
Chicago, IL
6:00-9:00 PM

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
BY FRANK ALTMAYER

ORDER OF BUSINESS

6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Cocktails
7:00 PM-8:00 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM-8:30 PM	Business Meeting
8:30 PM-9:00 PM	Program

FOR RESERVATIONS: mail in your pink card, fax (773-784-1304) or e-mail (cmfi@netzero.net) to the Institute office ASAP.

A proxy form for the January 2008 Annual Business Meeting of Members is included in this issue of the newsletter. Please return the pink form ONLY if you are unable to attend the January 24 Member meeting. Additional nominations may be made by written petition signed by ten or more members in good standing and filed with the Executive Secretary at least five days prior to the meeting. No other nominations shall be considered at the Annual Meeting except to fill a vacancy created by withdrawal or disqualification of any candidate.

EPA'S PROPOSED OZONE RULE: DISPUTED SCIENCE, DEVASTATING RESULTS

From: *IMA EXECUTIVE MEMO, 11/28/07*

The EPA announced plans this summer that may lead to a stricter ozone standard in 2008, a standard that will have a devastating impact of more than \$100 billion on America's industrial economy.

The new plan could replace the current national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone (smog) — which has yet to be fully implemented — with a much more stringent and costly standard. If a stricter ozone standard takes effect in March 2008, as scheduled, manufacturers located in "non-attainment" areas can expect significantly more draconian controls imposed by local, state and federal regulators. The EPA shows that, under the current standard, 442 counties are in "non-attainment." That number could jump to 1,243 counties should the EPA's most stringent option take effect.

In a scenario only possible in Washington, the EPA is forbidden from considering a regulation's economic impact when setting or revising NAAQS standards. Fortunately, the arguments against new standards are scientific as well as economic. The simple fact is that the current standard is working.

Between 1980 and 2006, the national average for ozone levels decreased by 21 percent. Under the current rules, emissions from power plants will be cut in half by 2015; emissions from cars and trucks will be reduced by more than 70 percent by 2030. The current standard continues to protect human health. The EPA should focus on helping communities meet the current standard before imposing a new, untested standard.

The National Association of Manufacturers is leading the charge to convince the EPA and the Bush Administration to leave the existing standard — which science shows is working — in place rather than risk crippling the economy on an untested new standard. The EPA is expected to announce its initial intentions before the end of 2007.

Source: *NAM*

MIDWEST GOVERNORS TO CANDIDATES: PROTECT THE GREAT LAKES

From: *Daily Herald, November 9, 2007*

MILWAUKEE -- Governors of the eight Great Lakes states, including Illinois, called on the 2008 presidential candidates to make protecting the lakes a priority, saying that it was key to winning the battleground states. Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle sent a letter on behalf of the Council of Great Lakes Governors to presidential candidates Thursday, asking for their plans to save the lakes threatened by low water levels and increasing pollution. "The next president must share our vision of protecting the Great Lakes," said Doyle, chair of the council. "We need federal partners who share our vision." He said the Great Lakes haven't figured prominently in the campaign yet, but he expects that to change. "It's too bad Iowa isn't a Great Lakes state, because if it were, we'd have all kinds of positions," Doyle said. Iowa, with its early caucuses, is still a focus for many candidates. Other members of the council include: Ohio, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Indiana and Illinois. The region boasts 35 million people in states that have often helped decide past elections. That's not likely to change next year, Doyle said at a news conference. "They figure to play a pivotal role in the 2008 presidential race," he said.

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Doyle said the governors in the group will work with candidates in their parties to make sure they address the issue. He did not mention any candidates by name. But Doyle noted that several come from Great Lakes states. Republican Rudy Giuliani was mayor of New York, while Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama represent New York and Illinois in the Senate.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson has been one of the few candidates to raise the issue. While campaigning in water-parched Nevada recently, the Democrat called for a national water policy. "Wisconsin is awash in water," he said. Many in the region took that as a sign he'd try to divert water from the lakes. Doyle also called on the state and others to ratify a compact that would prevent such diversions.

2008 IMA HOLIDAY REPORT

The Illinois Manufacturer's Annual Holiday Report highlights employers' plans on select holidays throught the year. Nearly 450 IMA members responded and these are the results.

Full Paid Holidays

New Year's Eve 2007 (Monday)	43%
New Year's Day 2008 (Tuesday)	98%
Martin Luther King Day (Monday)	4%
President's Day (Monday)	3%
Good Friday	60%
Easter Monday	3%
Memorial Day (Monday)	98%
Independence Day (Friday)	99%
Labor Day (Monday)	98%
Veterans Day (Tuesday)	2%
Thanksgiving Day (Thursday)	99%
Day After Thanksgiving (Friday)	87%
Christmas Eve (Wednesday)	64%
Christmas Day (Thursday)	98%

SPECIAL Christmas Holiday (Friday)	20%
New Year's Eve, 2008 (Wednesday)	21%
New Year's Day 2009 (Thursday)	21%
SPECIAL New Year's Holiday (Friday)	6%

How many paid holidays do you provide your employees (not including personal days)?

6 or fewer days	4%
7 days	8%
8 days	15%
9 days	20%
10 days	34%
11 days	12%
12 or more days	6%

THE SMOKE FREE ILLINOIS ACT

On January 1, 2008 Public Act 95-0017 "The Smoke Free Illinois Act" becomes effective. This Act prohibits smoking in public places and places of employment and imposes requirements on all public places. The Illinois Department of Public Health, has rule-making authority, however the Department has not yet issued its final rules. As such, the statutory and regulatory requirements effective January 1, 2008 are:

1. Smoking is not allowed within any public place including within 15 feet of any entrance, window that opens, or ventilation intake that serves the public place. This creates a no smoking 'bubble' near the aforementioned points.
2. Ashtrays or other receptacles must be removed from the premises. The only exception is to have some on hand to extinguish a lit cigarette, cigar, etc. if a person comes in or starts smoking once inside. Ashtrays or other receptacles kept for such purposes may be stored where smoking is prohibited if:

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Smoking Ban.....continued

- a. the storage location has no public access; and,
- b. the location is used primarily for storage purposes.

3. A sign must be clearly and conspicuously posted within all public places. This sign must state 'No Smoking' or consist of the international "No Smoking" symbol. This sign must be:

- a. no smaller than 5 inches by 7 inches;
- b. contain the telephone number designated by the Department for registering complaints (866-973-4646);
- c. contain the Department's website for obtaining a complaint form (www.smoke-free.illinois.gov); and
- d. the sign must be of sufficient size to be clearly legible to an individual of normal vision from a distance of 5 feet

4. The sign must be posted at every entrance to a public place clearly stating that smoking is prohibited. Entrances include those used only for deliveries, employees, etc.

5. Employers must communicate to all employees that smoking is prohibited.

6. Employers must communicate to all applicants for employment, at the time of application, that smoking is prohibited.

These requirements take effect January 1, 2008. The Department of Public Health has web page for **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** and a **COPY OF THE NEW LAW.**
