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AEU'S LOSS CONTROL DIRECTOR AWARDED TOP HONOR AT NMSA ANNUAL MEETING



Jimmy Burgin named MAN OF THE YEAR

by the
**National Maritime
Safety Association
on March 29, 2008**

Jimmy Burgin has more than 20 years' experience in maritime loss control. He currently is Senior Vice President with The American Equity Underwriters, Inc., an AmWINS Group Company. He provides consulting in maritime loss control programs for Members of the American Longshore Mutual Association (ALMA).

Jimmy began his career as Director of Loss Control for Cooper/T. Smith Stevedoring Company. There, he implemented safety and health programs for bulk, break bulk and container cargo handling operations as well as administered loss control programs for vessel crews in the marine towing industry. In 1993, Jimmy became the Corporate Director of Loss Control for Cooper/T. Smith Corporation and served as Assistant Vice President – Insurance for ten years.

Mr. Burgin has served on the National Maritime Safety Association's Technical Committee for fourteen years. The past six years he served as Chairman of NMSA's Technical Committee. Jimmy was appointed by Labor Secretary Chao to serve two terms on MACOSH - a nationwide advisory committee to OSHA on safety and health issues in shipyards and marine cargo handling firms.

The National Maritime Association (NMSA) represents the marine cargo handling industry in the United States in safety and health matters arising under various statutes, including the Occupational and Safety Health Act

"Jimmy Burgin has shown superior dedication to achieving safety in the marine cargo handling industry."

- Chuck Carroll
Executive Director, NMSA

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