

We are pleased to announce that James E. Roots joined the IHB as General Manager on February 26, 2007. Jim brings over 37 years of railroad operations expertise with him to the IHB. He began his railroad career at the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as a clerk and then as a yardmaster and Assistant Trainmaster. He served as Trainmaster, Terminal Trainmaster and Terminal Superintendent at the BOCT in Chicago and a Terminal Manager in Cumberland, Maryland. Mr. Roots held a variety of positions with CSX Transportation, including Manager of Yard Studies, Superintendent Terminal Quality, Superintendent Operations and served as Division Superintendent of CSX's Chicago Division. He also worked at CSX's headquarters in Jacksonville as Superintendent of Service Design, General Manager of Service Planning and Assistant Vice President of Service Design. For the last three years, Jim has done consulting work in service design, planning and operations.

Mr. Roots is from Cincinnati, Ohio and attended Southern Ohio Business College and the University of Cincinnati and served our country in the U.S. Navy for four years.

He and his wife Linda have two children, Ethan, 29, who works at CSX in Cincinnati and Jessica age 25. Jim and Linda welcomed their first grandchild, Cameron, on September 11, 2006.

Please welcome Jim to the IHB family.