Members of the MSAA -

I want to extend my gratitude to the hard-working, diligent group of individuals who make this committee grow while keeping traditions and creating new ones. I am excited to begin my term as president and could not be more grateful to all who believed in me to take on this honored position successfully.

We have an excellent board of director(s) this year, including the newly elected vice president, Dave Mclaughlin, and the newly elected board members, Mitchell Siemers, Lake Boehm & Lance Quam. Everyone seems to have a unique contribution that will only enhance our abilities & strengthen this board.

I am the only president with the opportunity to work with the "former" EVP, Frank Imholte. Frank has done a fantastic job for all these years, and I am sad to see "former" in front of his name because of this. He is the man with all the answers. As we transition to the new EVP, Cali Crissup, I am confident Frank will ensure the transition is smooth.

Cali was hired in November and was present at the 2024 MSAA Auctioneer Conference and Show. I hope some of you were able to meet her and see what a significant contribution she will be to our association.

Since my presidency began, several people have contacted me regarding things they want to see happen for the association. Thank you for your input & requests. I have made a mental note of these items, and with the board's leadership, we will try to make some of them happen.

The summer picnic plans are underway. We will go to Hastings, Minnesota, at the Little Log House/Pioneer Village. The date has been set for Sunday, August 11, 2024.

I believe the MSAA is in a good position. Change is inevitable in this industry; however, change is good. It brings us together as a group and helps us accelerate our minds while keeping us up to speed with the rest of the world.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

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