



中国旅美交通协会
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Dear NACOTA members and friends:

On behalf of the NACOTA board of directors, I would like to appreciate your support to NACOTA business and wish you a very happy and fruitful Tiger Year!

We had been very busy and productive in the Ox Year. The 13th Annual NACOTA/WCTA Technical Symposium on Sustainable Transportation Development in China was successfully held in Washington DC by NACOTA and Washington D.C. Chinese Transportation Association (WCTA) in January 2010. This symposium attracted many high level speakers, including those from top research institutes in both China and the US and consulting firms.

Another major accomplishment in the Ox Year was the 9th International Conference of Chinese Transportation Professionals (ICCTP 2009) jointly hosted by NACOTA and Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT). A total of 948 papers were received from authors of eight countries and regions, including Mainland China, Taiwan, the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, and Korea. To ensure the quality of the ICCTP 2009 proceedings, rigorous technical evaluation and English editing efforts were made. As a result, only about 50% of the submitted papers were accepted for publication. All the papers published in the ICCTP 2009 proceedings have been included in the EI database.

One more thing worth mentioning is that Deans' Forum of Transportation Colleges in China (DFTC) was initiated and launched its first meeting during ICCTP 2009. Deans from more than twenty transportation colleges attended the first forum, in which important issues in transportation engineering and education were identified. It has been decided that DFTC will be an annual event concurrent with ICCTP. We are glad to see that NACOTA's summer conferences be combined with DFTC to discuss important issues for transportation research, education, and engineering practice in China.

These accomplishments in the Ox Year set up a solid foundation for further developments of NACOTA. Thanks to Professor Ping Yi, immediate past president of NACOTA, for his leadership over the past two years. I would also like take the opportunity to thank members of the last NACOTA board for their dedications and hard work. Special thanks to Dr. Yingwu Fang, Dr. Rachel Liu, and Dr. Huaguo Zhou, who completed their terms this January, for their contributions to NACOTA during their tenure. Of course, supports from all NACOTA members and friends are essential for all the accomplishments NACOTA have achieved to date and hence are highly appreciated.

Three new board members have been elected this January. They are Mr. Ken Yang from Iteris, Dr. Zhanping You from Michigan Tech, and Dr. Lei Zhang from University of Maryland. The new board has met twice and been configured in duty assignments as follows:



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President: Yinhai Wang
Immediate Past President: Ping Yi
Vice President: Heng Wei and Hongchao Liu
Secretary: Lei Zhang
Treasurer: Clara Fang
Academic Affairs Officer: Yafeng Yin
Membership and PR Officer: Yu Zhang
Newsletter Editor: Zhanping You
Information Officer: Ken Yang
Student Representative: Qinyi Shi

The task forces and committees set up by last board have been carried over to this current board, but with minor modifications as follows:

Academic Affairs Committee:

Mission: handle academic affairs of NACOTA business
Chair: Yafeng Yin
Members: Heng Wei, Ping Yi, Zhanping You, and Yinhai Wang

Fundraising Committee:

Mission: handle the planning and operation of the fund raising activities
Chair: Heng Wei
Members: Clara Fang, Ken Yang, Jun Wang, Yu Zhang, and Kyle Liang

Pavement Committee:

Mission: academic research and engineering practice exchange in pavement
Chair: Linbing Wang

Bylaw Revision Task Force:

Mission: review bylaws and recommend for changes
Chair: Hongchao Liu
Members: To be announced.

Special Issue Task Force:

Mission: handle the important issues raised by NACOTA members
Chair: Fang Zhao
Members: Clara Fang, Xiaoduan Sun, Yujiang Zhang, Ping Yi, and Eva Lerner-Lam

The new board of directors shall continuously lead NACOTA toward the four organizational objectives: (1) promote transportation development in China by providing technologies and expertise through its members; (2) strengthen the links between transportation professionals and students in North America and their counterparts in China; (3) promote networking among Chinese overseas transportation professionals and students; and (4) disseminate information on transportation developments and major events in China to NACOTA members and partners in North America. Special efforts shall be made to (1) promote the academic reputation of NACOTA through enhancing the quality of the NACOTA winter symposium and summer



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conference; (2) update and enhance NACOTA rules and regulations to make its organizational system more complete and effective; (3) improve services to members in both China and the U.S.; and (4) set up strong connections with peer organizations, such as Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

As always, your comments are needed to improve our work and your supports are essential to accomplish our organization goals. Feel free to send your opinions, critiques, and/or suggestions to me or any directors on the board. NACOTA is everyone's NACOTA. Let us work together to bring it up to the next level.

Sincerely yours,

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