

208-919-0771 or visit www.idssa.org if you have any questions regarding our organization.

Kansas



The KSSOA is located at 10870 Benson Drive, Suite 2160, Overland Park, Kansas 66210.

Louisiana



The Louisiana Self Storage Association (SSALA) is currently planning a summer regional conference and our SSALA fall statewide conference. Look for information in your mailbox concerning these meetings and plan now to attend. If you would like to be notified of upcoming events, be sure to contact us with your updated e-mail and mailing information.

SSALA members now have access to the *Louisiana Storage Space Rental Agreement* and the *Storage Addendum for Motor Vehicles*. These are available to members in Microsoft Word format. Sitelink users can purchase the documents formatted for use in Sitelink.

Although it is just going on summer, we encourage our members to be proactive and prepare for hurricane season. Review your policies and procedures concerning disaster preparedness with your staff and take steps now to be sure you are ready before any disaster strikes. As evidenced by recent years, being prepared is essential for continuing operations in case of an emergency.

Member benefits offered by SSALA include educational programs, networking opportunities and business and legal support. The association's mission is to provide its members with a resource for growing

and improving their self storage business. We are focusing on refining our website and communication efforts to ensure our members easy access to our services and correspondence. We recently updated our website to make it user friendly for our members and guests. Our goal is to make information available to our members and to encourage customers to contact member facilities for their self storage needs.

A strong association promotes a strong industry, so we encourage you to become a member of the Louisiana Self Storage Association (SSALA). To find out more about the association, check out our new website at www.ssala.org. To update your membership profile, or if you have any questions about membership, e-mail us at LAselfstorage@yahoo.com or info@ssala.org, or contact our office at 866-855-2303 or association president Lana Grif fin at 225-774-2117.

Maine



"Ought not to Pass." That was the decision on LD 366 made by

the Business, Research and Economic Development Committee on March 17, 2009, in Augusta, Maine. The bill was an attempt to regulate the handling of personal records discovered during the auction process at self storage facilities.

It would deem facility owners liable for any piece of personal data that is released into the hands of anyone aside from its rightful owner. MeSSA worked diligently with the valuable help and experience of SSA to present its case to the committee on March 3, 2009.

MeSSA is working on a bill that will appropriately address the issue without putting the burden of the problem on the self storage industry. The association hopes to use information gathered from a recent survey to come up with a better solution.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming meetings!

June 9: Muddy Rudder Brewer

October 15: Scott Zucker returns for an all-day legal workshop

For more details on how you can become involved please contact Rhonda Hallett Pope at rhonda@mainessa.com, call 207-490-1160, or visit www.mainessa.com.

Michigan



The Self Storage Association of Michigan (SSAM) welcomed

members and potential members to special seminars this spring. Meetings were held in the southeast and west regions, in hopes of reaching new potential members and networking with current members outside of the Lansing area. Attendees learned more about the Self Storage Association of Michigan, and association programs and services that can help their businesses.

The first meeting was held April 28 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi, then moved on to the Crowne Plaza in Grand Rapids on May 5. Each meeting included informative discussions covering topics vital to the Michigan self storage industry. SSAM board members Dan Morris and Jon Hutto talked about current association programs and activities. Bill Wortz, a representative from SSAM lobbying firm PAA Associates, discussed the latest legislative news and how the industry will be affected by recent senate bills and upcoming elections.

Cheryl Russell, of All Seasons Communications (SSAM's advertising agency), talked with members about online marketing efforts, including a new discounted service for website design. Chris Smith from the Michigan Retailers Association revealed the new merchant