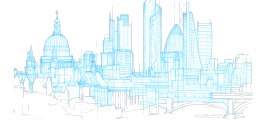




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**ICI 2024 PROGRAM**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 16**  
**BUILDING & TRADES**

**10:00 - 10:30 AM Break**

**10:30 - 11:00 AM**      **THE ILLINOIS TOLLWAY'S NEW HOFFMAN ESTATES  
MAINTENANCE FACILITY AND ITS SUSTAINABLE FEATURES**

Joseph Dragovich

Roadway Maintenance Manager

Joseph Dragovich serves as the Roadway Maintenance Manager for the Illinois Tollway, responsible for overseeing the 12 maintenance facilities spread out across the 294-mile Tollway system.

Roadway Maintenance, a unit of the Engineering Department, is responsible for all routine preventive maintenance on the Illinois Tollway system, as well as incident management and traffic operations.

The unit is responsible for responding to emergency situations, detecting and confirming incidents and communicating critical information to first responders, customers, media and Tollway staff.

Illinois Tollway maintenance facilities house the personnel, equipment and resources to maintain safe, efficient roadways for the Tollway's nearly 1.6 million daily drivers. That includes snow and ice control, incident management and working with Illinois State Police on various patrols and enforcement efforts, as well as general roadway maintenance activities.

Dragovich has been with the Illinois Tollway since 1998, starting as an equipment operator laborer and working his way up through increasing management responsibilities.

Mike Valentino, Consultant

Illinois Tollway

Mike Valentino currently serves as the Deputy Project Manager for the Illinois Tollway's General Engineering Consultant (GEC). Mike serves as a trusted advisor supporting the Illinois Tollway's delivery of the *Move Illinois* Capital Program.

Mike manages a diverse multi-disciplinary team of 15 consulting firms—working as a unified team with over 70 full-time staff members. He leads the GEC every day, fostering a personal and committed team while delivering tasks and projects for the Tollway.

Mike is an accomplished civil engineer and project manager with experience in transportation and construction oversight and design throughout Illinois, specializing in program and management. He has a passion for engineering excellence and believes the details play a big part in a project's success, regardless of size.

As Deputy Project Manager, Mike oversees all aspects of the GEC and is 100% dedicated to Tollway's success. Mike is responsible for the coordination across every GEC service, from setting design standards to overseeing field inspections.

In addition to serving as the Deputy Project Manager, Mike serves as the Systemwide Manager for the GEC, leading the day-to-day operations of systemwide planning, oversight of design and construction contracts, and problem solving for the \$1.4B state of good repair program.

Mike is a professional engineer in the State of Illinois and received his Masters in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Masters in Business Administration from Louisiana State University-Shreveport.

#### **11:00 - 11:30 AM** UNDERSTANDING TOOLS TO IMPROVE RELIABILITY

Devin Hugie  
CEO, Forum Reliability

Devin is currently the CEO and a Reliability Coach with Forum Reliability. Previously Devin was the Executive Director of Support Services for Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC). Prior to CHOC he was the Executive Director of Facilities and Support Services for Providence Little Company of Mary Torrance and San Pedro. Devin has spent many years serving national and state healthcare chapters. He spent over 10 years on the board of directors of the California Society for healthcare Engineers (CSHE) along with supporting the California Hospital Association (CHA) with other Committee and Advocacy efforts. Culminating in completing his term as President and CEO in 2019

Jeff Chermely  
Principal, Farnsworth Group

Jeff serves as the Architecture Group Leader assuming overall responsibility and leadership of the Company's national architecture practice and market studios. He joins Farnsworth Group after nearly 20 years at Perkins & Will, most recently serving as Director of Operations for its Denver office and leadership of more than 90 employees collaborating in providing project performance, quality control, and architecture practice leadership for various studios. Jeff's experience includes design services for a variety of building types including commercial/office, education, sports, science and technology, and healthcare.

#### **11:30 - 12:00 PM** CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (CDB) UPDATE

Jim Underwood  
Executive Director, CDB

Jim Underwood began a construction career as a Laborer pouring concrete on the construction of the Clinton Nuclear Power Station in 1976. He completed an apprenticeship with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers IBEW Local 146 Decatur in 1982 and worked 13 years as a journeyman wireman before becoming an assistant business manager/organizer with the local in 1995. Jim earned a BA in Labor Studies in 2000 and started a career in state government in 2001 as Division Chief of the Illinois Secretary of State's Physical Services Division building trades men and women. He was Personnel Manager at the Illinois Department of Corrections and then CEO of Correctional Industries before joining the Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB) as Deputy Director of Construction in 2008. Jim was Executive Director at CDB from 2011-2015 and after four years as the Chief Procurement Officer for the Illinois State Treasurer he returned to CDB as Executive Director in May of 2019.

### **12:00 - 1:30 PM LUNCH**

### **1:30 -2:30 PM Panel: Workforce Shortages in Unions, Labor & Trades**

Moderator David Koehler, IL Senate

David Koehler was born and raised in South Dakota. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Yankton College, in Yankton, South Dakota in 1971. Three years later, he received a Masters of Divinity from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. From 1972 to 1978, was a staff member of the National Farm Worker Ministry (NFWM), working on behalf of migrant farm workers. Upon moving to Peoria in 1978, became a community organizer, and later, the program manager for Peoria Friendship House. He was elected to the Illinois Senate in 2006 and promoted to Majority Caucus Whip in 2018 and Assistant Majority Leader in 2019. He is married with three daughters, two sons-in-law, and one daughter-in-law. He is also the happy grandfather of three granddaughters and one grandson.

Jimmy Dillon, Chair, Peoria County Bd

Jimmy Dillon was first elected to the Peoria County Board in 2006. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Marquette University and attended the Les Aspin Center for Government. A member of Plumbers Local 63, Jimmy is the Associate Director at West Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council.

James has been involved with township government since 2001, serving first as a trustee and then as Township Clerk in West Peoria through 2016. In 2013 Jimmy received the Charles C. Schlink Memorial Good Government Award from the Peoria Jaycees for his leadership as a Peoria County Board Member, township official, and advocate for good government.

A leader in local government, Dillon takes very seriously his role as representative and weighs carefully how policies will affect his constituents before making decisions. An avid supporter of the community, Dillon currently serves as Secretary for the Friends of Fatherless Boys and has participated as a runner in the St. Jude Memphis to Peoria Fundraiser for more than 15 years, among many other service activities.

**Roger Huebner, Exec VP, CIB**

Roger Huebner joined Central Illinois Builders in early 2016 as Director of Labor Relations and was named Executive Vice President effective January 1, 2018. His responsibilities encompass the overall operation and daily affairs of the association, serving on several industry and educational advisory boards and committees. Roger brings an exceptionally strong background and perspective for negotiating labor agreements, grievances, and providing expertise in pensions and benefits. Before coming on board with CIB, Roger had a distinguished 28-year career as Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel at the Illinois Municipal League.

**Mr. Michael Kleinik, Fmr. Dir., Illinois Department of Labor**

Director Kleinik has dedicated his life to public service, beginning with his work as a deputy sheriff, followed by his years in the labor movement, and most recently as director of the Illinois Department of Labor," said Governor JB Pritzker. "Mike has been a valued member of the administration since my first year in office and has served the people of Illinois tirelessly. On behalf of a grateful state, I wish him a heartfelt congratulations on his well-deserved retirement." "It has been a pleasure working for the Illinois Department of Labor and Pritzker administration for the last three years," said IDOL Director Michael Kleinik. "I am proud of the efforts of the IDOL staff and the results delivered to the people of Illinois, particularly during the uncertainty of COVID. I am confident the department will be in good hands going forward."

Kleinik first entered public service in 1979 when he served as a deputy sheriff in Bond County. He went on to be elected Fayette County sheriff twice before accepting the role of Field Supervisor Midwest Region Foundation for the Fair Contracting Midwest Region Laborers' District Council. During Kleinik's career, he served as Chief of Staff for IDOL as well as Executive Director of the Medical Cannabis Alliance of Illinois.

**2:30 - 3:00 PM Break**

**5:00-7:00 PM COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

**5:00-8:00 PM EXECUTIVE SUMMIT**

**Chaired by Pres. Don Harmon, IL Senate, Mt. Hawley CC**

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**10:00 - 10:30 AM**

**BREAK**

**10:30 - 11:00 AM**

**SUSTAINABLE MODELING RESEARCH FOR BUILDINGS**

Austin Powell

Research Specialist, US Army

Mr. Austin Powell is an IT Specialist at the US Army's Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) - Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL). His work has focused on software development of the Utilities component of an Army decision support tool known as the Sustainment Management System (SMS). The SMS suite of tools is used by the Department of Defense and other Federal agencies to assess over 1 billion square feet of facilities and other infrastructure, measure key performance indicators, and determine sustainment, restoration, and modernization investments to keep assets in adequate working condition

**11:00 - 11:30 AM**

**3D PRINTING OF STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS**

Mike Harrell

Vice President, Applied Research Associates

Mike Harrell is a member of the Pavements & Materials board for ICI. Mike is the VP that manages ARA Transportation Infrastructure Division and operations in Illinois along with other states. He is known across Illinois and with other companies across the Midwest.

**11:30 - 1:00 AM**

**STUDENT SUMMIT**

Amir Al-Khafaji, Chair