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Changes are coming as the ITS Council will be transitioning to IEEE Society status on January 1, of 2005. As a result, the new ITS Society will have individual members and no longer have Society members. The members of the new Society AdCom will be elected from the present Society representatives but these individuals will serve the members and not represent a Society. The next ITS AdCom meeting will be in October (3rd) at the ITS Conference in Washington, DC.

Financially the Council is sound, but will face new challenges as it transitions to a Society and needs to recruit members. Income for the Society will be from membership, conferences and Transactions. The Transactions is printed 4 times a year and a newsletter is sent via email quarterly.

The Council sponsors two conferences Intelligent Vehicles Symposium and the Intelligent Transportation Systems Conference. This years IV conference was very successful with 280 attendees and was held in Parma, Italy. The ITS Conference will be held October 3-6 in Washington, DC. Information on the Conference is available at www.itsc2004.org. I am the General Chair of ITSC 2004.

So this is the last report from Bob and I as AESS reps to the ITS Council. I also serve as the VP Conferences for the Council and will continue in this role next year. While AESS will no longer have a financial investment in the Council through our membership, we should explore possible ways to partner on Conferences and other activities, e.g. joint chapters.