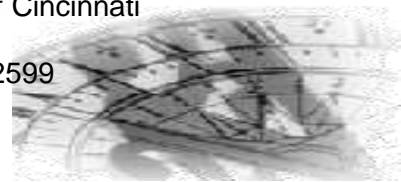




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Brief Bio and Qualification

Dr. Heng Wei is a Professor of Transportation Systems and Engineering, and Director of Advanced Research in Transportation Engineering & Systems (ART-Engines) Laboratory at The University of Cincinnati (UC). He has a wide spectrum of research interests and expertise in intelligent transportation systems (ITS). Since his faculty appointment at UC, he has secured 33 research projects from ODOT, FHWA, NSF, EPA, OTC, NEXTRANS Center, and UC URC/FDC. His research has resulted in 163 peer-reviewed papers and 9 professional books/chapters. He has been honored with UC College of Engineering and Applied Science *Distinguished Researcher Award for Excellence in Research* and *Engineering Master Educator Award for Excellence in Teaching*, as well as *Honored Faculty/Staff Who Made a Real Difference in the Life of a UC Student*. In addition, he has been a member of numerous outstanding professional committees, such as TRB AND20, ABJ70 and ABE90 Committees, ASCE T&DI Committees on Advanced Technology Committee and Transportation Safety and on Sustainability and Environment. He is the Chair of IEEE ITSS Travel Information and Traffic Management Committee and Immediate Past President of Chinese Overseas Transportation Association (COTA). Dr. Wei has successfully organized and/or chaired 27 international conferences/sessions and symposiums.

Dr. Wei is an active, renowned participant and contributor to Chinese transportation communities. He has served on the COTA Board of Directors (BOD) since he was first elected in January 2008. Later, he was elected as the President of COTA in January 2012. During his service on BOD and two-year presidency (01/2012–01/2014), he has successfully organized and chaired a number of international conferences, workshops, and symposiums. The success of those scholarly activities has greatly raised the international reputation and influence of COTA in the transportation field. He initialized several special events that have since become spotlights of the conference, typically including TRB Standing Committee Chairs Forum, COTA-World Bank China Transport Forum, and COTA Education Workshop. Those programs have greatly promoted the CICTP to be an internationally recognized and respected event, which has successfully attracted many prestigious international scholars and experts to the conference.

Dr. Wei has served as the Conference Chair for the CICTP in both 2012 and 2013, Chair of the Organizing and Executive committee for the ICCTP 2010, Chair of the Academic Committee for the ICCTP 2011, and Chair of the Advisory Committee for the CICTP in 2014. Moreover, he has worked with TRB ABE90 committee to successfully establish the ABE90-COTA China Conference Planning Subcommittee ABE90(3), which had contributed plenty to the COTA Winter Symposiums during past TRB Annual Meetings, especially for the period of January 2012 through January 2014.

Envisioned Commitment

While COTA has experienced a stable development and growth in the past few years, we have to raise awareness of some challenges that we may be facing ahead to keep COTA actively sustainable. The current and past leaders have led COTA to the compelling milestones as we anticipated. With the new blood instilling into the COTA BOD, it is possibly a high time to create a new momentum to re-motivate ourselves for moving COTA forward towards a higher level. To that end, I am willing to continue my service on the BOD as a senior member to strongly support the young BOD members to solidify the organization under the leadership of the next new president. My term on the COTA Board will end in next January. I therefore decide to nominate myself as a candidate running for the BOD membership again. Based on the positions available, I am hence willing to run for the “Treasurer” position to continue my service on this great organization. My envisioned commitment includes, but not limited to, the following aspects.

- To serve as the Treasure to effectively manage the COTA BOD bank account, assist administrative needs and audit cash flow during the entire course of any COTA event if the cost occurs, and coordinate fund-raising action (if any), as well as satisfy other needs from the BOD upon request;
- To serve as a liaison for COTA with education institutes, governmental agencies and industry sector in China to further foster COTA’s international connection and collaboration;
- To continually support and assist organizing major COTA events, and help significantly solidify COTA into a growing, stronger professional organization by more actively involving in various chapters of COTA.

In overall, I would like to be working together with other BOD members to make every effort to achieve the goals and objectives of COTA at a higher level. I will dedicate myself to enhancing productive communications among COTA members, boosting effective collaborations between COTA and other transportation organizations, and enhancing China-America exchange in transportation technologies and systems. I am fully confident of being ready to continually make the commitment to serving on the COTA BOD. I would also be eager and happy to assist implementing any creative ideas that you may have. I have developed a greater tolerance and capability to cope with and incorporate diversely new ideas for continuing COTA’s success and growth. I can be reached via voice 513-556-3781 or email heng.wei@uc.edu for any suggestions.

Your strong support is highly appreciated!

Endorsements received from the following active COTA members:

- Dr. Yin Hai Wang, Professor, University of Washington;
- Dr. Haizhong Wang (COTA BOD Member), Assistant Professor, Oregon State University;
- Mr. Jason Wang, Senior Transportation Specialist, Appalachian Regional Commission; and
- Dr. Ping Yi, Professor, The University of Akron.

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