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Society for Transportation Science and Logistics
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- 1) Message from the outgoing chair, Cindy Barnhart

Dear TSL Friends,

I am very pleased to report that our first year as a Society was a very successful one, with momentum and excitement continuing to build around our field. With membership growth of the Society, increasing submissions to Transportation Science, over 50 TSL-sponsored sessions at the Annual INFORMS Conference and more than 100 people attending the TSL business meeting in Pittsburgh, the Transportation Science and Logistics Society is off to a great start. Thanks to Huseyin Topaloglu for all his efforts in organizing the TSL sponsored sessions for the 2006 meeting in Pittsburgh, and to Kevin Gue for agreeing to serve in this capacity for the 2008 meeting. Check out Kevin's blog (www.tslseattle.blogspot.com), where you can provide your input and help us to provide sessions in Seattle that provide the greatest value to you. Thanks also to Janny Leung and Martin Savelsbergh for serving as Cluster Chairs for the 2007 INFORMS International Conference in Puerto Rico, and to Anton Kleywegt for agreeing to be the Cluster Chair for the 2008 IFORS Meeting to be held in South Africa.

Congratulations to the winners of the TSL elections. The new slate of officers is as follows:

President – Martin Savelsbergh

Vice-President/ President Elect - Michael Ball

Secretary/Treasurer - Huseyin Topaloglu

Communications Chair - Warren Powell

Freight Transportation and Logistics SIG Chair - Ann Campbell

Freight Transportation and Logistics SIG Vice-Chair - Karen Smilowitz

Urban Transportation SIG Chair - James (Jim) Moore
Urban Transportation SIG Vice-Chair - Laurie Garrow
Facility Logistics SIG Chair - Russell (Russ) Meller
Facility Logistics SIG Vice-Chair - Kevin Gue
ITS SIG Chair - Travis Waller
ITS SIG Vice-Chair - Yi-Chang Chiu
Air Transportation SIG Chair - Diego Klabjan
Air Transportation SIG Vice-Chair - Stefan Karisch
International Liaison for Europe and Africa - Stein Wallace
International Liaison for Asia-Pacific - Janny M.Y. Leung
International Liaison for Americas - Cristián Cortés and Juan Carlos Munoz

Thanks to **all** candidates for their willingness to serve TSL. Special thanks to Barry Thomas who has been a tremendous contributor as Secretary/ Treasurer for our Society this year.

Be sure to check out the article in this newsletter detailing the outcomes of the many TSL-sponsored prize competitions. Congratulations to Christian Liebchen, Anne Goodchild, Michel Bierlaire, Frank Crittin, T.W.M. Vossen, M. Ball, J.R. Correa, A.S. Schulz, and N.E. Stier-Moses. And, thanks to all the committee members who dedicated countless hours to select these winners, namely: Mark Hickman (Chair), Paolo Toth (Chair), Michel Bierlaire, Ann Campbell, Alan Erera, Don Hearn, Patrice Marcotte, Rolf Moehring, Warren Powell and David Ryan.

This year, we worked to identify initiatives to improve the value and visibility of the Society. After quite a bit of discussion among the board members and input from members, we decided our primary objective is to develop a Wiki website to serve as the main repository of transportation science and logistics information. In parallel, we continue to work on other initiatives, including improving TSL-industry connections, organizing TSL-sponsored plenary and tutorial sessions at meetings, and providing Society support for SIG activities.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as the 1st President of the Transportation Science and Logistics SOCIETY. In my capacity as Past-president of TSL and Presidentelect of INFORMS, I look forward to working with Martin and the rest of the board in 2007!

Cindy Barnhart
TSL Society Outgoing President

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2) Welcome from the incoming chair, Martin Savelsbergh

Dear TSL Friends,

First of all, let me personally wish each and everyone of you a happy new year. We have a lot to look forward to this year. I hope to see everyone in Phuket for TRISTAN VI (<http://tristan.epfl.ch/>), in Puerto Rico for the INFORMS International Meeting (<http://meetings.informs.org/PuertoRico2007>), and in Seattle for the INFORMS Annual Meeting

(<http://meetings.informs.org/Seattle07>), all of which promise to be wonderful meetings and will provide great opportunities to interact with colleagues.

It is also my pleasure to welcome the newly elected board members: Mike Ball as vice president/president elect and Huseyin Topaloglu as secretary/treasurer. Of course, I want to thank Cindy Barnhart and Barry Thomas for the excellent jobs they have done as president and secretary/treasurer, respectively. I hope both of them will continue to allow me (and others) to tap into their wealth of knowledge on the goings-on of our society.

Our membership is healthy. At the latest count, we have 369 regular members, 400 student members, 12 retirees, and 3 non-INFORMS members, for a total of 784 members. Of course, I encourage everyone to reach out and spread the word and let everybody with an interest in transportation and logistics know what a wonderful organization we are and to encourage them to sign up.

At our business meeting in Pittsburgh, we identified overhauling our website as one of the main initiatives for the upcoming year. We want to make the TSL website the place to go for any information related to transportation and logistics. As we want this to be a community effort, we will investigate the possibility of turning our website into a TSL Wiki. A wiki is a [website](#) that allows the visitors themselves to easily add, remove, and [edit](#) available content (without the need for registration). As we are an organization relying on volunteer efforts, I encourage everyone that is interested in helping with this initiative, for example by providing content for certain areas, to drop me an email. Jointly, we should be able to pull these off.

Finally, I want to emphasize that the board views TSL as an organization involved in and in support of transportation and logistics activities worldwide. Together with our international liaisons, we will do all we can to ensure that we truly become a global organization serving everyone's needs.

Martin Savelsbergh

TSL Society Incoming President

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3) From the communications chair

Welcome to the first email TSL newsletter! The goal of this format is to bring the most important news about the society directly to your door. We will make an effort to keep it short, with links to the TSL website for longer articles.

The format is flexible. Aside from the usual yada yada from the chairs, the goal is to make the newsletter useful. Below, we have included several announcements: calls for papers, recognition for some recent award recipients, and a recent book. Do you have

something that you would like to bring to the attention of the community (but where a broadcast over the TSL listserver is not appropriate), the newsletter might be the perfect outlet. The newsletter can also be useful for

Finally, I am very pleased to announce that Barry Thomas, who just finished a very active stint as our secretary/treasurer, has agreed to take over the newly created job of TSL newsletter editor. If you have information for the newsletter, please contact Barry at <barrett-thomas@uiowa.edu>.

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4) Election results and officers

Congratulations to Mike Ball (new incoming chair) and Huseyin Topaloglu (incoming secretary/treasurer).

The current officers are now:

- President - Martin Savelsbergh
- Vice-President/ President Elect - Michael Ball
- Secretary/Treasurer - Huseyin Topaloglu
- Communications Chair - Warren Powell
- Freight Transportation and Logistics SIG Chair - Ann Campbell
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5) Reports from the Special Interest Groups

5.1) News from the Urban Transportation SIG:

The Urban Transportation SIG, in conjunction with the Transportation Network Modeling and Transportation Demand Forecasting Committees of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) kicked off its series

of technical sessions on "Integrating Demand and Supply Travel Models" at the annual INFORMS meeting in Pittsburgh. Panelists included Moshe Ben-Akiva, Hani Mahmassani, Peter Vovsha, and Srini Peeta. Missed the session? It's not too late! The discussion will continue at the TRB annual meeting, with more than a dozen experts from academia, industry, and government participating in a special workshop to be held on Sunday, January 21 from 1:30-5:30. Please contact Laurie Garrow Laurie.Garrow@ce.gatech.edu or Joan Walker joanw@bu.edu for additional information.

5.2) Joining a SIG:

We now have separate email lists for each special interest group. Anyone can join (even if you are not a member of Informs). You may also join more than one. If you have not joined a special interest group, please click on any of the links below to join:

[Freight Transportation and Logistics](#)

[Urban Transportation](#)

[Facility Logistics](#)

[Intelligent transportation systems \(ITS\)](#)

[Air Transportation](#)

6) Recent news:

6.1) Awards

The Council of University Transportation Centers 2006 Student Awards are as follows:

* Pikarsky Award for Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation in Science and Technology: Dr. Camille Kamga Ngassa, City University of New York Nominator: Prof. Robert Paaswell.

* Wootan Award for Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation in Policy and Planning: Dr. Xinyu Cao, University of California, Davis. Nominator: Prof. Patricia L. Mokhtarian.

* Pikarsky Award for Outstanding M.S. Thesis in Science and Technology: Mr. Stephen Boyles, University of Texas at Austin. Nominator: Prof. S. Travis Waller.

* Wootan Award for Outstanding M.S. Thesis in Policy and Planning: Mr. Jonathan Weinert, University of California, Davis. Nominator: Prof. Joan M. Ogden.

* Parker Award for Outstanding Non-thesis Masters Degree Paper in Policy and Planning: Mr. Stephen Crosley, University of California, Los Angeles. Nominator: Prof. Donald Shoup.

These winners will be recognized during the Annual Meetings of the Transportation Research Board at the CUTC Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 20, 2007 in the Palladian Ballroom of the Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington DC, preceded by a reception in the Diplomat Ballroom.

6.2) Books

New Book Announcement: ERP and Supply Chain Management by Christian N. Madu and Chuhua Kuei - This book develops a scholarly and practical view of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software packages and Supply Chain Management. It serves as a good resource for managers of organizations thinking about adopting ERP/SCM software, initiatives, or training programs.

6.3) Events

To mark the 50th anniversary of container shipping (which, sadly, occurred last year!), Ernest Koenigsberg is initiating a joint session(s) between the TS&L Society and the INFORMS History and Traditions Committee on the history of containerization, its impact on global transportation, the role of OR/MS in the container revolution, etc.