



# items

## Inside this issue:

Note from Activities Director	2
2004 Annual Budget	3
2004 ITE Golf Outing	4
2003 Annual Banquet Wrap-up	6
ITE Future City Award	6
ITE Pedestrian Project	7
2004 District IV Conference	8
Section Calendar	9

## March Luncheon

### Join Us at Maggianos in Downtown Chicago!

**Date:** March 18, 2004

**Time:** Luncheon - 12:00 P.M.

**Topic:** Overview of Chicago Metropolis 2020 Initiatives fore Regional Transportation and Land Use

**Speaker:** Mr. Charles Wheelan, Chicago Metropolis 2020

**Location: Maggianos**  
516 N. Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois

For reservations or further information, contact Joel Christell at 630.773.3900 on or before March 17, 2004.

## President's Message

Hello fellow ITE-Illinois Section members. As your President for 2004, I would like to start by thanking those that have made the Illinois Section what it is today – A forward thinking society with an active membership. I would personally like to thank our most recent President, Karen George, who did a great job last year. One of the fruits of her labor is the new website that **YoungJae Ju** (HNTB) worked very hard to give it an *EXTREME* makeover. The web address is still [www.ilite.org](http://www.ilite.org). It's full of pertinent information, membership services, and the latest ITE news. The website was also designed with the future in mind. A dynamic interactive up-to-date Membership Directory and internet voting are some tools that may come to be future years.

Speaking of the Membership Directory, the 2004 Member list will be available on the website by the end of March. In the past, this was distributed annually as part of the Section's Yearbook. As we've moved more and more towards the technological side of the world, the annual publishing of the Yearbook is no longer necessary. The By-laws, Charter, and other "Framework" parts can easily be found on the new website under the "Framework" heading. By not publishing and mailing the Yearbook, the Section is able to save approximately \$750 to \$1,000 annually and divert these funds to the Scholarship Fund.

One of the main goals of the Section is to promote the society with new members. What better way to do this then by giving the students, our future colleagues, money for their education. This last year we gave away a record \$3,300 to Illinois students. We will not be able to sustain this level of giving without your generosity. Throughout the year, the ITE Activities Group will be scheduling our meetings and special events. While these are great social gatherings and an excellent way to exchange ideas, the underlying goal is to raise money for our scholarships. We appreciate those that have supported the students over the years and look forward to new partners.

To better serve the Section, **John Ellis**, the Activities Group Director, has developed a Membership

Survey to solicit input on the Activities. John has compiled 8 simple questions that literally take no more than ten minutes to complete. Even if you have nothing to add because the current Activities fulfill your needs, it is always important to hear these comments too. To send it in, you can print the sheet and fax it to John; or even better, save the completed form and then email it to John at [jellis@trafficonline.com](mailto:jellis@trafficonline.com)

We are all aware of the funding issues facing our profession. Congress is hard at work developing a Bill that will pump some life into the Transportation industry. On a local level, the State is working through its budget. These are very difficult times and any support or feedback our Representatives can receive doesn't hurt. In Northeastern Illinois, Lake County has placed a referendum on the March 13<sup>th</sup> ballot for a ¼% sales tax to raise money for traffic congestion relief. These Local, State, and Federal programs need our support!

One of my goals for 2004 is to reach out to our Section members throughout the State. Over the past six years, the Section has gone from just over 300 members to over 500 members. Something that may not be a surprise is that not all of our members work in Chicago. With a substantial portion of our members located outside the Chicago metropolitan area, now is the time to consider establishing Chapters strategically located in other parts of Illinois to better serve those members. With the assistance of **Dennis Dal Santo**, we will be determining potential locations for new Chapters in the upcoming months.

On Friday night, I attended the Engineers Week Award Banquet in Chicago. At the meeting, **Nick Holonyak, Jr., PhD.**, inventor of the light-emitting diode (LED) was this year's recipient of the prestigious Washington Award. Dr. Holonyak is the John Burdeen Endowed Chair of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His work beginning in the 1950's was revolutionary and while his expertise is in another engineering discipline, this illustrates how important all of the different fields are to one another.



The Illinois Section is hosting this year's District IV Conference. If you are interested in helping out, contact Kathy Meyerkord or Tom Kaeser. Remember that you earn credits towards PE renewal for serving on professional society committees or Boards. District IV also has a brand new website and can be found at [www.midwesternite.org](http://www.midwesternite.org). You can find conference news there or on the Illinois Section web site.

To continue on the PE requirements, all professional engineers are now required to obtain 30 hours of Professional Development Hours (PDH) to maintain their State of Illinois license. They must obtain these hours in each renewal period, with the current one running from December 1, 2003 through November 30, 2005. Sitting for the Professional Traffic and Operations Engineer (PTOE) test is another way to obtain these PDHs.

On a final note, the Illinois Section is always striving to serve its members better and more efficiently. At the same time, we want to be able to keep our costs down to further beef up our scholarship funding. YOU can help do this by providing us with your email address. You can do this when you renew or simply email **YoungJae Ju** at [YJu@hntb.com](mailto:YJu@hntb.com). The Illinois Section will never sell your address and only uses it to pass along pertinent society information.

To the Board and Section members, I think this will be a great year for the Illinois Section and one that I will be proud to be associated with.

Very truly yours,  
 Jeff Young, P.E.  
 President

Do you have  
 employment  
 opportunities?

Advertise your Firm's job opening in the next issue of ITEMS. Contact your ITEMS editor for information.

[md@metrotransportation.com](mailto:md@metrotransportation.com)

## Note From Activities Director

The Activities Group of the Illinois Section of ITE is responsible for arranging speakers and locations for monthly meetings, special events such as the annual golf outing, and the Annual Meeting held each year in January. We are seeking feedback and new ideas from ITE members on the format and topics for this year's activities.

We encourage you to complete and return the attached survey form. The process should take 5 minutes or less. If we receive a good response from a wide cross-section of our membership (numbering over 500), it will provide the ITE Activities Group valuable information on how we can better serve your collective interests.

We are requesting a reply by **Tuesday, March 16, 2004** to enable discussion at the next ITE Board meeting.

There are three ways complete and return the survey to John Ellis, ITE Activities Director:

1. Return a completed paper copy by Fax (a cover sheet is not required): 773-935-5614
2. Email the completed form as an attachment (assumes use of MS Word): [jellis@trafficonline.com](mailto:jellis@trafficonline.com)
3. Call John at 773-935-5614 with your feedback and replies to the survey questions, or any ideas you would like to discuss at length.

The Activities Group is also seeking active participation from a few more ITE members in order to broaden our services. The commitment would be nominal, involving making or helping with arrangements for one or two meetings during the year. Please contact John Ellis ( 773-935-5614, [jellis@trafficonline.com](mailto:jellis@trafficonline.com) ) if you are interested in serving on the Activities Group. We appreciate your time, interest, and feedback."

John Ellis  
 ITE Activities Director

  
CIVILTECH

An Employee-Owned Business

Transportation - Civil - Construction - Environmental - Structural  
 Planning - Surveying - Land Acquisition - Landscape Architecture

Itasca, Illinois Chicago, Illinois

[www.civiltechinc.com](http://www.civiltechinc.com) tel: 630.773.3900 fax: 630.773.3975



**Hampton  
 Lenzini and  
 Renwick, Inc.**

Civil Engineers  
 Structural Engineers  
 Land Surveyors

380 Shepard Drive  
 Elgin, Illinois 60123-7010  
**847-697-6700**

# 2004 Annual Budget

At our February 2004 Board of Directors meeting, the operating budget for the Illinois Section was approved. The estimated income and expenses for the year 2004 are summarized below.



## INCOME

<b><u>Dues</u></b>	
Affiliate Dues	\$1,000.00
Dues from National/District	\$5,600.00
District IV Dues (Annual Meeting)	\$300.00
<b><u>Advertisement</u></b>	
Directory Ads	\$500.00
ITEMS Ads (Employment, Business, etc.)	\$875.00
<b><u>Activities</u></b>	
Golf Outing	\$2,150.00
Basketball Outing	\$200.00
Summer Outing	\$350.00
<b><u>Meetings &amp; Seminars</u></b>	
Annual Banquet	\$2,300.00
Lunch Meetings	\$7,700.00
Seminar	\$0.00
<b><u>Scholarship</u></b>	
Scholarship Donations	\$2,100.00
Transfer from National	\$0.00
<b><u>Banking</u></b>	
Interest from CD	\$75.00
Transfer from CD/Savings	\$0.00

**2004 TOTAL INCOME \$23,230.00**

## EXPENSES

<b><u>Activity Group</u></b>	
Plaques	\$405.00
Golf	\$1,900.00
Door Prizes	\$220.00
Name Tags	\$60.00
Annual Banquet	\$3,200.00
Lunch Meetings	\$6,300.00
Deposits	\$0.00
Speakers/New Members	\$350.00
Basketball Tournament	\$150.00
Summer Outing	\$350.00
Postage	\$1,000.00
<b><u>Dues</u></b>	
Illinois Engineers Council	\$125.00
National Engineers Week	\$300.00
Banquet Attendance	\$125.00
<b><u>Operations Group</u></b>	
ITEMS	\$2,000.00
Records/Mail	\$50.00
Year Book Directory (Disks)	\$0.00
Web Page	\$450.00
Insurance	\$900.00
Honorarium	\$0.00
<b><u>Public Affairs</u></b>	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
<b><u>Student Affairs</u></b>	
Scholarship	\$2,000.00
To National for Scholarship	\$0.00
Student Activity	\$400.00
Engineers Week Future Cities Award	\$300.00
Student Intern	\$50.00
Student Paper	\$1,000.00
District IV Student Representative	\$250.00
<b><u>Technical Group</u></b>	
Committees/Seminar	\$400.00
Postage	\$265.00
<b><u>Secretary</u></b>	
Printing of Ballots	\$60.00
Officers Election	\$360.00
Envelopes and Labels	\$100.00
<b><u>Banking</u></b>	
Checking Account Fees	\$60.00
To CD/Savings	\$100.00

**2004 TOTAL EXPENSES \$23,230.00**

E-mail any ideas or topics for any traffic and transportation websites to feature in future editions of *ITEMS* to:

Mark de la Vergne  
md@metrotransportation.com

# ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing

The ITE Illinois Section is hosting a Golf Outing on **Wednesday, September 1, 2004 at 10:00 AM**. The event will be held at:



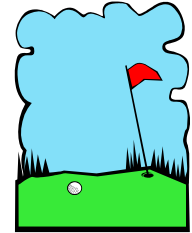
**Bloomington Golf Club  
181 Glen Ellyn Road  
Bloomington, Illinois**

The cost will be \$65.00 per player for reservations prior to Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. \$70 before Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Join us for fun, competition and camaraderie. Bring your friends, family members, and clients for this late summer golf event. Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin, etc. Brats and Burgers to follow.

To sign up, send, e-mail, call or fax your reservation to:

Joel Christell (jchristell@civiltechinc.com) or  
Steve Pautsch (spautsch@civiltechinc.com)  
Civiltech Engineering, Inc.  
450 East Devon Avenue, Suite 300  
Itasca, Illinois 60143

Phone: (630) 773-3900  
Fax: (630) 773-3975



Please make check or money order to **ITE Illinois Section**. We need confirmations by Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> for early registration at \$65 per player or by Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at \$70 per player.

## ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing

Name		Cost
_____	@\$65/\$70	_____
_____	@\$65/\$70	_____
_____	@\$65/\$70	_____
_____	@\$65/\$70	_____
_____	@\$65/\$70	_____
_____	@\$65/\$70	_____
_____	@\$65/\$70	_____
TOTAL PAID		_____



### Thank You For Your Interest



# ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing Sponsorship



The ITE Illinois Section is hosting a Golf Outing on **Wednesday, September 1, 2004 at 10:00 AM**. The event will be held at:

**Bloomington Golf Club  
181 Glen Ellyn Road  
Bloomington, Illinois**

The proceeds of the Golf Outing will go towards the ITE Illinois Section Scholarship Fund to assist future Transportation Engineers in their education.

Sponsorship of a hole will be recognized with a large sign indicating the company's or individual's name.

Minimum donation of \$100 please.



Hole prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin, etc. Half of the sponsorship amount will be awarded to the golfer and the other half will go towards the Scholarship fund.

Send a check payable to **ITE Illinois Section** to:

Joel Christell (jchristell@civiltechinc.com) or  
Steve Pautsch (spautsch@civiltechinc.com)  
Civiltech Engineering, Inc.  
450 East Devon Avenue, Suite 300  
Itasca, Illinois 60143

Phone: (630) 773-3900  
Fax: (630) 773-3975

We need confirmations by August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

## ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing Sponsorship

Yes, We would like to help sponsor the ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing.

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



### Thank You For Your Assistance



## 2003 Annual Banquet Wrap Up

At this year's Illinois Section ITE Annual Banquet, we heard wonderful musical entertainment from Steve Svada. Steve gave us some background music during dinner and then played a few songs for us after dinner. He is very talented and it was great to hear him play. The biggest surprise of the night came when Chester Kropidlowski won the joke contest. I think he was saving his best for this year because he not only told one joke, but followed with another. John "Tex" Mick was the Emcee this year and did a great job, with lots of laughs throughout the evening. John Mick also kept the laughs going during the Scholarship Fund auction. Some of the items auctioned off this year included a parking meter, a traffic signal, autographed photos of Mark Prior and Esteban Loaiza, customizable street signs, and several gift baskets. By the end, we were able to raise \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ for the scholarship fund. Thanks to all who generously contributed auction items or made monetary donations, as well as the individu-

als who bid on the items. Special thanks to David Angelakis for his work in coordinating the auction.

The Section was proud to award two \$2000 scholarships to Ms. Shruti Mahajan, who is a graduate student at the University of Illinois – Chicago campus and to Ms. Amanda Bordelon, who is a student at the University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign campus. A paper contest in the amount of \$1000 was won by Mr. Matthew Maestranzi, who is a student at the University of Illinois – Urban Cham-

paign. Thanks to all who helped out including John Ellis, Steve Pautsch and John Sauter for their help behind the scenes and to John Mick and Steve Svada for making the event a success!

Joel E. Christell  
House and Special Events Committee  
jchristell@civiltechinc.com

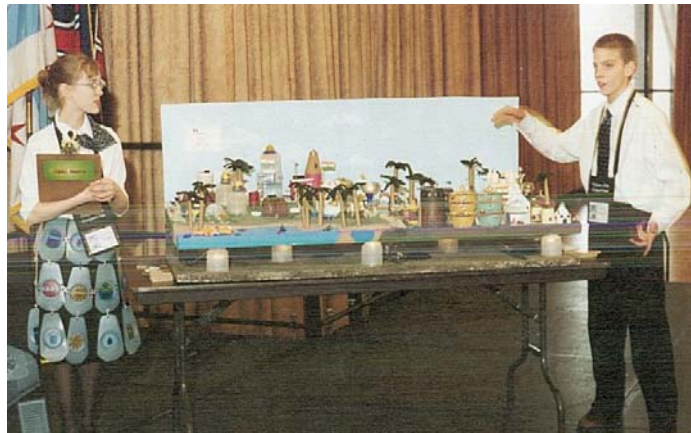
## ITE Future City Award for E-Week 2004

The Future City Competition was held at the University of Illinois at Chicago on Saturday, January 24, 2004. The competition involved eighth grade teams from sixteen Chicago area schools. The students used "SimCity 3000" software to produce their vision of a Future City in the form of a computer printout and used it to build a scale model of a section of their city. Students presented their city and a 500 word essay to a panel of engineer judges, and answered any questions they had.

The Institute of Transportation Engineers Illinois Section (ITE-IL) sponsored a special award for

"Excellence in Transportation Safety and Operations". The award criteria was: "Most innovative future city design that demonstrates a safe and efficient surface transportation system, considering growth and preserving the environment."

The S.H.A.R.E. Home Education school won the \$300 award for their Future City called Ganzaia. The ITE-IL judges were: Ray Murphy (Federal Highway Administration); Amarpal Matharu (MACTEC, Inc); John Ellis (TranSmart Technologies); and Richard Hocking (Hocking Unlimited, Inc.).



*S.H.A.R.E. Home Education presentation of their ITE – Winning City, Ganzaia.*



The Institute of Transportation Engineers and the Partnership for a Walkable America invite you to



Apply for the

## Pedestrian Project Award

### Award Categories

Awards will be presented in six categories:

- ✦ **Facilities**—projects that enhance existing or provides for new pedestrian facilities in the planning, designing, operating, maintenance stages;
- ✦ **Policy**—implementation of programs to support the long-range planning and systematic enhancement, maintenance and construction of pedestrian facilities;
- ✦ **Elderly and/or Mobility Impaired**—implementation of projects and/or programs to meet the needs of the elderly and/or mobility impaired pedestrians;
- ✦ **Education**—implementation of educational programs that demonstrate increased use and support of pedestrian facilities;
- ✦ **Safety**—implementation of programs to reduce pedestrian-related crashes, injuries and fatalities;
- ✦ **Partnerships**—development of partnerships with local or regional pedestrians who have increased elected and appointed community leaders' support of pedestrian facility, safety and health issues.

### How to enter

Submittals must be 10 pages or less (including cover letter), single-spaced, left justified and include:

- ✦ One-page summary (no more than 300 words) of the project objectives and results;
- ✦ Project objectives in detail;
- ✦ Measured results (detailed enough to allow objective judging of these efforts);
- ✦ List of participating organizations and project sponsors;
- ✦ Budget; and
- ✦ Project duration.

Eight copies of each award submittal is required. Photographs, if applicable, should also be included.

### Winning Projects

Award recipients will receive an award plaque, recognition in the *ITE Journal* and on the ITE Web site ([www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org)), and up to \$1,500 for travel reimbursement to the ITE 2004 Annual Meeting and Exhibit in Orlando, FL, to participate in the awards banquet.

### Deadline

Nominations are due no later than April 1, 2004.

Please send submissions to:

Pedestrian Project Award  
c/o Institute of Transportation Engineers  
1099 14th St., NW, Suite 300 West, Washington, D.C. 20005 USA

Funding assistance for this program has been provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.



## REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ARTICLES

All members of the ITE Illinois Section are encouraged to contribute to *ITEMS*. Please consider submitting technical articles to the Section's quarterly newsletter. Although you may not have a technical paper currently written, you may have presented a study at an ITE conference. Consider transforming your presentation into a technical article.

Mark de la Vergne  
[md@metrotransportation.com](mailto:md@metrotransportation.com)



METRO TRANSPORTATION GROUP, INC.

Traffic Engineering  
Transportation Planning  
Signal Systems/Design

3100 W. Higgins Road, Ste. 100  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60195-2093  
Telephone: 630.213.1000  
Facsimile: 630.213.3227

[www.metrotransportation.com](http://www.metrotransportation.com)

## TYLIN INTERNATIONAL

Civil and Structural Engineers

5960 North Milwaukee Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60646  
Telephone (773) 792-9000  
Facsimile (773) 792-8335



# 2004SIGHT

*Identifying Transportation Solutions & Financing*

## **District IV Annual Conference**

**Allerton Crowne Plaza  
Hotel**

Chicago, Illinois

June 30<sup>th</sup> thru July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Mark Your Calendars!**



For more information on this annual meeting including the technical program, schedules, and accommodations, please watch for future announcements or contact the conference planning committee.

*Planning Committee Co-Chairs:*  
Tom Kaeser           773.792.9000  
*Ty-Lin International*

*Kathy Meyerkord   630.773.3900*  
*Civiltech Engineering, Inc.*



# ITE Illinois Section Calendar

## March 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## April 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## May 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

## Upcoming Dates

- March 18* Illinois Section March Luncheon
- March 28-31* ITE Tech Conference—Irvine, CA
- April 22* Illinois Section April Luncheon
- May 5-7* APWA—Peoria, Illinois
- May 17* ITEMS Deadline
- May 20* Illinois Section May Luncheon



Please submit important dates for future ITE and Illinois section events.



ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS PLANNERS  
*The HNTB Companies*

111 N. Canal Street  
Suite 1250  
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7252

Tel. (312) 930-9119  
Fax (312) 930-9063  
www.hntb.com



**Champaign, IL**  
(217) 373-8900  
**Evansville, IN**  
(812) 471-4802

**Chicago, IL**  
(312) 648-9900  
**Indianapolis, IN**  
(317) 259-4644  
**Kenosha, WI**  
(414) 657-1550

ENVIRONMENTAL • TRANSPORTATION  
MECHANICAL • ELECTRICAL  
STRUCTURAL • CONSTRUCTION MGT.



Mark de la Vergne  
 c/o Metro Transportation Group, Inc.  
 3100 W Higgins Road, Suite 100  
 Hoffman Estates, IL 60195-2093

FIRST CLASS MAIL

## Mailing Address



# Illinois ITE Section Officers and Committees

## OFFICERS

President	Jeff Young	(815) 334-4980	jyoung@co.mchenry.il.us
Vice President	Todd Fagen	(773) 506-8498	tfagen@landstrategiesinc.com
Secretary	Dennis Dal Santo	(312) 793-2267	dalsantodg@nt.dot.state.il.us
Treasurer	Peter Lemmon	(312) 853-0820	pcl@metrotransportation.com

## ACTIVITIES GROUP

Director	John Ellis	(312) 774-4608	jellis@trafficonline.com
<b>Committees:</b>			
House & Special Events	Joe Emry	(630) 773-3900	jemry@civiltechinc.com
	Kim Kolody	(773) 693-3800 ext. 245	kkolody@ch2m.com
Program	Kevin Bischel	(312) 321-6101	kevin.bischel@dmjmharris.com
	Matt Letourneau	(312) 424-5424	mletourneau@ekmail.com
Awards	John Sauter	(847) 362-3950	jsauter@co.lake.il.us

## TECHNICAL GROUP

Director	Matt Letourneau	(312) 424-5424	mletourneau@ekmail.com
<b>Committees:</b>			
Seminars			
Transportation Planning ITS	Peter Reinhofer	(312) 930-5175	peter.reinhofer@parsons.com
Traffic Safety Roundabouts	Joe Fazio	(773) 282-2192	fazio@iit.edu
	Dorin Fera	(630) 434-5533	dfera@vil.downers-grove.il.us

## STUDENT AFFAIRS GROUP

Director	Amarpal Matharu		asmatharu@mactec.com
<b>Committees:</b>			
Scholarship	Michael Zorn	(312) 372-3011	mzorn@hwlochner.com
	Dorin Fera	(630) 434-5460	dfera@vil.downers-grove.il.us
	David Angelakis	(630) 213-1000	dwa@metrotransportation.com
Internship	Craig Moore	(312) 930-5224	craig.moore@parsons.com
Student Activities	Sagar Sonar	(847) 605-9600	srsonar@transystems.com

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS GROUP

Director	Ron Rude	(630) 213-1000	rgr@metrotransportation.com
<b>Committees:</b>			
Public Relations	Mark Rinnan	(312) 424-5419	mrinnan@ekmail.com
Legislative Affairs	Dan Loftus	(312) 630-8200	dloftus@chicago.louisberger.com
Conference Coordination	C. Kropidowski	(312) 744-4866	ckropidlow@aol.com

## OPERATIONS AFFAIRS GROUP

Director	Joel Christell	(630) 773-3900	jchristell@civiltechinc.com
<b>Committees:</b>			
Records & Mailing	Dan Plotner	(773) 506-8498	dplotner@landstrategiesinc.com
Ambassador	Tom Hein	(847) 255-8500	tmhein@ace-plc.com
Advertising	BrianDeSalle	(630) 773-3900	bdesalle@civiltechinc.com
Website	YoungJae Ju	(312) 930-9119	yju@hntb.com
ITEMS	Mark de la Vergne	(630) 213-1000	md@metrotransportation.com