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CTAA Announces 2022 Regional Board of Director Election Results

Washington, D.C. – September 16, 2022. The Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) is pleased to announce the following results from its 2022 Regional Board of Director Elections: Heidi Wenzel, to serve as the Great Lakes Regional Board Member; David Rhew to serve as the Southeast Regional Board Member; and Andrew Sharp to serve as the Upper Midwest Regional Board Member. In addition to these newly elected Board Members, Jacklyn Montgomery and Bruce Simms were re-elected to serve the Western and Mid-Atlantic regions, respectively. All were elected to three-year terms.

“I am excited to welcome Heidi, David and Andy onto our Board of Directors,” said CTAA’s Executive Director Scott Bogren. “Each of these new Regional Board members provide operational experience and real-world leadership that will enhance our insight into how to best support our member agencies. I look forward to working closely with them, along with Jacklyn and Bruce, to continue serving our more than 1,200 members around the country.”

Heidi Wenzel is the Director of Ionia Dial-A-Ride in Ionia, Michigan and has served as CTAA’s state delegate since 2018. She has led multiple projects to bring equality and sustainability to the transit workforce and increase efficiencies in the industry. She regularly meets with policy-makers to ensure transit voices are elevated in order to bring mobility to more community members. “I am truly honored to have been elected to the CTAA Board of Directors to represent the Great Lakes Region,” said Wenzel. “I look forward to the opportunity to work with so many great transit professionals and to be the voice that brings their unique ideas to a national platform. I am excited to work with the staff at CTAA along with industry leaders on the Board to find new ways to ensure our communities have the resources and access they need and deserve. CTAA has always been a great advocate for our systems and I am proud to be a part of the driving force that will continue to propel our industry into the future.”

David Rhew is the Executive Director of the North Carolina Public Transit Association and has significantly bolstered the Association’s role in the state. Prior to joining the public transit association, Rhew has more than 30 years of leadership, relationship development and communications experience in both the public and private

sector. "I'm honored and humbled to serve on behalf of my colleagues in the Southeast region," said Rhew. "I look forward to serving them and the CTAA board."

Andrew Sharp serves as the Operations Manager for River Cities Public Transit in Pierre, SD. Sharp has years of hands-on experience in rural transit operations — from serving as a driver to developing public safety initiatives, fleet procurement and contract negotiations. He has been a Certified CTAA PASS Trainer for the last five years and has trained more than 100 drivers and dispatchers in PASS across North and South Dakota. "I thank everyone who has awarded me this opportunity," said Sharp. "I'm very excited for the opportunity to assist CTAA in accomplishing the Associations' goals. I am even more excited to represent the agencies so they can focus on what they do best: public transportation."

Bruce Simms is the CEO of Virginia Regional Transit and has more than 28 years of experience in the transit industry, including both bus and airline management. He chairs the CTAA Board's Training and Certification Committee and also serves on the Finance Committee. "I am grateful and honored to be elected to another term and have the opportunity to serve CTAA and its members," said Simms. "The next few years will prove to be pivotal for transit and I look forward to have the chance to work with and share ideas to secure a solid future for our riders."

Jacklyn Montgomery is the Executive Director of the California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT) in Sacramento, Calif., and has more than 28 years of experience managing transportation programs. She serves on CTAA's Legislative, Finance and Training Committees. "I am so excited to be reelected to the Board of Directors for the Community Transportation Association of America to assist in engaging members in the western region to better connect with CTAA training programs and events," said Cuddy. "The last three years I have learned a lot about CTAA and hope to use my experience to increase the visibility and success of CTAA services."

The Board and staff at CTAA would like to thank the following Board members for their service to the Association: Dan Wedge, Robert Hiett and JoAnn Hutchinson. "Each of these individuals provided quality leadership and expertise to CTAA," says Bogren. "We appreciate their commitment to CTAA."

The Community Transportation Association, established in 1989, is a national non-profit, membership association committed to removing barriers to isolation and improving mobility for all people. The Association provides informational resources, technical assistance, training and certification, and many additional resources to communities, transportation providers, and other groups to increase mobility and improve the quality of community and public transportation.