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ITS MD - working to unite, support and promote Intelligent Transportation in Maryland.

President's Message

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This was another very successful year for our organization, highlighted by our joint Annual Meeting with the Baltimore Metropolitan Council Traffic Signal Forum in November where we had over 200 people in attendance. We were both thrilled and challenged by this record turnout. In an effort to continue this trend and increase participation we offered scholarships for reduced or free registrations this year to many of our public sector members. As a result this year's attendance looks like it will once again exceed expectations.



Legislative Technology Fair

We began this year with another successful Legislative Technology Fair on January 23rd at the Miller Senate Building in Annapolis where we experienced record turnout by local dele-



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gates, senators and their staff. This is a great opportunity each year to educate those making legislative and budgetary decisions on the cost effectiveness of ITS technologies. Each year we receive numerous comments on the benefit of the event to provide a behind the scenes look at how the transportation network is managed. This year's



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theme, "Technology Solutions for Cost-Effective Performance Management", highlighted the important role that technology plays in the management and operation of our surface transportation network. We are truly fortunate to live in a region where ITS deployment is mature, its application is fully embraced, and its benefits are realized every day.

Lunch and Learn Seminars

ITS Maryland once again sponsored several lunch and learn events where our membership comes together to network and learn about new technologies and applications. We started on March 22nd with Skyline Networks in Elkridge MD where they discussed their video management and distribution solutions being used by MDOT, VDOT and other agencies. Skyline also gave

us a tour of their facilities and network operations center where they remotely monitor and manage networks for several agencies. On May 3rd Accutech in Hanover, MD hosted TKH Security Solutions, a member global supplier of advanced video surveillance solutions, including IP cameras, video servers/codecs, network video recorders, fiber transmission equipment, video management and video analytics software. TKH presented information on various traffic monitoring video surveillance architectures and technologies. The series concluded on June 5th with SHA hosting a seminar on Traffic Detection Technologies and Applications where seven member distributors, vendors and practitioners reviewed the more popu-



June Lunch and Learn at SHA

lar detection technologies being used around the region, technology advantages and limitations, example architectures and applications, lessons learned, and expected future developments. Over 35 people attended this lively, interactive, and informative session. Also, for the first time we are able to offer professional development hours (PDUs) for all of our lunch and learn, seminars, and the annual meeting events.



On July 26th we held our annual Orioles baseball outing where we rooted the home team to victory against the Boston "Beantown" Red Sox. As always the game was preceded by an all-you-can-eat cookout at the Babe Ruth Museum. Great weather, food, camaraderie, and a victory to boot made for a memorable evening.

Awards & Recognition

ITS Maryland received national recognition in April at the ITS America Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN for its achievements in 2012 where we received Outstanding State Chapter and Membership Growth awards. In the words of one of the judges, this chapter "Gave themselves a facelift and really dove into what is important to the members, what makes them join and stay engaged." Our growth award was based on an 8% increase in 2012. Our membership has once again grown by about 15% this year so look forward to another run at these awards in 2014.

Our own Michael Pack (University of Maryland CATT) was honored on May 8th at the White House as one of the twelve 2013 "Transportation Champions of Change" for his work with the RITIS program to dramatically change the way agencies think about information sharing and the importance of better visual communication and transparency.

On June 17th ITS America recognized the Maryland State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division for the organization's leadership in helping modernize Maryland's transportation infrastructure to improve safety and efficiency by deploying the Drivewyze™ commercial vehicle

inspection pre-clearance program.

Finally, ITS Maryland is once again able to recognize the potential and future contributions of our student members by offering scholarships. Anam Ardeshiri a graduate student at Morgan State University, and Kelly Fearon, an undergraduate student at the University of Delaware were each awarded \$1,000 to help defray the costs of completing their education.

Business Update

On the business front we continue to hold our Board of Directors meetings at member locations as an opportunity to network and learn more about the ITS projects and capabilities in the



Montgomery Co Board Meeting

area. This included the Prince George County Trip Center in February, RK&K in April, the Montgomery County TMC in June, and Kittelson in September. The next board meeting is scheduled for Nov 8th at BMC. The board meetings are where we conduct the organization's business and plan out the year's events. All members are welcome to attend and you don't need to be a board member to get involved. If you would like to attend, participate, or perhaps host a meeting please contact any of the board members.

In January ITS Maryland presented its State of the Chapter address at the ITS America board meeting in Washington DC. This was a great opportunity to bring national visibility to our



Prince George Co Board Meeting

state chapter, review our successes, and also highlight areas where the national organization and state chapter can work closer together. A revision to the chapter Bylaws is currently in final draft and will be circulated to the membership for approval. A task group has also been formed to review and make recommendations for update to the chapter strategic plan.

Thanks! See you in 2014

ITS Maryland continues to make great strides in fulfilling its mission to support and promote the deployment of safe, efficient, integrated, and intermodal intelligent transportation systems in the Maryland and Delaware region. If you haven't been around ITS Maryland lately please check us out. We continue to seek out energetic volunteers to help the organization realize its full potential and continue to seek out opportunities to offer increasing levels of value to its membership. There are lots of opportunities to get involved. Talk to any of the board members, bring your great ideas, and we look forward to seeing each of you in the coming year. On behalf of the board and the rest of the membership I thank you for another successful year.