



RIPA Board Meets in Denver – In Person!

For the first time since October 2019, the RIPA Board of Directors held an in-person meeting at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver, CO. RIPA Chair Mike Bank summed-up the meeting nicely: “Seeing everyone was like having a heavy weight lifted from our shoulders. It was great having the chance to talk to my colleagues about the industry and, importantly, to find out how everyone coped with the pandemic.”

Key Board Actions/Reports

- (a) **Finance:** Treasurer Barry Wingard reported that the association is in very good financial condition. Spending is well in line with or, in some cases, below budgeted figures. The Association has adequate surplus funds to protect against surprise events and membership remains steady.
- (b) **Elections:** Mike Bank reported that his term and those of the sitting officers (Tim O’Bryan and Barry Wingard) will conclude on December 31, 2021. He will appoint a nominating committee and ask them to develop a slate of officers for consideration by the Board during its fall meeting.
- (c) **Codes of Practice:** The Board adopted an amendment to the Codes of Practice clarifying that all association members must abide by federal anti-trust laws. (See related story.)
- (d) **Regulatory Update:** DOT appears to be poised to propose adoption in the Hazardous Materials Regulations of several issues of interest to RIPA members. The Agency is planning to propose that steel drums marked 10/8/10 may be reconditioned; that ultrasonic testing machines are a recognized method for leakproofness testing; and, Special Permit 16323, which authorizes the use of new IBC inner receptacles without leakproofness testing will no longer require a Special Permit.