DIVISION HEAD'S MESSAGE

Communication is an area that Division staff have indicated needs improvement. I am personally committed to improving communication both internally and externally. This newsletter is but one means of improving communications internally. The key to success in improving communication is your participation. Send items to Debbie Jasek during the third week of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

The Division Meeting is coming up on May 19, 1995. The organizing committee has done an outstanding job of putting together an interesting, entertaining and informative program. Please make it a point to attend and participate.

I have hired an administrative assistant. This is a new position, so many of the details will be worked out over the coming months. Beth Neilson, who can be reached at 845-9955, will be attending to many of the administrative aspects of the Division. She will also be helping me with scheduling.

For the most part, Lisa Badillo will continue to function largely as she has done so well in the past. The only significant change that should be apparent is that appointments should be made through Beth, although Lisa can also handle these if Beth is not available. Hopefully, this change should make more of my time available for interaction with the Division staff.

I am also considering scheduling on a regular basis, a monthly principal investigators meeting. The meeting would last no more than an hour and would be a brief exchange of information on what is going on or coming up. Please give me your thoughts on whether or not this is a good idea.

DIVISION MEETING

The Division Meeting will be held at Hilltop Lakes on May 19, 1995. This meeting is a great opportunity to learn more about our Division and the people we work with. It is also an opportunity to take time out and have some fun! There will be food, discussions of future prospects for TTI and the Division, games, discussions of current research activities, and a chance enjoy a variety of recreational activities. There will also be a team building session. For those of you who have never participated in team building session, you will be in for a surprise.

The price for this mini-vacation from the office is right, $8 for full-time employees and $4 for part-time employees (students, this means you). This price will entitle you to food and refreshments throughout the day. This will be a casual, informal day. So mark your calendars and be prepared for a relaxing day!

CALENDAR MARKS

The 2nd National Symposium on Integrated Transportation Management Systems is taking place May 8-10, 1995, in Seattle. Several division staff members will be attending. Preceding this symposium, the TRB Signal Systems Committee will meet at the same location.

The Textite Conference is rapidly approaching. The conference is scheduled for June 15-17 and will be held in Midland.

COMING NEXT MONTH

Name the Newsletter.
PROPOSALS, ETC.
TTI recently received a contract for a new study titled, *Evaluation of ITE/CVO Technologies for Cross-Border Applications*. Principal staff for this study include: Dock Burke, Tim Lomax, Dan Middleton, and Eric Lindquist.

The Division recently submitted ten proposals to TxDOT in the FY 1996 round of submissions. Two sighs of relief were taken and the circle began again. The work on problem statements for FY 1997 proposals has begun. Task forces have been formed to begin the process of selecting topics for problem statements submitted by the Division.

DIVISIONAL WANDERERS

Dan Middleton recently attended the Advantage I-75 Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.


Dan Fambro wins the Marco Polo Award for this month. Dan had the rough job of supporting the ASCE student chapter at the concrete canoe races in Monterrey, Mexico. Dan attended the ITE Conference in Fort Lauderdale, where he moderated a session on using technology. He also attended the TxDOT Area III meeting in Nacogdoches. Dan taught NHI courses in Nashville (Highway-Rail Safety Improvements) and Milwaukee (Capacity and Planning Analysis for Arterial Streets). He also had a wonderful time on April 19th circling Oklahoma City for two hours, and got to spend an unscheduled night in Dallas.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Beth Neilson has joined the Division as an administrative assistant. She will be assisting Tom in division administrative chores.

Kent Collins is graduating this month with his M.S. in Civil Engineering, and Jason Knesek is receiving his B.S. in Civil Engineering. Congratulations and best wishes!!

Jesse Guzman has moved from design operations to corridor operations.

Amy Wakefield, student worker in Systems Implementation recently departed. She has been replaced by Roxanna Olvera, student worker. Roxanna will be filling in, while Liz Perez is out on maternity leave.

Happy Birthday!

May 1       Manjunat Kalsanka
May 4       Jesus Guzman, Jr.
May 5       Michael Thomadakis
May 12      Neil Rowan
May 15      Alice Mes
May 15      Dwayne Morris
May 16      Steve Venglar
May 19      Joseph Koothrappally
May 27      John Holmgreen
May 31      Bridgette Keller
May 31      Bryant Woo