Outgoing President Cites Acadiana Body's Success

Angers Notes Progress in Year-End Report

LAFAYETTE, La. — The International Builders Association of Acadia (TIBA) has yielded some success in its 1972 year’s efforts to stimulate international trade and tourism from Acadia, according to Bob Angers Jr., the group’s charter president who stepped down from the postion last weekend.

In a report on what TIBA has done in its first year, Angers said the activities of the organization are a complement to the efforts of the Acadia Regional Airport, the New Iberia, Lafayette’s downtown development program, the University of Southwestern Louisiana and tax-received business in the six southern Louisiana communities.

In the year-end roundup mailed to the 11 members of the association, Angers noted that TIBA was incorporated in 1972 by the legislature as the designee of the Acadia at a 50-mile area of south Louisiana.

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"The association has performed a vital role in the Acadia Regional Airport at New Iberia and was instrumental in greater acceptance of the property as an international industrial site and possible foreign trade zone," Angers reported.

Angers credited the New Iberia and Nac St. Martin, both of New Iberia, and Charles Campbell of Thibodaux with being largely responsible for the airport’s designation as a livestock baking facility.

The association played a key role in helping make the French-Spanish Trade Mart in Lafayette a reality and proving the latter fact, Angers added.

The association, he said, had entered on its "international orientation" by the development of downtown Lafayette.

"The association is the one part of the credit for helping establish a Quebec government Louisiana office in the hotel," Angers noted, adding that THEA has the government of New Iberia, to consider making an office in Lafayette.

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