

## **ISM Appoints Five New Regional Representatives**

Mary Ellen Bennard, the new president of ISM has appointed, and the Executive Committee has approved, five new regional representatives to the ISM board.

- Apefa Ashiagbor, Assistant Commissioner for MIS (CIO), Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance was appointed Representative to Region One which includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Ms. Ashiagbor replaces Lou Polzella from Connecticut who was elected to the ISM Executive Committee as First Vice President.
- Richard Siemer, Deputy Commissioner/CIO Management Information, New York City Human Resources Administration was appointed Representative to Region Two which includes New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Mr. Siemer replaces Gail Adams from New York State who was elected to the ISM Executive Committee as Treasurer.
- Robert H. Martin, Director, Bureau of Information Technology Services, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Enterprise Services was appointed Representative to Region Five which includes Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Mr. Martin replaces Denise Webb from Wisconsin who resigned.
- Todd Bright, Assistant Director and CIO, Arizona Department of Economic Security was appointed Representative to Region Nine which includes Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Guam, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and American Samoa. Mr. Bright replaces Meg Sheldon from California who resigned.
- Rick Howard, Chief Information Officer, Oregon Department of Human Services was appointed Representative to Region Ten which includes Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Mr. Howard replaces Dawn Tatman from Washington State who resigned.

Ms. Bennard said, "The three regional representatives who resigned will be missed, but it can be difficult to juggle increasing work responsibilities and volunteer activities, and I understand their need to move on. Denise and Meg had been regional representatives on the ISM board for numerous years and were integral parts of the ISM Conference planning team. I am sure they will all stay involved with ISM as time permits." Mary Ellen continues, "At the same time I am also excited about the five new regional representatives who all bring a lot of talent and enthusiasm to the ISM board."

The 2009 ISM Conference will be held in Chicago, IL from August 30 through September 2, 2009. Mark you calendar now. This conference is not to be missed.