

Welcome New Member!

ITS Florida is pleased to announce that United Fiberglass recently became a new member. Welcome!



2009 Board of Directors Election

At the December 9th Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Elizabeth Birriel announced the results of the elections. The 2009 Officers and Board of Directors for ITS Florida are:



(L-R Anita Vandervalk, Denise Bunnewith, Dr. Amr Oloufa, Mary Hamill, Jesus Martinez, Ken Jacobs, LA Griffin, Elizabeth Birriel—Not Pictured—Tahira, Faquir, John Easterling, Dale Cody, and K.K. Saxena)

Past President – Anita Vandervalk, Cambridge Systematics

President – L. A. Griffin, OOCEA

Vice President – Ken Jacobs, Pinellas County

Secretary – Jesus Martinez, Southwest Research Institute

Treasurer – Tahira Faquir, VANUS Inc.

Directors at Large, serving a first or new two-year term:

John Easterling, Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Mary Hamill, Global-5
Dr. Amr Oloufa, UCF

Directors at Large serving the second of the two-year term:

Dale Cody, Metric Engineering
KK Saxena, Kimley-Horn
Denise Bunnewith, North Florida TPO

FDOT Representative Elizabeth Birriel

ITS Florida Board Members

Anita Vandervalk recognized and presented a Certificate of Appreciation for their service on the ITS Florida Board:

- Peter Vega, FDOT
- Dr. Essam Radwan, UCF

Both Pete and Essam are very active members and will continue to chair committees.

Scholarship Sponsorship!

Thank You! Metric Engineering Inc. for the generous contribution to the ITS Florida Anne Brewer Scholarship program.



We are starting our 2009 sponsorship drive to fund our Anne Brewer Scholarship (ITSFL) fund.

For more information and to become a sponsor, contact [ITS Florida](#).

ITS Florida 2009 Membership Dues

Thank you for submitting your membership dues promptly! Payment may be made on-line or by sending a check to:

215 NW Monroe Circle North
Saint Petersburg, FL 33702

Invoices were sent via email. Please contact [ITS Florida](#) if you have any questions or require an invoice.

ITS Florida Board Meeting

The ITS Florida Board meeting will be held via teleconference on January 13, 2009 at 1:30 PM. For additional details contact [ITS Florida](#).

2008 Accomplishments

2008 was filled with many ITS Florida accomplishments including:

A campaign to continue the Road Ranger program was initiated due to the threat and actuality of budget cuts throughout the state.

The ITS Florida's exhibit was displayed at the following conferences:

- FDOT/Florida Transportation Builders Association
- FDOT Working Group Meeting
- Freeway and Toll Operation Conference
- 2008 Florida for Better Transportation Leadership Retreat
- Transpo2008
- ITS World Congress—New York City

New business cards identifying ITS Florida's benefits were developed and distributed to members attending the ITS World Congress and ITS Florida Annual Meeting. The mission is to make it simple to recruit new members by having the benefits identified in bullet format on the back of the business card.

ITS Florida had eight (8) new member organizations join during 2008.

ITS America presented ITS Florida the 2008 State Chapter Awards' Certificate of Excellence for Organizational and Professional Development.

The ITS Florida Retreat was held in October 2008 in Jacksonville. During this retreat, the ITS Florida Strategic Plan was updated.

Transpo2008 was a resounding success and well received by all. There were over 350 in attendance and over 40 exhibitors. Professional Development Hour Certificates were presented to nearly 100 participants.

Awards were presented for:

- *ITS Florida Outstanding Achievement Awards*
- *ITS Florida Professional of the Year*
- *ITS Champion of the Year*

Honor Roll

Lap Hoang was inducted into the ITS Florida Honor Roll.

The ITS Florida website redesign is in progress. The Harrington Group will host, at no cost to ITS Florida, the website once it has been fully developed and tested. Development is ongoing and awaiting programming of the payment feature.

Generous contributions were received for the ITS Florida Scholarship. We thank our 2008 sponsors: Becks Consulting Group, Transcore and Metric Engineering.