

# Leading Off



## Signing Off

It seems as though this year has gone by very fast, and a lot of events have happened in that time. It doesn't seem possible that I'm about to pass the reins over to Art Miller, CMS, RCT as the new International President after the vote at the upcoming Annual Business Meeting. I am extremely confident that he will do an excellent job as President, and that he has an extremely competent Board of Directors supporting him.

There will two Directors coming onto the Board following the next Annual Business Meeting. One will be voted in, as one our dedicated Directors, Ratib Baker, CMS, RCT (Regions 1 & 3), has decided to step down for personal reasons. His wisdom and knowledge will be missed on the Board, but we wish him the best.

Another Director will come onto the Board fill the Region 2 vacated spot when Art ascends to the Presidency of the Society. Your votes matters to our Society, so you should attend the meeting Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022 at 11 a.m. Central.

In the event that you aren't already aware, Lori Schiavo has stepped down as Executive Vice President, and now has the title of Senior Director of Operations. Our new Interim Executive Vice President is Jim Barron, is also the RETA Executive Director. Jim is an extremely knowledgeable gentleman, who I feel can help revitalize and reinvigorate RSES. Due to a

combination of an aging membership and the pandemic, our membership numbers have been dropping. I'm optimistic that Jim, the Board and the HQ staff can turn things around for us.

Just prior to my election, we lost a truly great gentleman, Past International President Steve Wright, CMS, RCT. Recently, we lost another Great Gentleman, J.R. "Dick" Burks, CM, who was a Past Region 10 Director. I had the privilege of knowing Dick and calling him my Friend for many years. I was able to consult with Dick on issues over the years, as he was a wealth of knowledge. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

I won't be going away anytime soon, as I've been active in RSES for far too long to stop now. I would like to wish the pending incoming 2022-2023 RSES Board all the best. I have the utmost confidence in their work. Please support your RSES Board of Directors and our Headquarters Staff with all of their great work for the Society. 🙌

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