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Thank you to Kansas City, Missouri for hosting the 59th Annual IFEA Convention. It was a fun week to enjoy the “City of Fountains” with lots of exciting sporting events taking place. You couldn’t help cheering for the home teams!

As I bring closure to my year as IFEA Foundation Board Chair, I will especially remember this beautiful city. The Foundation Party and Auction—a salute to the “Wizards of Aah’s” —was held at the amazing Crown Center Square. The venue enabled the IFEA Staff and Foundation Board the opportunity to transform this unique space and invite convention attendees, vendors and local guests to “follow the yellow brick road”. Everyone enjoyed a “Taste of Kansas City” BBQ followed by the featured live auction hosted by our own “Wizard of Oz,” Bruce Erley, CFEE, APR. Thank you to Bruce for serving as our host for the evening! I would also like to recognize Bette Monteith on the IFEA Staff and Sue Bunday, former Board President at the Portland Rose Festival. Our board greatly appreciates the time and energy Bette devotes to assisting with all the IFEA Foundation Auction administration, in addition to her many other IFEA staff duties. Addi-

tionally, Sue has been a faithful auction volunteer since 2012 providing “creative” and logistics expertise that is invaluable. Thank you also to all IFEA Foundation Board members for soliciting and securing numerous auction items as well as your assistance before, during and after the auction. It truly was a team effort which allowed for proceeds of \$34,000! Of course these proceeds could not have been received without the generous bidding done by all. Thank you for your generous contributions!

These funds will enable IFEA to provide financial support to fulfill its educational goals. Part of these goals include providing scholarships to the IFEA Annual Convention. 2014 brought us two additions to our list of Legacy Scholarships—the Carolyn and Lee Crayton Legacy Scholarship and the Jean McFaddin Legacy Scholarship. Thank you Carolyn, Lee and Jean! This year 15 scholarships were awarded to rising industry professionals. The Foundation Board enjoyed getting to know these energetic individuals and we want to thank each one of them for assisting with the live and silent auction. Your involvement was key to the success of the evening!

Last, an update on our “Fund for the Future”. Beginning in 2010 with an original goal of \$500,000, the Fund for the Future continues to provide assistance to IFEA through the joint efforts of the Foundation and World Boards. I am happy to report both boards can boast 100% participation from all members regarding Fund for the Future contributions in 2014. Thank you Board Members! As we approach the half-way point of our goal, we will continue to seek contributions to this fund to establish an Emergency Reserve Fund to safeguard against economic uncertainty. The Fund for the Future will also provide computer and Information Technology upgrades for the IFEA office in order to keep up with the expectations and needs of those in our industry.

In closing I would like to welcome the 2015 IFEA Foundation Board Chair, Mary Ann Dilling, CFEE with the EAA in Oshkosh, WI. Our board is excited for your future leadership!

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