

## **Happy New Year and Welcome to 2014 with STAI!**

Things are off to a great start...well, maybe not weather wise! Spring can't get here soon enough in Indiana this year after our rough winter. But things are off to a great start for STAI. Our 2014 40<sup>th</sup> annual conference registration is open and we've added a Members Only side to our website.

The conference is sure to be one of the best with such focused topics as active shooter, director/employee relations, compartmentalization, school bus evacuation and more. We also have specific bus manufacturer on board training for technicians along with other outstanding learning workshops. There will be the traditional golf outing starting later on Wednesday so participants won't miss the educational opportunities provided earlier in the day. Our surveys from you and comments you've shared at your regional meetings have helped us develop an outstanding agenda! Click on the links on this page to begin your registration or to see the current agenda.

Release of the newly developed Members Only side is off and running with a Membership List, a New Products page, the ability to Ask a Question and many more features. A comprehensive Directory of Transportation Directors is even able to be edited by YOU! We welcome your help in keeping this information current. Many thanks to all who have contributed in getting the Members Only side off the ground.

Once again this year there will be a Safety Competition open to any driver throughout the state of Indiana. The event will take place at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on June 14, 2014. It's a day of fun, food and prizes for all who participate. Winners get an expense paid trip to the national competition. It doesn't matter if you drive a conventional, transit or special needs bus---all are invited!

As you can see, there is a lot going on with your state organization. I hope you can join us at the upcoming conference. Nothing is more productive and beneficial then rubbing elbows with your fellow transportation colleagues from across our state. When walking this path, it is most helpful to glean the practices and tips others have to offer to make your school bus transportation world a little easier to travel.

Keep it safe,  
Lynn