

## **From the Presidents desk;**

**Well folks it's 2017. I am sure by now that everyone is aware that I was elected to the office of President this past December. To those who voted for me thanks and to those who didn't we're all in this together. It's going to be an interesting year. To start with we are beginning a new tournament trail, our six man tournament is going to be held on Lake Murray, and our State team will be traveling to Delaware to fish the upper Chesapeake Bay Area man what a culture shock who would have thought.**

**We have a new Tournament Director Mr. Chris Jones. We are lucky to have him in this position. He brings quite a few years of knowledge and experience to the Federation. Also this year we have a new Secretary Mr. Ed Owens again we are lucky to have his experience. Like the old saying goes the job's not done until the paperwork's done. Also we have a new District 5 rep. Mr Greg Fogner. I'm sure with his ideas and dedication those guys are in good hands. It sounds like I'm only putting these guys in the spotlight but far from it. Our other District reps. are Mr. Jason Holland (District 1), Mr. Bill Batts (District 2), Mr. Doug Miller (District 3), Mr. Steven Walker (District 4), Mr. Fred Cruise (District 6) and Mr. Tyrone Deloach (District 7). They all do a great job taking care of their respective regions. And let's not forget our Treasurer Mr Lou Gross he keeps us financially in order no easy task. I'm going to let you in on a little secret just in case you were wondering. Everyone on the Board is an unpaid volunteer. These guys do this because they choose to. So the next time you need an answer from them or assistance with your particular problem don't forget why they are here. It's certainly not for the great wages. Also don't forget we also have a brand new Conservation Director. Mr. Kenny Brugger has agreed to represent us on all of our conservation issues which are many. And last but not least is our Youth Director Mr. Randy Vaughn. This guy is the absolute best youth mentor we could possible get. Our Youth Program is respected by everyone in our state as well as BASS itself. As you can see I am surrounded by a great bunch of guys of which I have the honor of leading in our mission to keep this organization headed in the right direction. We already have over 400 youths participating in our program. Remember this is a 100% volunteer organization so if you enjoy this great Federation and would like to help give**

any of us a call. I'm sure we could find a spot where you could help. We still have two positions that I would like to have someone help with. The first is a Sponsorship Director. The other is a Publicity Director. If you or another member might be interested give me a call.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all Bass Nation members to come out and fish our Tournament Trail. We are fishing some really great bodies of water this year. If you can't fish the whole trail come and fish maybe two or three tournaments in the location you would be most comfortable at. Don't forget our tournament payout is based on participation so the more anglers fishing the higher the payout. It can get really big for the angler as well as the co angler. Both have an equal chance to win. Our anglers and co anglers compete for different prize money. If you have fished with us in the past we look forward to seeing you again but if you have never fished with us we welcome you to our trail. We don't run a circus with clowns and popcorn just an honest drama free friendly tournament trail. We take a lot of precautions to insure we don't have any cheating or combative issues. Oh and the big carrot that we have that no other organization has is you could fish your way to the Bass Masters Classic. You know you want that. What a dream come true. I'm sure it goes without saying but I'm available for any questions or concerns at any time so don't hesitate to contact me.

Also don't forget that we have some very good sponsors. They will be listed on our website so please take advantage of their offers. As with any organization we are always trying to find new members to join us. New people new ideas, you know how it goes.

Tight Lines,  
Randy Mosley