

Wenbo Zhu, Applicant for Student Member position of COTA

Wenbo Zhu is currently a graduate student in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at the University of Washington (UW). Wenbo has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, and another bachelor's degree in economics from Tsinghua University (2013). Wenbo is now working as a research assistant in the Smart Transportation Applications and Research Laboratory (STAR Lab) at the UW. During his undergraduate study at Tsinghua University, Wenbo participated in several research programs, including Student Research Training (SRT) program, Challenge Cup, and some other academic competitions.

Wenbo is an active participant and contributor in multiple social services. His experiences include senior year class monitor, officer in the department's Student Union, organizer of the department's basketball league, internship in Beijing Traffic Management Bureau and teaching assistant for World Bank Internet Course of Transportation. After joining the UW STAR Lab, Wenbo is also actively involved in Chinese community services, he is now working as an officer of the Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA) in UW.

Personal Statement

I am highly motivated with enthusiasm to contribute to COTA's development and growth through actively participating in various COTA activities. Since it was established, COTA has played a significant role in connecting overseas transportation professionals in Mainland China and other countries, and greatly fostered advancement in research development and academic exchanges between institutions in China and western countries. As a young transportation professional who loves COTA and benefits from COTA's activities, I feel strongly obligated to serve on such a globally influential professional organization. On the other hand, it will also provide an excellent opportunity for me to better improve my own career through the service.

As a student member of the Board of Directors, if I will be elected, I am committed to dedicating my time and energy to promote COTA sponsored student programs or activities, and help grow the body of student members. I will be willing to collect and produce news and articles about Chinese students' activities and career development related information for COTA newsletters and E-News. Moreover, I will be happy to assist faculty at the University of Washington to establish a regional COTA student chapter to attract more students' involvements in COTA's activities and services, and create more opportunities of enhancing communications among student members and COTA's influence on local students. I am optimistic and cooperative, and always ready to accept constructive suggestions to improve the student program of COTA. Your support is invaluable and highly appreciated.

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