



Heartland ITS Pulse

Annual Meeting Prep and Election Results

Our Annual Meeting is next week in Des Moines, Iowa and we look forward to seeing many of our members and ITS colleagues!

Our three-day [Agenda](#) is full of informative speaker sessions, vendor booths and a social event. Pre-conference events begin Monday with the morning session National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Training and in the afternoon the 8th Annual ITS Heartland Operations Symposium! Monday night, the opening social event at The Tavern II, will be a great way to kick-off the Annual Meeting.

Paper-free meeting...or close to. The ITS Heartland meeting will be utilizing the app [Yapp](#), a mobile app for events, conferences and meetings, to share the conference Agenda program, printed attendee list and other meeting details. Download the app now! ITS Heartland will share the Yapp ID Code when it becomes available. Printed Agenda programs will be available but we encourage all members to use the paper-free, Yapp, version!

Election Results!

We have elected positions we need to recognize:

**Interested in being the
Communications Director
for the ITS Heartland Board
of Directors?**



The ITS Heartland 2016-2017 BOD has a vacant position to fill! The Communications Director is charged with overseeing Chapter communications, including but not limited to: writing/editing the ITS Heartland Chapter "Pulse" Monthly Electronic Newsletter; liaison to ITS America for chapter promotion/publicity; and assistance with other promotions and social media. If interested, please contact ITSH BOD [President Mandy Anderson!](#)

**UA Team Revs Up
Connected-Vehicle
Technology**



We have elected positions we need to recognize.

- Vice President: **Matthew McLaughlin**
- Secretary: **Kurt Rotering**
- Treasurer: **Matt Volz**
- Consultant Sector Director #1: **Rusty James**
- Academic Sector Director #1: **Henry Brown**
- Iowa State Director: **Tim Simodynes**
- Nebraska State Director: **Jessica Sherwood**
- Oklahoma State Director: **Jared Schwennesen**

The following positions ran uncontested: Vice President, Secretary, Iowa State Director, Nebraska State Director and the Oklahoma State Director. Henry Brown, the elected Academic Sector Director #1, is a Research Engineer at the University of Missouri. Thank you members for taking the time to vote and congrats to our 2016-2017 ITSH BOD!

Webinars

[MUTCD: Can the Current Process Keep Pace with the Demand for Change? And should it?](#)

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CT

Panelists will discuss if we can develop a new system using the consensus standards building process to meet the shifting trends that require designers and traffic engineers to accommodate new technology and the needs of all users of the transportation system. The changing design and operational trends present interesting challenges for our system of signs, markings and signals.

[Performance Measurement and Monitoring in TSM&O - Current Practice and Future](#)

[Developments](#)

Friday, April 22, 2016 at 1:00 - 2:30 PM CT

This webinar will discuss the performance



A [connected-vehicle test bed](#) in Anthem, Arizona, is being used by University of Arizona researchers to demonstrate how vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communications systems could reduce traffic accidents, congestion and pollution. Using algorithms, the signals prioritize approaching vehicles: passenger, transit, emergency and commercial.

Michigan DOT's 5-year Transportation Plan Includes \$6.8 Billion for Highway Restructuring and Repair



The [Michigan DOT](#) has [released](#) a report on plans for transportation infrastructure projects totaling billions of dollars for the next five years. With one of the nation's oldest freeway systems, MDOT is planning reconstruction of existing roadways. Instead of spending more to widen roads, MDOT is looking to address congestion by redesigning on-off ramps, installing dynamic message signs, signals and cameras that will work together to form a more intelligent transportation system.

measurement and monitoring that are becoming increasingly important to state departments of transportation as they work to improve the transportation system's service to its users and contribution to the nation's economy and general wellbeing.



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