

## **MAASTO Intermodal Freight Summit – Private Sector Panelist Biographies**

### **Mark A. Bristol**

Assistant Vice President, Network Development, Union Pacific Railroad

Mark is currently Assistant Vice President, Network Development responsible for Franchise Development, Strategic Projects with other railroads and Union Pacific's partnerships with Public Agencies. He joined UP in 1989 and has held a variety of positions within the Finance and Operating departments with responsibility for Resource / Capacity Planning, and Performance Measurements.

Mark also held several positions at the Chicago Transit Authority from 1985 to 1987 with responsibility for bus route planning on the city's north side.

Mark holds a Bachelor's Degree in economics from Wheaton College (IL) and a Masters of Management from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University. He and his wife Dianne have three children.

### **Mike Mitchell**

General Manager, Denton Cartage (Trucking Firm)

Mike Mitchell currently works as the general manager at Denton Cartage Inc., a family owned and operated intermodal carrier that transports goods at a local, regional and national level. As a senior manager, Mike is responsible for leading team members in the development and implementation of effective operational strategies, thus making him an integral part of the organization's daily operations.

Mike has been working in the trucking industry since 1979 when he first began his career as a driver for Denton Cartage. In his free time, Mike enjoys spending time with his family especially his Grandchildren, watching sports (Go Hawks! Go Cubs!) And cruising around on his motorcycle. (When Chicago weather permits of course).

### **Ognen Stojanovski**

Policy and Government Relations, Otto

Ognen Stojanovski leads the policy team at Otto, a start-up committed to rethinking commercial trucking, making it safer and more efficient. Since Otto's acquisition by Uber in late 2016, Ognen's role has expanded to include other projects within Uber's Advanced Technologies Group. He has a diverse background in law and engineering, including roles as the head of a start-up that developed LiDAR sensors and a corporate lawyer for a global law firm. Ognen's earliest experience with self-driving vehicles was through competing in the first DARPA Grand Challenge in 2004. Ognen also holds a research appointment at Stanford University in the Program on Energy and Sustainable Development.

### **Delbert R. Wilkins**

Vice President of Northern Operations and Business Development, Canal Barge Company, Inc.

Del Wilkins was appointed Vice President, Northern Operations and Business Development for Canal Barge Company, Inc., a U.S. flag marine transportation and management services company headquartered in New Orleans, Louisiana, in June, 2007. After joining the company in 2007, Mr. Wilkins relocated to Chicago, IL. He was instrumental in the growth of Canal Terminal Company and was a key organizer in the acquisition of Illinois Marine Towing in 2008; and currently serves as its President. Mr. Wilkins is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a business concentration and Northwestern University's Transportation Center.

Before coming to Canal Barge Company, Mr. Wilkins worked in Executive Leadership Roles with CSX Corporation, American Commercial Lines, LLC, and National Marine, Inc., starting his career with Dravo Corporation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. During his tenure at ACL, Del served as President and Executive Director of ACBL Hidrovias, S.A. and ACBL of Venezuela, S.A. He spent 14 years in South America in the area of Project Start-Up and Infrastructure Development in Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, and Venezuela. Further, he has accomplished exploratory and consulting missions on the inland river systems of Europe, China, and Africa.

Mr. Wilkins held a First Class Operators license on the U.S. inland waterway system. He is also actively involved in industry affairs while serving as a board member of Wintrust Bank's, Beverly Bank & Trust, N.A., Chicago, IL; the American Waterways Operators Association, Washington D.C.; and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce Infrastructure Council, Chicago, IL.