#### **AAPA Commissioner Seminar**

# Board - Management Relations A Critical Factor in Your Port's Success

#### PORTS OF INDIANA

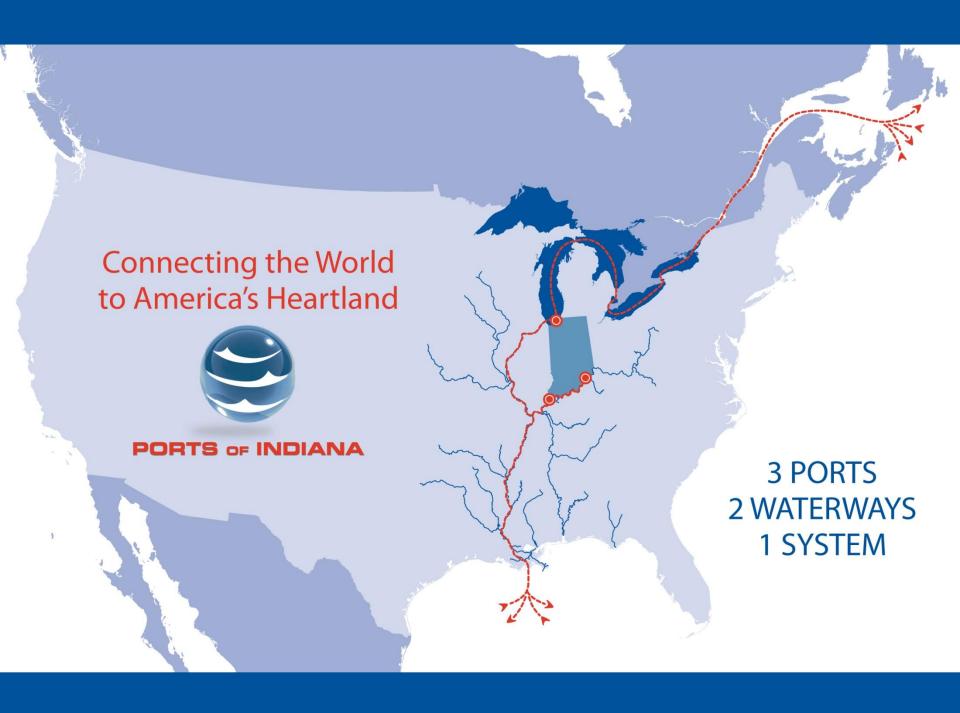
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# Today's Discussion

- A Little About Who We Are
- Our Governance and Management
- Building Board/Staff Relations
- How We Conduct Our Business
- A CEO Wish List
- A Commissioner's Perspective





# Indiana's Unique Port System

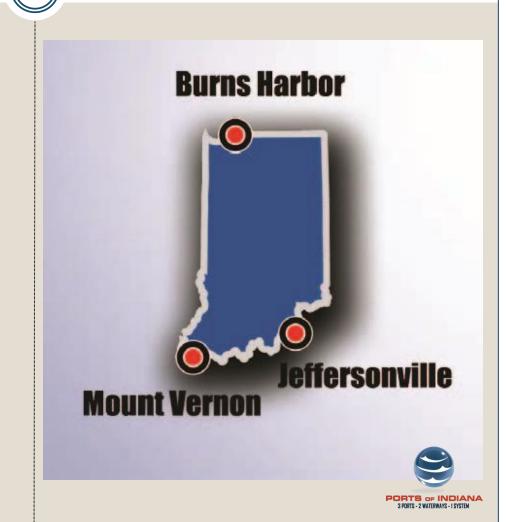
- 3 ports, 2 waterways, 1 system
- 1 Lake Michigan port, 2 Ohio River ports
- Serving 3 different markets under a single centralized corporate leadership team
- Building strong synergies between ports
- Do not compete against each other
- Economic Impact of Indiana's Ports:
  - \$6.4 billion per year
  - o 50,000 jobs



#### Ports of Indiana Locations

#### Burns Harbor

- Steel
- Project Cargo
- Limestone
- Ag Products
- Jeffersonville
  - Steel
  - Ag Products
- Mount Vernon
  - Ag Products
  - Ethanol
  - Coal



# PORT OF INDIANA BURNS HARBOR













# **BP Expansion**

#### **Construction Statistics:**

- 800 modules and vessels
- 1,200 pieces of equipment
- 380 miles of pipe
- **50,000** tons of steel
- 1,325 miles of wire & cable (distance from Chicago to Santa Fe)
- 200 material deliveries / day
- 9,000+ workers on site at peak













**BP Cargo** 





**World's Largest Crawler Crane** 

# PORT OF INDIANA JEFFERSONVILLE











# PORT OF INDIANA MOUNT VERNON













#### Ports of Indiana Governance

- Created by state legislature in 1961
- Established as "a body both corporate and politic"
- Governor appoints bipartisan board
  - o 7 commissioners
  - Serve staggered 4-year terms
  - Business professionals with diverse background
  - Representatives from port regions

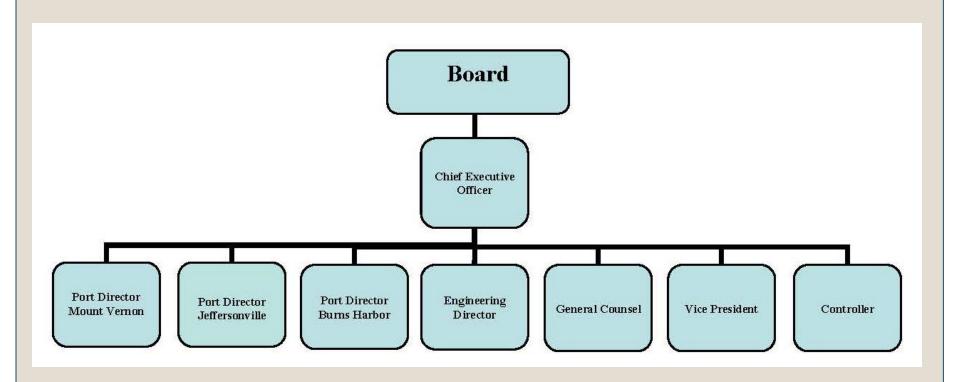


#### Port Staff

- No political appointees
- Board hires CEO
- All are business professionals from private sector
- 26 total employees at 3 ports and Indianapolis headquarters



# Ports of Indiana Org Chart





## **Board-Management Relations**

Successful Board-Management relations are built on:

- A. Trust
- **B.** Communication
- C. Clearly Defined Roles



#### It All Starts with Trust

- Trust is the foundation for any relationship
- Respect for each other's roles and responsibilities
- Understanding expectations of each other
- Commitment to honoring those expectations
- Commitment to mutual success



# Speak with One Voice

- Staff and Board must always be on same page
- Staff provides regular updates via email
- Think before choosing how to communicate
  - o Should I use email?
  - Should I use phone?
- Executive session discussions
- Staff handles media communication
- Commissioners do not communicate with media
  - o If unavoidable, communicate with staff first



# Clearly Defined Roles

#### Board's Role

- Establish Policy
- Provide Direction; Input for Strategic Plan
- Approve Strategic Plan

#### CEO's Role

- Management
- Administration
- Personnel
- Financial Results
- Public Relations
- Marketing
- Execute Strategic Plan



### **Conducting Port Business**

- Commission meets 6 times per year
- Executive sessions precede public sessions
  - o Allowed to discuss leases, agreements, litigation, personnel
- At least 1 meeting per year in each port city
- Staff prepares briefing book for each meeting
  - Defines business that will be acted upon
  - Sent electronically 1 week in advance
  - Hard copies sent to Commissioners' homes



# Act Like a Corporation

- Headquarters in Indy; operating units at 3 port sites
- Behave like the private sector
- Perceived as a business entity vs. political agency
- Do not act individually competing with each other;
   act corporately as a system of ports
- Totally self-funded enterprise; non-dependent on state's general fund or taxpayer dollars



#### **CEO Top Five Wish List for Commissioners**

- Business professionals whose life experiences can benefit the organization
  - o Defined by their Professionalism, Character, Integrity
  - Ambassadors for the Ports of Indiana
  - Diversity of professional experiences is very helpful to management
  - A Primary Resource for CEO
    - Skill sets that complement our business needs
    - ➤ Willing to help when asked with unique business opportunities or 'sticky situations'



#### CEO Wish List (cont)

- 2) No personal or professional conflicts that could interfere with ports' best interests
  - Always put the port first do what is best for the port
  - Understand when it's necessary to recuse one's self
- 3) Exceptional communicators (except with media)
  - Clear delineation of responsibilities for Management and Board
  - Chairman is open to direct line of communication between CEO and individual board members



#### CEO Wish List (cont)

- 4) Makes it clear via policy that Management Team is responsible for running the business
  - o Provide support, guidance and policy direction as needed
  - Approve policy and strategic plan
- 5) Empowers and supports the CEO
  - O Do not interfere with day-to-day decisions or personnel issues
  - Willing to be a resource



#### Our Success Hinges On...

- Quality of our professional staff and board
- Staff and board's ability to work collaboratively to achieve our shared goals:
  - o To develop and maintain a world-class port system that operates as an agile, strategically driven, self-funded enterprise dedicated to growing Indiana's economy
  - To become the premier inland port system in North America by creating a sustainable competitive advantage for our customers and the State of Indiana



### A Commissioner's Perspective

- Board-Management Relations depend on:
  - An Effective CEO
  - Providing necessary information for Board to make decisions
  - A Board that understands its responsibilities

### Qualities of the Ideal CEO

- Ability to build team and develop talents of staff
- Communications skills to deal with staff, board, public
- Positive attitude, energetic, passionate about company
- Gives credit to others participating in success
- Takes blame for unsuccessful projects
- Has a vision and sees what is possible
- Disciplined and willing to make hard decisions

#### Information Required for Board Decision Making

- Executive summary of operating results
- Income statement vs. seasonally adjusted budget
- Margin contribution report
- Capacity utilization report
- Cash flow statement
- Year end projections
- Balance sheet
- Receivables analysis

# Board Member Responsibilities

- Make decisions quickly but not in a hurry
  - Perform your due diligence and make your decision
  - Waiting maybe too late and cause unnecessary harm
- Be team players and back your CEO
  - Trust CEO to do their job
  - o Give assistance in areas of expertise when needed or asked
- Give best effort don't lean on others to carry load
- If you are there for glory, money or power instead of the organization and its mission, you will be a liability

# It's been our pleasure being with you here today.

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