

## **Presidents Report**

It is with tremendous gratitude that I write this, my final report as the President of the National Chimney Sweep Guild. The last few years have been extremely gratifying to be of service in this capacity. I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the NCSG board for their continual trust, confidence and support as we moved through some very difficult economic times both individually and as an organization.

I'm very proud to have worked beside so many dedicated individuals that have served this board as industry representatives. I have made friendships that will last a lifetime spending extended periods of time together with these committed people.

I look forward to joining a very small group of individuals that have served in this capacity over the last 34 years. I have often sought the advice and counsel of many in this group over the years and would encourage my successors to do the same.

Representing the American chimney sweeps internationally at events designed to advance the trade worldwide has been an experience I could have never imagined. The work we do through the ESCHFOE congress is both worthwhile and rewarding at the same time. The industry leaders that travel to our annual convention and tradeshow events every year and have become best of friends to one and all are a result of these relationships that were started many years ago.

The most satisfying accomplishments all rally around what was done in support of the chimney sweep trade we swore to protect and defend. This commitment means often times tough choices when it comes to the limited financial resources of the membership. I am very pleased to announce that the organization is both fiscally sound and financially responsible. This achievement in what is arguably the most difficult economic environment since the great depression is entirely the result of reality based decision making by the leadership that includes the committed board as well as the professional staff.

In closing, I want to reemphasize the appreciation I have for all of you board members and staff for making the time I was entrusted with this office a memorable and productive experience. I want to encourage others that feel lead to volunteer their time to advance the chimney sweeping trade in the United States to get involved at this level. This organization is only as good as its leadership and leadership must continue to change to reflect the current needs of any organization.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy B. Breen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Randy" and last name "Breen" clearly distinguishable.