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ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERS

2010 Annual Conference

October 8 & 9, 2010
Westin Northwest – Itasca, IL

Diane O'Reefe – Honorary Chairperson
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Dear Member:

The Schaumburg Chapter is pleased to be the host for the 74th Annual Illinois Association of Highway Engineers Conference to be held at the Westin Chicago Northwest in Itasca from October 7th through October 9th, 2010. This year's theme 'New Visions: Facing the Challenges of a High Tech World' was used to focus our speakers' topics for the Technical Conference on Friday. All of the presentations will focus on sustainability and innovation.

Many members have already booked rooms and are eagerly anticipating the distribution of more information. This letter will provide all you need to plan for the weekend and to send in your registration.

Thursday afternoon, registration will be from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Thursday night after travelers from around the State arrive, we will gather in the Westin's temperature controlled tent for dinner and entertainment. The hotel has put together a 'Road Kill' Buffet for all of us Road Warriors.

Friday will begin early for those that didn't register on Thursday; registration will begin at 7:30 am. The Spouses are to be bused to the City of Big Shoulders on the Big Lake for an architectural tour on the Chicago River, lunch at the Cheesecake Factory, and some downtown shopping. For those of us who have to work, the Technical presentations will begin at 9:00. Four rooms will be used to hear from various speakers including staff from IDOT, CDOT, LCDOT, McDOT, ISTHA, and the Construction Industry. Two sessions are scheduled for the morning, lunch with Secretary Gary Hannig and two sessions in the afternoon. Up to 5 PDH's can be earned for the day.

Friday night we'll unwind while we pay homage to the retro-environmentalists (the hippies from the 70's.) Dust off your fringed jacket, find your favorite Tye-dyed shirt, wear your cut-offs and flip-flops, and join us for dinner and entertainment from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

Saturday morning we'll meet for breakfast and the Annual Meeting for which a speaker is being arranged. The hotel will honor the rate for the entire weekend so consider staying over one more night. There are plenty of things to do in the area or downtown. Our team will be arranging golf at a local course so be sure to let us know your interest on the form and so we can get back to you with costs and to get foursome information.

For anyone who has never attended a conference, this is an excellent way to meet colleagues from around the state, to get some Professional Development Hours, and have fun while you're at it. For those who have been before, we can't wait to see you again!

Enclosed is the registration form. Please fill it out and return it as soon as possible. The deadline is September 23rd, 2010. Late submittals will be acceptable, if space is available.

Sincerely,

Catherine A. Kibble, P.E.
Conference Co-Chair

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Sarah Wilson, P.E.
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