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Thank you to exhibitors, attendees and sponsors for your continued support of the **only** trade show and conference designed for retail packaging professionals.

The Las Vegas Convention Center was an excellent location for the size of our show. Next year we return to Hall N-1 (Site of the 2007 show).

The Passport To Savings program was enthusiastically received by all participants for the second year. Many of the coupons contained in the 08' book are good through May and June. Highlights from this year's conference included excellent educational opportunities provided by Meredith Christiansen of Neenah Paper (Go Green!), Dave Reichenbacher, Jim Feldman and Dr. Marty Grothe.

Make-A-Wish was the recipient of proceeds raised from our networking events including the 5K Run & Walk, Golf Outing and Cocktail Reception. Nearly \$6000 was raised by the RPA and its constituents enabling the association to grant at least one, possibly two, wishes to children served by the Las Vegas Chapter of Make-A-Wish. Special thanks to Michigan City Paper Box Company for their Passport donations to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Attendees redeemed coupons equal to \$2500. This amount was matched by Michigan City for a donation of \$5000 which will be added to funds raised for a total contribution of nearly \$11,000.

During the next two weeks, a brief electronic survey will be distributed via email. Please take a moment to share your trade show and conference experiences with us so we can plan appropriately for next year. In early May, the Board of Directors and staff will convene for its Spring Board Meeting.



[See highlights from the 2008 Trade Show](#)



Congratulations! 2008 Partners In Excellence Award Recipients

Manufacturer of The Year - TULSACK

Runner-up - Bonita Pioneer

Distributor of The Year - Nashville Wraps

Runner-up - Howard Packaging

Master Distributor of The Year - Packaging Solutions

Runner-up - Gage & Gage

Manufacturer's Representative of The Year - Pacific Western Sales

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Best New Product of 2008 - Pan Pacific Plastics for the Poly Denim Bag

Best Single Booth of 2008 - Lawrence Schiff Silk Mills

Best Multiple Booth of 2008 - Bonita Pioneer

2008 Election Outcomes

Distributor Seat - Scott Fleisig, City Paper

At-Large Seat - Joe DeJure, Midway Packaging

2008-2009 Board Officers

President, Joel Zaas, BOXit Corp.

Vice President, Gregg Julien, D & G Industries

Treasurer, Nancy Cwynar, Action Bag

Secretary, Bob Gant, Cox Paper & Printing

Send your comments about your 2008 trade show and conference experience.
All input and suggestions are welcome.