

120th Annual

IBTA Convention - June 8 - 10, 2025
Lake of the Ozarks

IBTA Illinois Broadband & Telecommunications Association

IBTA 2025 Annual Convention Sponsor:

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Sunday, June 8

4:00 p.m. Boat Cruise Boarding Begins
Boat Landing (Name badges will be at the landing.)

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Boat Cruise (pre registered only)

Dinner on your own

Monday, June 9

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast and Registration
Compass Rose Ballroom

8:00 a.m. Welcome – Ann Dickerson, Chairman, IBTA Board of Directors
Presentation of Awards, Illinois Legislative & Regulatory Update - Randy Nehrt,
IBTA President
Compass Rose Ballroom

8:30 a.m. *An Update From Our Nation's Capital*
Josh Seideman, Vice President, Policy and Industry Innovation, NTCA

9:15 a.m. Break

9:30 a.m. *Updates from the Illinois Office of Broadband*
Devon Braunstein, Director, Illinois Office of Broadband

10:15 a.m. *Leveraging Illinois' Telecommunications Infrastructure to Build the Quantum Economy*
Kate Timmerman, CEO of Chicago Quantum Exchange and Dr. Kishor T. Kapale,
Chair and Professor of Physics at Western Illinois University
Advances in quantum technology provide opportunities for regions such as
Illinois to play a leadership role in developing applications for a wide range of

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industries, including integration into next-generation communication networks. This session will explore how emerging applications leveraging quantum technologies intersect with existing and potential future broadband and telecommunications infrastructure. Such applications include quantum networking and secure communications as well as future connected quantum sensors and distributed quantum computing. We will discuss ongoing research, industry partnerships, and the role of Illinois as a leader in the global quantum ecosystem. Attendees will gain insights into the future of quantum-secure networks and how businesses can prepare for the coming advancements in quantum-enabled telecommunications.

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. *USDA- Rural Utility Services*

Richard Martin, General Field Representative, Indiana and Illinois, USDA and
Chris Collins, Engineering Branch Chief, Policy and Outreach Division, RUS
Telecommunications Program

12:00 p.m. Lunch & Annual Meeting
Compass Rose Ballroom

Note to Vendors: Exhibit Hall will be open for display setup 1:30-4:00 p.m. in Parasol I & II

1:30 p.m. ***Harnessing the Power of Artificial Intelligence***

Dan Burwitz, CISSP, CEH, Cybersecurity Team Lead

In the realm of cybersecurity, artificial intelligence (AI) has emerged as a game-changer, revolutionizing both defensive and offensive strategies. This presentation explores the intersection of AI and cybersecurity, examining its dual nature of fortifying defenses and fueling the capabilities of malicious actors. Vantage Point Solutions discusses the potential of AI to become the ultimate ally or adversary in the ongoing battle for security.

2:15 p.m. ***Elevating Your Brand Through Film Production***

Casey French, Marketing & PR Director, CASSCOMM

In a fast-paced work environment with competition growing, film production may be key to keeping your brand noticed. This presentation will focus on the key elements of branding and filming. Why is your brand important, and does it tell a story?

3:15 p.m. IBTA Board of Directors Meeting
Leeward 77

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. IBTA Vendor Exhibition and Reception
Parasol I & II



Tuesday, June 10

6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Parasol II

7:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. Fishing Excursion (Pre Registered Only. You must have a MO fishing permit.) Meet at the State Park - 10 min drive from Margaritaville. No transportation provided.

7:00 a.m. Check-in for Jack Tharp Scholarship Fund Golf Scramble
Oaks Golf Course

8:00 a.m. Oaks Golf Course - Shotgun Start

6:00 p.m. - 9 p.m. IBTA Convention Dinner & Music
JB's Boathouse (pre registered only)

See You In Peoria for the IBTA Vendor Showcase!