

FORUM People

Oscar Munoz has been elected President of CSX Corp, succeeding **Michael Ward** who remains as Chairman & CEO. Munoz joined the company in 2003 and has served as both Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer; he retains the latter position in addition to his new duties.

CSX has also named Vice-President & Chief Transportation Officer **Cindy Sanborn** as Executive Vice-President, Operations, supported by **Mike Prendergrass** as Vice-President, Transportation, and **Jermaine Swafford** as Vice-President, Regional Transportation, Southern Region.

Süleyman Karaman, Director-General of TCDD, has resigned his position to run for parliament in June.

Iosif Szentes has succeeded **Vasile Secara** as Chairman of Romanian passenger operator CFR Călători, following Secara's resignation on February 2.

Gautrain Management Agency has reshuffled its board, taking on four new members whilst retaining four others alongside CEO **Jack van der Merwe**. **Mzolisi Nkumanda** and **Wellington Thwala** have been reappointed, along with **Motseoa Alix-Mary Lugemwa** as Chair and **Doris Dondur** as Deputy Chair. New members include **Bolokang Lengane**, **Sebina Hlapolosa**, **Unathi Mntoninths** and **Satish Roopa**, succeeding **Donovan Nadison**, **Mogopodi Mokoena** and former Chair **Abel Mawela**.

Sławomir Żalobka has become Polish Under-Secretary for Railways, filling the post left vacant by **Zbigniew Klepacki** in mid-December (RG 2.15 p62).

Virgin Trains East Coast has announced several senior management appointments. Led by Managing Director **David Horne** (RG 2.15 p62), the team includes: **Richard Bodicoat**, Finance Director; **Andy Sparkes**, Commercial Director; **Clare Burles**, People Director; **Jack Commandeur**, Engineering Director; **Tim Hedley-Jones**, Major Projects Director; and **Warrick Dent**, Safety & Operations Director.

Following problems with the launch of a revised ticketing system for PKP IC's Pendolino services, the Polish passenger operator has dismissed Chief Financial Officer **Paweł Hordyński**, Finance Director **Piotr Butkiewicz** and IT Director **Michał Rudek**.

Canadian Pacific's Executive Vice-President & Chief Financial Officer **Bart Demosky** is to step down at the end of May, while **Timothy Marsh** has been named Senior Vice-President, Sales & Marketing.

The American Short Line & Regional Railroad Association has selected five safety experts as assessors for a pilot project, with the aim of developing an industry-wide safety culture assessment programme with an initial focus on the transportation of crude oil. The team includes **Wayne Hamm**, **Pat Black**, **Annie Richardson**, **Shannon Adamson** and **Sam Cotton**.

Michal Kurtinec has been appointed General Director of Czech rolling stock manufacturer Škoda Vagónka.

RSSB Executive Director **Anson Jack** has been appointed Director of the Birmingham International Railway Academy.

HEADS OF THE MONTH



President **Goodluck Jonathan** has appointed **Alhaji Bamanga Tukur** as Chairman of Nigerian Railway Corp. Until recently, Tukur served as National Chairman of the ruling People's Democratic Party.



Miroslav Fukan, Executive Director of OLTIS Group, has joined the UNIFE Presiding Board, currently chaired by Bombardier Transportation President **Lutz Bertling**.



The Indian Railway Board has appointed **Ajay Shukla** as Member, Traffic; he also retains his current post as Additional Member (Commercial).



Dr Ben Möbius, currently at lobbying group BDI, is to succeed **Dr Ronald Pörner** as head of the German railway industry association VDB on July 1.



The Railway Association of Canada has created a new position of Chief Safety Culture Officer, appointing its Vice-President of Operations & Regulatory Affairs, **Mike Lowenger**, to the role.

Steve Denniss has been named Technical Director of Parsons Brinckerhoff's UK rail group.

London Underground has named **Steve Griffiths** as Chief Operating Officer. The former Virgin Atlantic COO will take over in May from **Nick Brown**, who has been holding the post on an interim basis since the departure of **Phil Hufton** to Network Rail.

Parsons Brinckerhoff has appointed **Christopher Bente** as a Supervising GIS Planner in its Sacramento office, where he will manage GIS services on behalf of the California high speed rail project.

Thales has appointed **Millar Crawford** as Executive Vice-President, Ground Transportation Systems.

VIA Rail Canada has named **Susan Williams** as General Manager for Eastern Canada.

Samantha Lewis has been appointed to the board at Australian freight operator Aurizon.

ABB has appointed **Jay Mehta** as UK Rail Sector Manager.

The Greenbrier Companies has named **Alejandro Centurion** and **Jim Sharp** as corporate Executive Vice-Presidents.

USA

UP elects CEO



Formerly Union Pacific's President & Chief Operating Officer, **Lance Fritz** was elected in February to the post of President & CEO, succeeding **John Koraleski** who became Executive Chairman. Fritz was Executive Vice-President, Operations, from 2010 to 2014, and previously served as Vice-President, Labor Relations. ■

CANADA

Long-standing Bombardier chief retires



Laurent Beaudoin has retired as Chairman of Bombardier Inc after more than half a century at the helm, although he will stay on as Chairman Emeritus. He is succeeded by **Alain Bellemare**, whose has enjoyed an 18-year career at United Technologies, most recently as President & CEO of UTC Propulsion & Aerospace Systems. ■