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President Mike Moore's Opening Session Speech

NASHVILLE---In the 106 year history of this organization – there have been only 10 presidents. I am humbled and honored to have been one of that number.

I came to this position with a lofty set of goals and ambitions which many told me could not be achieved, but I was neither intimidated, nor deterred, by controversy that comes with change. I knew they could be accomplished if many of you would contribute to the effort and if I could put together a first rate staff. Both of those things happened and thanks to your efforts and those of the staff, we have accomplished most of those goals.

There are way too many people to thank for helping over the past 16 years to start naming individuals. If you were part of the progress, I applaud and thank you. If you were not, I hope you enjoyed the benefits.

Unity of our diverse organization was one of my goals and we made great strides towards that effort. I urge you to never lose sight of the importance of unity. Individual egos and agendas are potholes on the road to progress and they must never be allowed to slow the efforts for the common good.

When you leave any role in sports, I think the major thing you take with you are the memories of the good times and friendships made along the way. I have had differences with many in this room while doing my job, but I have never lost a friend over those differences.

I am sure I will be the last president of this organization who started school in a two-room brick schoolhouse with outdoor plumbing, and who plowed fields with a team of horses. I still remember that team, their names were Bob and Queen, and sometimes when I said "gee" they did not want to gee and sometimes when I said "haw" they did not want to haw, but at the end of the day, we plowed the field together.

It was an early lesson for this job. We had our differences, but at the end of the day, we all plowed our fields together.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your 10th president for the past 16 years. We will soon have our 11th president and I hope all of you will join me in offering our new president whatever support possible to plow our future fields together.

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