

A message to All who post on our Forum 9/18/2007

I would like to point out that not all that post on our forum are BBOA members. **My responsibility and that of our BOD is to our members and only our members.** Each time I read a post or an email, I check our member list and if the party is not a member their post may be discarded.

For those that are not members, either join the BBOA or possibly have your posts discarded. I will be closely monitoring posts in the future and any post coming from a non member who constantly expresses opinions contrary to the ideals and goals of the BBOA, will be discarded. Members on the other hand have the right to say anything they want and their posts will be retained.

For members who believe that we should be proceeding in a manner other than attempting to establish a dialogue please email me at rodr0823@netscape.net. Further if any member wishes to contribute to our organization **please volunteer to join our Board of Directors.** I would be delighted to consider said applicants and present them as candidates to our BOD, to fill vacancies on our Board.

I am presently developing a means to poll our membership and when required to obtain their vote on issues that require a vote, to receive said votes eliminating any that come to us who are not members in good standing in the BBOA.

You may have noticed a poll by David Chaney that asked some very important questions. It was an excellent format, however, it did not indicate how many of the 70+ votes were actually BBOA members.

I welcome any one willing to help. Frankly being your CEO since May of 2005 as a volunteer has been a privilege however we certainly can use additional help.

In all my communiqués I have repeatedly stated that MBE and UPS will only listen when our membership includes a sizeable number of store owners. Those that continue to "sit on the fence" do us and themselves absolutely no good. Only a unified voice 'singing from the same song sheet' will be listened to.

Mike Rodriguez