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## UMIMRA Hosts Annual Conference

The 2008 UMIMRA Annual Conference was held on February 15, 2008 in East Peoria, Illinois. Following a warm welcome from East Peoria Mayor Dave Mingus, attendees received Corps of Engineers updates from Col. Lewis Setliff (Commander, St. Louis District Corps of Engineers), Col. Robert Sinkler (Commander, Rock Island District Corps of Engineers), Richard Astrack (St. Louis District Corps of Engineers) and Jim Stiman (Rock Island District Corps of Engineers).

Randy Asbury provided an overview of current Missouri River issues and Da recent issues impacting the responsibilities of levee and drainage districts. Bob Goodwin from the U.S. DOT Maritime

Administration gave an overview on the status of containerization and the agenda concluded with a panel presentation on the "Mud to Parks" project moderated by Jim Mentesti with presentations by Royce Wilkin (ADM/ARTCO), Marilyn Engwall (City of Chicago) and Dr. John Marlin (IL Department of Natural Resources). UMIMRA thanks all of the outstanding speakers that participated this year.

At the annual business meeting, the following individuals were elected to fill vacant board seats: Mike Klingner and Dan Silverthorn (Illinois), Roger Sutter, John Winkelman and Brent Hoerr (Missouri), and Vicki Stoller (Iowa).