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#### MISSOURI MOTOR CARRIERS ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING THE AMERICAN HEARTLAND TRUCKING CONFERENCE & EXPO

**Overland Park, KS-** The memberships of the Missouri Motor Carriers Association and the Kansas Motor Carriers Association held their annual conventions and joint expo October 3 & 4, 2007 in Overland Park, KS. The following slate of officers was elected to lead the Missouri Motor Carriers Association during the 2007- 2008 year.

**Chairman:** Tom Kretsinger, Jr., American Central Transport, Inc., Liberty, MO

**1st Vice Chairman:** John Hancock, Prime, Inc., Springfield, MO

**2nd Vice Chairman:** Brent Witte, Witte Bros Exchange, Inc., Troy, MO

**3rd Vice Chairman:** Kimberly Johnson, UPS Freight, Kansas City, MO

**ATA Vice President:** Danny Opie, Opies Transport, Inc., Eldon, MO

**Alternate ATA Vice President:** Jim O'Neal, O & S Trucking, Inc., Springfield, MO

During this two-day annual meeting, which marked the trade group's 70th year as the voice of the trucking industry in Missouri, more than 500 motor carrier and allied industry members and guests, attended business sessions and heard from local and national speakers. As part of the conference, a trade show was held throughout the event.

At the Candlelight Banquet Thursday evening, Larry Morgan, Gencom Inc., Marshall, MO was awarded the prestigious "Frank G. Campbell Outstanding Service Award", and Jim Pruet, Great West Casualty Company, Liberty, MO was awarded the "G. Findley Reed Award", the allied industry's highest service award.

The Ursel G. Lewellen Scholarship recipient was announced, Bradley Dixon, a graduate of William Jewel College with a major in history. This scholarship was established by the Association at the University of Missouri Law School, Columbia, in honor of its first Executive Manager, Ursel G. Lewellen.

The Missouri Motor Carriers Association's Logistics Scholarship at Missouri State University was awarded to Geoff Biderman, Springfield, MO, who plans to graduate in May 2008 with a bachelor's degree in logistics and transportation.

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