The Annual Meeting was more highly attended than was expected. There were a number of new members who decided to make Hawaii their first meeting. The programs (Contracting in a Restructuring Marketplace: Are You Ready; Contractor Contracting: The “Lead System Integrator” Phenomenon and New Strategies for Primes and Subs; Small Business Programs and Developments in Private Financing of Government Contracts; and, The Future Is Now or Is It? The GSA’s Use of 3D/4D Modeling for the San Francisco Federal Building Construction) were well attended, informative, and interactive. The Annual and Quarterly Program cochairs, Mark Colley and Dan Doogan, and our Annual Meeting Program cochairs, Bill Crowley, Gerry Doyle, and Mark Hanson, together with Section Director Marilyn Neforas, deserve our thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

Over the past year, the Section accepted the challenge to maintain its legacy of excellence, public service, integrity, and intellectual leadership. There is no doubt that the Section members left Hawaii with a renewed dedication to enhance the Section’s already rich heritage and reputation. This new year brings a set of challenges to the Section (e.g., membership, increased state and local activity, and a more active Construction Division, to name a few) that I am confident we will not only meet but exceed based on my numerous conversations with the current committee chairs and vice chairs. Further, the Section’s focus on establishing another premier seminar series, the Annual State and Local Procurement Symposium, and increased activity in its State and Local Division will provide opportunities to attract new members and enhance the reputation with various state and local organizations as they learn of the tremendous value our Section brings to the state and local arena.

Our committees are gearing up for an active year. The Accounting Cost and Pricing Committee has been tasked with putting together a white paper concerning the pension reform developments that impact contractors, one being the Senate’s passage of a pension reform bill. This white paper should prove helpful to the Cost Accounting Standards Board as it examines pension issues. The Section Publicity Committee is now entering its second year. Its chair, Susan Mitchell, and her new vice chair, Sean Bamford, will continue to ensure that the committee will publicize the Section’s activities and benefits of membership building on its first year of experience. The Section welcomes any of its members who have ideas on how to increase membership and program attendance to call Susan (213) 243-6189 or Sean (202) 220-1217.

I have created two new task forces. One, created in response to section 1909(b) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396h(b), as enacted by section 6031 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, will be chaired by Paul Dauer and will explore false claims acts at the state level. The second will perform a review of the Model Procurement Code to determine if it conforms to the requirements of the World Trade Organization Procurement Agreement.
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Agreement. Norm Thorpe will be chairing that task force. The Fall Meeting in San Antonio will be a spectacular meeting. The educational program will focus on the continuing evolution of government contracting towards commercial practices. The interest for this program is high. On Saturday, November 4, we will have an open Council meeting, which will showcase a few of the Section’s committees. Also, in the afternoon following the meeting, Marshall Doke has arranged for a special presentation and tour of the Alamo. The presentation and tour will be led by Dr. Steven L. Hardin, the preeminent Texas historian and technical assistant to the film, *The Alamo*. I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio and working with you in the coming year.