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## **Board of Director s Meeting Minutes**

Crowne Plaza  
Cromwell, CT  
September 17, 2008

### **Directors Attending:**

Joseph Balskus, President  
Karen Olson, Vice President  
Kristen Solloway, Secretary  
Sharat Kalluri, Treasurer  
Jay Koolis, Immediate Past President  
Kevin Burnham, Director  
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Najib Habesch, Past President  
Arthur Handman, Director  
Scott Belcher, ITS America President

### **Director Absent:**

Nick Lownes, Director  
Koreen Bjorklund, Director  
Mike LaLone, Director  
Carl-Henry Piel, Director

- 1. Opening:** Joe called meeting to order 12:20.
- 2. Approval of Minutes for September Board Meeting:** Kevin made a motion to approve the 8/5/08 minutes and Gene 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion approved unanimously.
- 3. Approval of Treasurer s Report:** Karen made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Art 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion approved unanimously.
- 4. Nominating Committee:** The slate was review and Morteza Hayatgheybi from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin has agreed to join the Board of Directors.
- 5. Membership:** Jay B. presented his report. Jay has called Marlin Controls with no response and going to send out a letter to Greater New Haven Transit District. No other contact has been made with any other members who have not renewed. Our membership is still at 27. It was noted that the Pennsylvania chapter is struggling with the same issues we are with DOT participation. Scott indicated he will help to contact them to see how they are dealing with this.
- 6. Communications (Website):** No report.
- 7. Communications (Program):** Ewa presented summary of programs for the past year. Our next program will be in January. We will need assistance on the program committee while Ewa is on maternity leave.

8. **Awards Committee:** Awards will be given out tonight to the City of Norwalk and PB for their ITS related projects. Najob to have a second plaque made for DOT.
9. **Bylaws Committee:** A short membership meeting at our next event will be necessary to vote on bylaw changes. This will be in January.
10. **Student Grant Committee:** The student grant project is making progress Neftali has completed his research. He has interviewed DOT employees, researched six other DOT websites and is on schedule to complete the project. Joe to forward his latest email to the Board. It was suggested that ITS CT get out in front of student to gain interest. Scott indicted we can participate in ITS America's essay contest.
11. **State Chapter s Report:** Jay to continue weekly emails to Board. He noted Mississippi is beginning a State Chapter or possibly a regional chapter with Louisiana and Arkansas.
12. **Word Congress:**  
Jay provided the following update:
  - 54 registrants for our event.
  - ITS America is beginning their call program to solicit attendees.
  - Scott indicated he felt 250 is an achievable goal and ITS America is still expecting 10,000 attendees.

It was discussed that this is a big risk to take on with only 54 registrants. Najib made the following as a means to give ourselves a deadline for making a decision on continuing the event:

“ITS CT continues to move forward with the World Congress event until four weeks (10/14) from today. At that time if we determine we will lose more than \$5,000 we will cancel the event”

Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion approved with twelve members in favor and one against.

13. **Next Meeting:** October 21st – 4:30 at Fuss & O'Neill.
14. **Adjournment:** Kevin motioned to adjourn at 2:00 pm. Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

*Minutes prepared by Kristen Solloway*