BIOS FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ON THE ELECTION BALLOT
Election to be held March 21, 2007

The following members have been nominated for election to the Chapter Board of Directors as either a Chapter Officer or Director. Each member organization and individual member will be given one ballot to complete. All Directors serve a 1-year term and all Officers serve 2-year terms.

PRESIDENT:
ONE of the following:

JOHN BENDA, Illinois Tollway
John Benda is the General Manager of Maintenance and Traffic for the Illinois Tollway where he has been employed the past twenty-four (24) years. The Maintenance and Traffic Division’s operating budget is in the range of 40 million annually and encompasses a full-time work force exceeding 500. In this capacity he has functional authority and responsibility for Roadway, Fleet and Traffic Operations as well as Permits and Utilities. The Tollway’s Computer Aided Central Dispatch Center and integrated Traffic and Incident Management system was developed under his direction.

Prior to joining to the Tollway in 1983, Mr. Benda served as the Manager of Operations and Maintenance for the City of Naperville, Illinois.

In John’s over thirty (30) plus years in Public Works, he has been an active member of several Professional Associations including the International Bridge, Tunnel & Turnpike Association (IBTTA), American Public Works Association (APWA), Intelligent Transportations Society of America (ITS America). John has served on several National Committees, Chaired the IBTTA Maintenance Committee for eight (8) years and in 1998 received the prestigious “Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year” award from the APWA. Mr. Benda has been a frequent presenter on a wide range of topics.

DUANA LOVE, RTA
Duana Love is the Division Manager of Oversight and Technology Development for the Northeastern Illinois Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). Since joining the RTA in 2000, her accountabilities ranged from ITS program management in the areas of transit signal priority and traveler information to capital program, safety oversight and asset management for the transit in the six county region. Prior to joining the RTA, Ms. Love was employed with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) as a Traffic Operations Engineer at the Traffic Systems Center (TSC) where her responsibilities included operating and monitoring real-time traffic management systems. Ms. Love has been an active member of the ITS Midwest Board of Directors for the past 5 years.

VICE PRESIDENT—I ndiana:
ONE of the following:

MEGGAN SIMPSON, INDOT
Meggan Simpson has worked for the Indiana Department of Transportation since 2004. She started as an ITS Field Engineer, but is currently the Traffic Management Center Operations Engineer. She
provides technical support to the INDOT Division of Traffic Management Centers and is involved in the daily operation and administration of ITS technology systems and other traffic engineering functions. Before coming to INDOT, Meggan worked for a General Contractor in Ohio. She was an estimator and project manager on roadway reconstruction projects. Meggan has a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Dayton.

SECRETARY/President-Elect:
Please choose ONE of the following:

TOM EWING, Argonne National Laboratory
Tom Ewing is an Associate Division Director within the Applied Science & Technology directorate and a senior scientist at Argonne National Lab, one of the largest federally-funded science labs in the nation with an annual budget of $500M. In addition to his role in senior lab management, where he oversees key national security programs, he has been active in ITS Midwest and GCM since their inception and has championed strong interactions between the lab and regional transportation and security agencies and organizations. Argonne played a key role in the formation of ITS Midwest over a decade ago, and Tom’s involvement with ITS Midwest spans its entire existence. Most notably, he has shaped the organization’s outreach and communications as editor and publisher of the ITS Midwest newsletter since its first issue in 1996. Following the 9/11 terror attacks, he had a leadership role in engaging the regional transportation and responder community by hosting transportation security workshops in 2003 and 2004 at Argonne National Laboratory with ITS Midwest and GCM. These were instrumental in raising awareness of regional transportation security issues and showcasing the role of ITS in enhancing security. He also was substantially involved in the organization of the new USDOT-funded transportation research center to be built and operated by Argonne in the DuPage County Tech Park, which provides a significant regional resource focused on addressing key transportation issues of national and regional importance.

He has recently completed two consecutive terms on the ITS Midwest Board of Directors leading outreach and publicity. In this capacity, he crafted a new communications plan, designed a new logo, moved to a full-color newsletter print format, created a new website with a strong outreach focus, and established online mechanisms for event registration and online payment, abstract submittal, polling, and other essential business tools. His vision is to make ITS Midwest the premiere go-to place to raise awareness about ITS benefits with the public, legislature, and other funding agencies, and to promote our members as the premiere go-to source for ITS solutions, as well as provide members with significant opportunities for professional growth and networking.

Tom received a Ph.D. in engineering from the University of Wisconsin (Madison). In addition to his involvement in ITS Midwest, he also currently serves on the TRB and the Illinois Terrorism Task Force transportation committee.

KAREN GEORGE, TransCore
Karen George has over 20 years experience on a variety of traffic engineering and transportation planning projects with a focus on traffic signal design and operations, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Ms. George is currently the Northeast ITS Regional Manager for TransCore and is responsible for the technical and business functions of three offices with over 100 staff.

Prior to her work at TransCore, Ms. George was Chicago Area Manager at Iteris and at Parsons, Ms. George was the Chicago ITS Leader. As a Project Manager, she managed traffic engineering and intelligent transportation systems projects and was project manager for the Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee

Ms. George is the current Secretary of ITS Midwest. Ms. George is experienced with professional societies, having been active in leadership roles for over 15 years. She has been both the Women’s Transportation Seminar Chicago President and the Institute of Transportation District IV President and Illinois Chapter President. In the future, Ms. George would like to facilitate more student participation and educational support for both professionals and students within the ITS Midwest states.

Ms. George is a licensed Professional Engineer and Professional Traffic Operations Engineer, with a Bachelor and Master of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Business Administration.

**DIRECTOR:**

**SEVEN of the following:**

**JOSEPH BRAHM, Delcan**
Joseph has over 18 years of traffic and transportation related experience. Most of his career experience is related to the operation and design of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Joseph has managed large and small traffic management programs for both the public and private sector. He spent 7 years with the California Department of Transportation where he managed of their District 7 (LA metro area) Traffic Management Center (TMC). He was the Operations Manager for the 91 Express Lanes (the world's first totally automated tollway and the first implementation of congestion pricing). Joseph is currently the Midwest Regional VP for Delcan Corporation. Delcan is a leading ITS systems integrator involved in many ITS projects in the region.

**RYAN ELLIOTT, URS**
Mr. Elliott has ten years of transportation engineering experience and has managed many projects, including those for the Indiana Department of Transportation; Michigan Department of Transportation; City of Peachtree City, Georgia; City of Alpharetta, Georgia; Delta Airlines; and numerous private developers. These projects have included development of a demonstration project for enforcement use of weigh-in-motion scales and development of a collision prevention strategy program to reduce the number of right angle collisions at signalized intersections. Other project work has included; justification and design of traffic signals, assessment of traffic impacts on local roadway networks due to proposed developments, traffic impact of airport expansion on maintenance facility operations and access and maintaining traffic simulation and ordinance requirements for a city traffic ordinance.

**JEFF HOCHMUTH, Wilbur Smith**
Over the last 20 years, Mr. Hochmuth has been involved in a wide variety of ITS systems. He began his involvement managing several small “technology” efforts at the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA). He then joined the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) where he was the lead technical person on the ADVANCE project, at that time the nation’s largest ITS project. This project later became the GCM Gateway and the Corridor Traffic Information Center. Mr. Hochmuth has extensive experience in coordinating, facilitating, and managing ITS and ATIS systems across multiple agencies. With a promotion to ITS Program Manager for IDOT, Mr. Hochmuth became heavily involved in the creation, adoption and mainstreaming of ITS into the programming and planning processes. He was deeply involved in coordination amongst agencies for the region and worked with multiple agencies statewide, as well as all offices within IDOT.
In the private sector, Mr. Hochmuth continues to be involved in ITS operations and management. He has served as the project manager for many projects. These projects ranged from communications studies, development of a Bridge Incident Detection and Warning System, ramp metering studies, and lead development of the National ITS Architecture for Mexico. Mr. Hochmuth has assisted clients locally and internationally.

Mr. Hochmuth has spent much of the last ten years on the ITS Midwest board, primarily as an officer. He has been Treasurer, Vice President, President, and Immediate Past President. His proudest accomplishment was leading the chapter efforts related to the 2002 ITS World Congress in Chicago, including the chapter reception at the Adler Planetarium.

BOB JACKO, Purdue University
Dr. Jacko is in his 35th year as a Professor of Civil Engineering in the Environmental and Transportation Group within the School of Civil Engineering at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. He teaches four air pollution courses entitled: "Air Quality Management", an atmospheric diffusion modeling course; "Design of Air Pollution Control Hardware", of which one is an undergraduate course and the other a graduate course and "Air Pollution Sampling and Analysis" which covers stack testing and ambient monitoring. He has educated over 3000 students in Environmental Engineering and his research covers all aspects of air pollution including transportation air quality and noise. His technical reports, book chapters, refereed articles and proceedings sum to the hundreds. He has received numerous awards and honors for his contributions to environmental engineering and education. He is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Indiana. He served 14 years under three Indiana governors from both parties as a gubernatorial appointee to the Executive Board of the Indiana State Department of Health. Since 1971 he has served as President of R.B. Jacko & Associates, an environmental engineering consulting company specializing in air permitting, process enclosures, stack testing, expert testimony, diffusion modeling, noise impacts and many other activities related to air pollution. His most recent university research deals with air quality adjacent to expressway systems and the potential for mitigation with ITS.

JOE LIGAS, Ligas Consulting
Since 1998 Mr. Ligas has provided Intelligent Transportation Systems design and analysis services to a variety of public and private sector clients including the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Indiana Department of Transportation, Argonne National Laboratory, Motorola, University of Illinois at Chicago and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority. Specific tasks included review and guidance on new system proposals, preparation and review of bid and design documents for new traffic management systems, and providing management and liaison services.

Prior to 1998, Joe was the ITS Program Manager for the Illinois Department of Transportation with responsibility for providing leadership in a wide variety of ITS efforts and developing Department policies for future project involvement. Joe has been actively involved in a variety of professional and technical organizations and am currently President of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission.

AUSTIN PROVOST, Meade Electric
Mr. Provost is an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Project Manager at Meade Electric Company in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Provost has been involved in a variety of planning, design, construction, systems integration, and maintenance type ITS activities since graduating from Marquette University in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil and Transportation Engineering. Currently, Mr. Provost is responsible for project management and technical support on two (2) of the larger ITS construction project deployments in Illinois and Indiana. Before joining
Meade Electric Company, Mr. Provost had also served in a similar capacity on several ITS projects in Minnesota and Wisconsin as well. Mr. Provost’s professional experience includes specialized training in a number of different ITS courses as well as certifications on specific ITS equipment and technologies. Mr. Provost currently serves on the Board of Directors and is a Committee Co-Chair for the ITS Midwest State Chapter Organization. Mr. Provost is also a member of many other active professional associations and committees, including the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE).

CHARLES SIKARAS, IDOT
Charles Sikaras has served as the ITS Program Specialist for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) since March 1992. In this role, he has managed all of the contractual, budgeting, and administrative responsibilities for the IDOT ITS Program Office. Recently, he has taken over increased ITS responsibilities with the departure of the IDOT ITS Program Manager.

Mr. Sikaras has been very active with ITS Midwest since its inception in 1994. He has provided staff support to the Illinois ITS Midwest Vice President and assisted in the development of the program agenda for many ITS Midwest events. He has also managed registration at every ITS Midwest annual meeting.

Mr. Sikaras served as Chairperson for the Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee (GCM) Awareness and Communications Work Group for several years. In this role, he worked with many agencies and ITS Midwest in the development and issuance of the joint ITS Midwest/GCM newsletter.