

I first became involved with the IRPA when I took a promotion with American Food & Vending from Kansas City to Indianapolis 3 years ago. I saw an unfamiliar line on my P&L statement titled "Indiana Vending Council" and asked around about what it was, and the answer was, "We're not sure, we just cut the check every year!". So I googled Indiana Vending Council, and came up with Steve Beebe's contact information. I called him to ask what we were paying for and somehow ended up with a position on the Board of Governors! Attending my first meeting, I learned about Sales Tax Parity and how important it was to our industry. A short time later, Steve sent out a request for IRPA members to contact their legislators in support of our legislation. I sent 2 emails to 2 different legislators and had face to face meetings with both of them the very next week! Fast forward 2 years, 1 name change (from Indiana Vending Council or IVC to Indiana Refreshment Providers or IRPA) and several testimonies at the State House with former IRPA President Jeff Snyder later, and we got it passed. The fiscal benefit that our industry will reap due to this bill's passage is very significant. I have seen the value of the IRPA first hand, and things like this are why I am involved in the IRPA. We can make a difference!! The IRPA must be sustained to continue to protect and support the refreshment industry in Indiana.

Fast forward again, I was honored to be asked to succeed long-time IRPA President Jeff Snyder. Jeff worked tirelessly to promote the refreshment services industry and I believe that I owe the industry nothing less. As President, my number one objective is to maintain the fiscal integrity of the IRPA. I pledge to spend our resources prudently and work to increase our financial stability by encouraging more members to take advantage of our "Diamond Sponsorship" opportunity which includes advertising space on the home page of the IRPA website: www.indianavendingonline.org. We currently have 6 Diamond Sponsors. Tripling that number would put the IRPA on sound financial footing for years to come.