

# Dayna R. Brown

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1100 Crooked Stick Lane, Normal, IL 61761 (309) 261-4089

## Highlights of Qualifications

- More than 17 years of experience working for daily newspapers.
- Seven years working in Communications/Community Relations.
- Eight years of experience as an education writer covering K-12 schools.
- Five years in media and community relations for large school district.
- Excellent writing, layout, editing and Web skills.
- Strong knowledge of media and education trends, the Illinois public school system, the Illinois Freedom of Information Act and crisis communication

## Experience

### Education background

- Responsible for daily and crisis media relations for one of the largest school districts in Illinois.
- Represent Unit 5 on community organizations, including Unity Center, BN Parents, BNCCC, Not in Our Town, Promise Councils, and Back to School Alliance
- Excellent knowledge of curriculum, budgets, agendas and other routine school district matters, as well as crisis communication issues
- Volunteer with parent-teacher organizations, including serving as president.
- Served two years as a member of the Unit 5 Citizens Advisory Committee.

### Newspaper background

- An editor for the largest Illinois newspaper outside the Chicago area, circulating more than 65,000 daily.
- Responsible for supervising the City Desk staff of 15 reporters, including assigning stories, attending planning meetings for the content of the paper, helping develop projects and working with the public on issues of concern.
- Regularly required to meet daily and long-term deadlines.
- Assist reporters in goal setting, developing strategies to meet their goals and in evaluating the finished product.

### Volunteer background

- Parent Teacher Organization – Volunteer, Committee Member and Officer
- Illinois Fusion Soccer – Tournament Committee and Team Manager
- Normal West Soccer – Parent Organizer
- Chess organizer – Volunteered with Prairieland, Parkside Jr. and Normal West chess clubs, as well as with the Bloomington-Normal Area Scholastic Chess.
- Moses Montefiore Temple – Volunteer on various committees

## Employment History

2008-present - Unit 5 Schools, Normal, IL - Media and Community Relations  
1998-2013 - Bradley University, Peoria, IL - Student Newspaper Advisor  
1991-2008 - Peoria Journal Star, Peoria, IL - Reporter-Assistant City Editor  
2006-2008 - Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL - Journalism Instructor

## Education

Bradley University, Peoria, IL

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, minor in News Writing and minor in Creative Writing, 1992
- Master of Liberal Studies, expected graduation December 2015

Public transportation is of crucial importance to the health of our city. I want to help bridge the gap between Connect Transit and our school-age students. Growing up in Chicago and relying on public transportation daily, I understand its significance. I want to work together to develop ways to educate our students and families on the benefits and availability of public transportation in Bloomington-Normal. As a communications specialist with access to almost 14,000 students and nearly 2,000 employees, I believe I can contribute to the promotion of Connect Transit.

Connect Transit

Community Transportation Advisory Committee Application

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Name WILLIAM T. BROWN

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ NORMAL

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation RETIRED - ILL. STATE UNIVERSITY

(If retired, please indicate so and include your former occupation)

Present Employer N/A

Business Address N/A

Business Phone N/A

Preferred Mailing Address: Home  Business \_\_\_\_\_ (Check only one)

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STATISTICAL INFORMATION:

Age Group: 18-34 \_\_\_\_\_ 35-60 \_\_\_\_\_ Over 60 X

Gender MALE Race BLACK Community NORMAL

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TO GIVE IDEAS AND CONCERNS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND TO OFFER MY OWN SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT IF NEEDED. MY MAIN CONCERN IS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

Name William T. Brown

Qualifications for appointment:

COMMUNITY MEMBER SINCE 1977

GRADUATE LEADERSHIP McKEAN COUNTY

TOWN OF NORMAL HUMAN RELATION COMMISSIONER

TOWN OF NORMAL POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION (PAST)

Volunteer Experience and Other Community Involvement:

PAST PRESIDENT CULTURAL FESTIVAL INC.

Phi BETA SIGMA INC FRATERNITY

VARIOUS VOLUNTEERING: HOME SWEET HOME, MIDWEST FOOD BANK, HABITAT WOMENS BUILD, ETC.

\*Your Signature W T B (William T. Brown)

\*Date 2-3-2015

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Name Mary L. Casley

Home Address Normal, IL

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation Retired Township Supervisor & Case Worker  
(If retired, please indicate so and include your former occupation)

Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: Home  Business \_\_\_\_\_ (Check only one)

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Gender F Race Caucasian Community \_\_\_\_\_

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I served on the (S-NPTS) Connect Transit Board and I have a continuing interest in having the local transit system grow and serve our population more efficiently.

Name Mary L. Casley

Qualifications for appointment:

1. Prior Service on Board
2. Interested in working with underserved individuals
3. Former Normal Twp Supervisor and Unit #5 School Board Member

Volunteer Experience and Other Community Involvement:

Currently - LWN - Homelessness study committee  
- serve on McLean County Board  
Additionally - previously served on Community Health Care Clinic Board and as Chairman

\*Your Signature Mary L. Casley

\*Date February 24, 2015

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Name Janet M. Hood

Home Address Bloomington, IL 61702

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation Coordinator, Govt Affairs & Property Manager

(If retired, please indicate so and include your former occupation)

Present Employer Advocate BroMenn Medical Center

Business Address 13011 Franklin Ave, Normal, IL 61761

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business  (Check only one)

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*As a healthcare professional, I interact with individuals needing to use public transportation to get to work, school + appointment. I am also the mother of a special needs son who uses public transportation to travel around town. So on many fronts, I have a deep interest in the transit system: operations, programs, + services.*

Name Janet M. Hood

Qualifications for appointment:

See attached - brief bio

Volunteer Experience and Other Community Involvement:

See attached - brief bio

\*Your Signature Janet M. Hood

\*Date 2/24/15

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## *Janet M. Hood*

Janet Hood is Coordinator of Government Affairs and Property Services for Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, a not-for-profit healthcare organization in Normal, IL. She has professional experience in the areas of healthcare, clinical research management, government/regulatory affairs, property and project management. Janet received a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Eureka College, and a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in Health Care Management from Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, IN. She is a member in the American College of Health Care Executives.

Janet serves as Vice Chair of the Town of Normal Zoning Board of Appeals and is Secretary of the YWCA of McLean County Board of Directors. She is Past-President of the Heartland Community College Alumni Association, McLean County Republican Women, McLean County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division, and the Vladimir-Canterbury Sister City Association of Bloomington-Normal. Janet has served on the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity of McLean County, Heartland Community College Alumni Association, Heartland Community College Foundation, Multicultural Leadership Program, Collaborative Solutions Institute, McLean County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Illinois, Prairie Aviation Museum, McLean County Unit #5 Citizens Advisory Council Board, and McLean County Republican Party Executive Committee. She is a member of the McLean County Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee and League of Women Voters.

She also represents her community by involvement in the Heartland Community College Business Advisory Committee. Janet is a graduate of the Town of Normal Civic Academy, Leadership Illinois, Multicultural Leadership Program, and is a Lincoln Series Fellow.

Janet was named a Woman of Distinction in Volunteer Services by the YWCA. She also received the ATHENA® Award from the McLean County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division. Janet is a mother, grandmother, and in her spare time enjoys learning about family history.

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Name EVELYN LaCROIX JOHNSON (zip code)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ (61701)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ -1

Email Address I don't have one.

Occupation Retired Educator, High School for 40 yrs.  
(If retired, please indicate so and include your former occupation)

Present Employer Not applicable

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: Home  Business  (Check only one)

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Gender Female Race 2 or more Community Bloomington, Ind.

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Explain why you are interested in serving on the Connect Transit Community Transportation Advisory Committee and how you feel you can contribute to the organization:

\* As a ten year Resident of Bloomington (Ill.), and a native of New Orleans, (I'm a "Katrina Evacuee"), I am familiar with the "positives" and "negatives" of Urban transportation. I am a frequent Connect Transit passenger primarily during the Spring through Autumn months.  
\* For quite some time, I have hoped to find a channel through which I could express my views, etc.

Name Evelyn La Croix Johnson

Qualifications for appointment:

I taught Social Studies for 40 years - in New Orleans. That included Sociology and Economics, both of which explain how urban transportation - public, vehicles - originated, affect communities, their needs, etc.

Volunteer Experience and Other Community Involvement: @ Wood Hill Towers, where I reside, I am an officer of the Reside Council and am very active in it. @ Via the YWCA, I am a Volunteer in Faith In Action.

\*Your Signature Evelyn La Croix Johnson

\*Date March 14, 2015

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Name Douglas E. Minter (Doug)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation Vice President of Business Services

(If retired, please indicate so and include your former occupation)

Present Employer Heartland Community College

Business Address 1500 W. Raab Rd., Normal, IL 61761

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business X (Check only one)

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Gender Male Race White Community \_\_\_\_\_

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Explain why you are interested in serving on the Connect Transit Community Transportation Advisory Committee and how you feel you can contribute to the organization:

Would like to advocate for large and diverse population of Heartland Community College student body & employees; and I am a 35-year resident of the Bloomington-Normal Community. (Just moved to Hudson in November.)

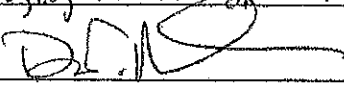
Name Douglas E. Minter (Doug)

Qualifications for appointment:

- Undergrad & graduate degrees from ISU
- Over 20 years at Heartland Community College in multiple positions

Volunteer Experience and Other Community Involvement:

- Founder of inline hockey league '96-'98
- Youth hockey (ice) coach ~ 2007-2014
- Member/Managing Director on Central Illinois Regional Broadband Network (CIRBN) board

\*Your Signature 

\*Date 2/13/15

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Name Mike O'Grady

Home Address HUDSON, IL. 61748

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone 309-275-7042

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation Vice President

(If retired, please indicate so and include your former occupation)

Present Employer Economic Development

Business Address 200 W College Ave Suite 402, Normal, IL.

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (1741)

Preferred Mailing Address: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business  (Check only one)

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Public Transportation is CRITICAL to our communities future, if it can help to improve + grow our system our quality of life improves

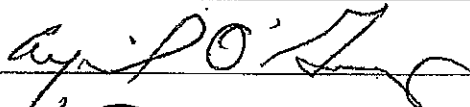
Name Mike O'Grady

Qualifications for appointment:

I was the Director of Transportation @ Illinois State Univ  
oversight of 300 vehicle, maint, purchase. staff of 5

Volunteer Experience and Other Community Involvement:

Board member of Ecology Action Center  
" " Parklands Foundation  
" " ILC Green Business Association

\*Your Signature 

\*Date 8/10/15

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Name Steve Petrilli

Qualifications for appointment:

16 yrs law enforcement exp (Current Assistant Chief of Police)  
B.S. Illinois State University / Graduate Northwestern  
University School of Police Staff and Command.

Volunteer Experience and Other Community Involvement:

President Board of Directors - Tri Valley Summer baseball league  
Vice President Board of Directors - Rt 150 Vikings Football org  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

\*Your Signature Steve Petrilli

\*Date 2/13/15

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Name MAT POPPE

Home Address NORMAL, IL 61761

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone SAME

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation BUSINESS ANALYST

(If retired, please indicate so and include your former occupation)

Present Employer STATE FARM

Business Address 112 E WASHINGTON ST, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: Home  Business \_\_\_\_\_ (Check only one)

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Gender MALE Race WHITE Community \_\_\_\_\_

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I'M A REGULAR BUS/BIKE USER AND COMMUTER. I WOULD LIKE THE CHANCE TO ADVOCATE FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT AMONG MY PEERS AS WELL AS REPRESENT THE NEEDS OF DOWNTOWN PROFESSIONALS FOR THE COMMITTEE.

Name MATT POTTE

Qualifications for appointment:

I HAVE NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS TYPE OF  
VOLUNTEERISM

Volunteer Experience and Other Community Involvement:

MEMBER AND REGULAR VOLUNTEER FOR CLEAR VIEW CHURCH,  
STATE FARM ACTIVITIES VOLUNTEER, ST JUDE FUNDRAISER,  
PATRON / SUPPORTER OF BLOOD EVENTS / BUSINESSES

\*Your Signature MTP

\*Date 2-27-15

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Name MIKE RAIKES

Home Address BLOOMINGTON 61701

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone 617 400 1111

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation ELECTRICIAN

(If retired, please indicate so and include your former occupation)

Present Employer IBEW 197

Business Address 2407 BEICH RD SUITE A

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: Home  Business \_\_\_\_\_ (Check only one)

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STATICAL INFORMATION:

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Gender MALE Race CAUCASIAN Community BLOOMINGTON

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To help increase public participation using Public Transportation.  
I can help by talking to members of the community about  
the benefits of using public transportation.

Name MIKE RAIKES

**Qualifications for appointment:**

Resident in city of Bloomington. Able to communicate with public and other members of the Board effectively.

**Volunteer Experience and Other Community Involvement:**

Building BOARD OF APPEALS - CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
EASTER SEALS - TELETHON / WALK WITH ME  
RED CROSS - VOLUNTEER AT BLOOD DRIVES

\*Your Signature Mike Raikes

\*Date 2/18/15

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Name Jim Rosenlund

Home Address Bloomington, IL 61704

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address Jim.Rosenlund@llh.com

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Occupation Commercial Loan Officer

(If retired, please indicate so and include your former occupation)

Present Employer Heartland Bank

Business Address 401 N Hershey Rd. Bloomington IL 61704

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business X (Check only one)

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See Attached

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2/26/15

I am an individual who has served on several non-profit boards in town. I currently am the 2016-2017 Normal Rotary President, on the board of directors for the Boys & Girls Club, Evening of Stars budget committee, and am on the planning team for CIDSO's annual golf outing fundraiser. Most recently I served on the Board of Directors for ABC Counseling Services and co-chaired the Bloomington-Normal's Got Talent event that was put on for the benefit of the Boys and Girls club.

I currently am a commercial loan officer with Heartland Bank & Trust. I have been with the company for twelve years where I was originally hired as a teller while attending Illinois State University where I obtained my B.S. in Finance. After graduation I worked in our Credit Analysis department where I would eventually run the department.

After reading your article in the Pantagraph I felt that this is a worthwhile cause where my knowledge of finance/accounting could be leveraged.

Sincerely,



Jim Rosenlund  
Loan Officer - AVP

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Name Michael Salzberger

Home Address 1411 ...

Home Phone ... Cell Phone ...

Email Address ...

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Occupation retired grain elevator manager

(If retired, please indicate so and include your former occupation)

Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: Home  Business \_\_\_\_\_ (Check only one)

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McLean County Wheelers Officer



Name Michael Schzberger

Qualifications for appointment:

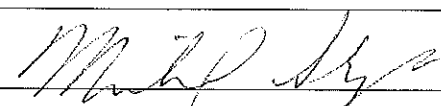
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Volunteer Experience and Other Community Involvement:

President Mclean County Wheelers

\*Your Signature 

\*Date 3-2-15

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Name Noha Shawki

Home Address , Bloomington, IL 61701

Home Phone Cell Phone

Email Address

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Occupation Professor

(If retired, please indicate so and include your former occupation)

Present Employer Illinois State University

Business Address Campus Box 4600, Normal, IL, 61790-4600

Business Phone

Preferred Mailing Address: Home x Business (Check only one)

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Gender F Race Community

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I have lived in Bloomington since 2007 and have been a regular bus commuter since then. I strongly believe in the benefits of public transportation, and I have used public transportation in different communities I have lived for many years. For these reasons, I believe I am in a good position to serve the community as a member of CTAC and would welcome the opportunity to be considered for a position on the CTAC.

Name Noha Shawki

**Qualifications for appointment:**

Excellent organizational and administrative skills; excellent communication  
skills; public transit user

**Volunteer Experience and Other Community Involvement:**

- Habitat for Humanity of McLean County Office Volunteer (2008-2013)
- Co-director, Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies program (ISU)
- Faculty Co-chair, American Democracy Project (ISU)

\*Your Signature Noha Shawki

\*Date 2/7/15

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Name Shannon Tarkowski

Home Address Normal IL 61761

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation Volunteer Coordinator

(If retired, please indicate so and include your former occupation)

Present Employer McLean County Nursing Home

Business Address 901 N. Main St. Normal IL 61761

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business  (Check only one)

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STATISTICAL INFORMATION:

Age Group: 18-34  35-60 \_\_\_\_\_ Over 60 \_\_\_\_\_

Gender Female Race white Community \_\_\_\_\_

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Explain why you are interested in serving on the Connect Transit Community Transportation Advisory Committee and how you feel you can contribute to the organization:

please see attached document

Name Shannon Tarkowski

Qualifications for appointment:

please see attached document

Volunteer Experience and Other Community Involvement:

please see attached document.

\*Your Signature Shannon Tarkowski

\*Date 2/20/15

Please return this form to:

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**Explain why you are interested in serving on the Connect Transit Community Transportation Advisory Committee and how you feel you can contribute to the organization:**

I grew up in Normal Illinois, and my family relied heavily on public transportation as my mother is blind. I also have experience with public transportation systems in New York and Chicago (10 years combined). I believe that public transportation is an important service for any community and I agree with the CTAC's goal of making riding public transportation a better experience for all.

I have connections within the disability community I can use to gather participation and provide education. My work at McLean County Nursing Home includes using a variety of transportation options here in our community (including Connect Transit/Mobility) to get our residents to and from doctor appointments.

**Qualifications for appointment:**

I have 20+ years of experience using public transportation systems both here and in Chicago and New York; I relied solely on public transportation in Chicago and New York/New Jersey to get around. Those experiences would help the CTAC in discussions about expansions, fares and/or route changes.

I can serve as a member representing a variety of interest groups as indicated in my first response (non- or occasional users of Public Transportation, the elderly and disabled who use Connect Mobility).

I have held official and unofficial leadership roles in all positions in my career and my organization, good communication skills, and survey experience would all help in building rapport and generating interest in our community to support and use public transportation.

**Volunteer experience and other community involvement:**

I held 3 elected positions in my Service Sorority in college (Scrapbook chair, Vice President & President). I spent 3 years working with Habitat for Humanity building homes in Rock Island, IL, and also went on a Build Break for Spring Break in 2004 to New Orleans to build homes for Katrina victims. I have been involved with LIFE Center for Independent Living for many years (10+), both as an employee (Personal Assistant Driver) and by being to provide support as necessary; I'm currently working with them on their upcoming Wheelchair Basketball game.

Since returning to Normal in May, 2014, I have worked for 2 Non-Profit organizations; first as an In-Person Counselor helping educate our community about the Affordable Care Act and apply for Medicaid/Health Insurance, and now as the Volunteer Coordinator for McLean County Nursing Home. At MCNH, I interact with seniors and recruit volunteers to escort residents to and from their medical appointments. Working with these volunteers has opened my eyes to the variety of transportation options available in the community and the pros and cons of each.