

Each September the Self Storage Association Board of Directors gathers for their final in-person meeting of the year. While the content and focus of these meetings are varied, the participants share a common spirit of hard work and commitment in support of the industry. The fall SSA board meetings also represent a changing of the guard, the final gathering for those cycling off, while those recently elected are welcomed to sit in for the first time.

Volunteers who choose to stand for election and subsequently dedicate at least three years of hard work in service of the self storage sector must balance a tremendous amount of workload between their daily professional demands and their new responsibilities on behalf of the SSA. They'll tell you it is often overwhelming, but also extremely rewarding.

Much of their work involves listening and responding to concerns of SSA members, acting as intermediaries between self storage operators and staff, and more narrowly-focused board agenda programs that complement their unique expertise. Leaving the board at the end of 2014 will be Jim DiNardo of Seaport Self Storage in Boston, Massachusetts; Guy Middlebrooks of CubeSmart in Malvern, Pennsylvania; Brenda Scarborough of the William Warren Group in Sarasota, Florida; and Patrick Reilly of Urban Self Storage in Seattle, Washington (SSA's Chairman for two years). Joining the board in 2015 will be Daniel Nixon of Lock-it-Up Self Storage in Ogden, Utah; Steven Novenstein of Storage Deluxe in New York, New York; Maureen Lee of Bader Company in Indianapolis; and Sean Weideman of Public Storage in Glendale, California.

The final few months of the year provide a great opportunity to thank those moving on and to wish good luck to those taking on these important challenges.

~ Tim Dietz, SSA Sr. VP, Government Relations



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