

COMTO Connections

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CHAPTER ELECTS NEW GOVERNING BOARD

The Fort Lauderdale COMTO Chapter election results were announced June 27th, 2012. The Chapter would like to thank Ms. Marcia Williams and the entire election committee for their hard work! Results are as follows:



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Planning Manager President



Second Vice President: Vasti **Amaro Keolis Transit** America, **Senior Vice**

Recently the Fort Lauderdale Chapter elected a new board for the 2012-2014 term. Two

new board positions were added bringing the total number of board members to seven.

Nearly 100% chapter member participation made the elections a success. The board-

elect was honored at a installation ceremony July 16th. Mistress of Ceremonies Sheryl

Dickey, CEO, Dickey Consulting Services, Inc., kicked off the event by chronicling the

chapter's achievements in its past four years. COMTO National Board Chair Roosevelt

Bradley presided over the ceremony, and keynote speaker and COMTO National Board

Member Frank Martin offered inspiring oratory and reminded the audience of COMTO's

humble beginnings and need for a forward-thinking future. Several key transportation

leaders were in attendance, including SFRTA Executive Director Joseph Giulietti, who

awarded several past Chapter officials for their dedication and service. The new board

looks forward to exciting opportunities for COMTO Fort Lauderdale over the next two



Treasurer: Stephen Anderson SFRTA, Transportation **Planner**

Secretary:

Carolina

Barbosa

SFRTA,

Records

Manager



Board Member At-Large: Genevieve Bajwa SFRTA. Marketing **Assistant**



Board Member At-Large: Ann McNeill MCO Construction & Services. President



Frank T. Martin, Secretary/Treasurer **COMTO National with Loraine Cargill,** Chapter Vice President and Joseph Giulietti, Chapter Immediate Past President



The 41st COMTO NATIONAL CONFERENCE: A Memorable Experience in the Mile-High City

Denver, CO —Members of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter recently attended COMTO's 41st National Meeting and Training Conference in Denver last month. The conference, held every year, made investing in the workforce its theme this year and definitely left all attendees inspired and with a renewed sense of COMTO purpose. Over 400 members attended workshops, technical tours, HUB and networking events and vendor exhibits sharing best practices and other relevant industry experiences with their peers in the four-day conference held at the Embassy Suites in Downtown Denver. The COMTO Colorado State chapter as host did not disappoint, offering a Jazz Festival and several other remarkable events that added some Western flair for all. Key events such as the plenary sessions, keynoted by DeForrest "Buster" Soaries added humor to an important message. Other events such as the CITY Roundtable allowed COMTO's CITY Interns access and one-on-one time with industry leaders ranging the wide spectrum. The **Legislative Breakfast** enlightened attendees on the latest happenings nationally, including MAP-21, transportation safety, Denver's ambitious FasTracks plan as well as a look into the future.

The Florida Chapters (Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Central Fla, Jacksonville), in anticipation of next year's conference in Jacksonville, sponsored a well-attended reception with a beach attire theme. The **Industry Awards Banquet** surely increased competitiveness for next year among Chapters as COMTO Philadelphia and COMTO Maryland seemingly took home the great majority of awards.

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter would like to offer a sincere thank you to the SFRTA for an unprecedented level of support of our youth; the agency has consistently shown dedication and commitment to COMTO at all levels.







A SHOW OF STATE UNITY: Chapter President Matthews and Chapter Secretary Barbosa at National Conference with fellow COMTO Florida **Chapter Members** at Conference's Florida Reception Event.





SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON DIGNITARIES: Federal Transit Administrator Peter Rogoff delivered encouragement to our young people among other things at the annual COMTO National Conference Scholarship Luncheon. He is pictured (L to R) Denver RTD CEO, Phil Washington, Dr. Tracey Besselieu, VP of People Engagement at PB and Raynard Hughes, Immediate Past President of the "Chapter of the Year" COMTO Philadelphia.

2011-2015 COMTO National Strategic Goals: