Mr. David Morgan, MBE TD, president of the World Association of Tourist Trams and Trains (WATTRAIN) announced the appointment of Mr. Courtney B. Wilson, executive director of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum in Baltimore, Maryland as Patron of the United States of America to WATTRAIN. Mr. Morgan also serves as the president of the European Federation of Museum & Tourist Railways and the Chairman of the Heritage Railway Association of the United Kingdom.

Established in 2010, WATTRAIN’s mission is to effectively represent heritage railways and museums on global issues achieving outcomes optimal to the sector; and to engage and support the sector across international borders to facilitate the ongoing sustainability of the sector through the development of people, the sharing of knowledge and the exchange of information. The expanding membership represents organizations in Japan, Germany, Switzerland, India, The United Kingdom, Argentina and Australia.

The first Patron to be named was Lord Faulkner of Worcester (2011). Mr. Wilson, named the second international Patron to the organization, will represent the interests of tourist railroads and museum’s throughout the United States of America and will be a spokesperson for WATTRAIN. The organization will hold its first World Congress in 2012 in York, UK.

Mr. Wilson has been the director of the B&O Railroad Museum since 2000 and has been an active participant in numerous international and domestic conferences concerned with the preservation of railroad heritage and its interpretation to audiences across the globe. In addition Mr. Wilson is the only 2 time recipient of the Academy Award as Attractions Professional of Year presented annually by the Academy of Travel, Tourism and Hospitality.

About the B&O Railroad Museum:
The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of American railroading and its impact on American society, culture, and economy. The Museum is home to the oldest, most important and comprehensive collection of American railroad artifacts in the world including an unparalleled roster of 19th and 20th century railroad equipment. The 40-acre historic site is regarded as the birthplace of American railroading and includes the 1851 Mt. Clare Station, the 1884 Baldwin Roundhouse, and first mile of commercial railroad track in America. For further information on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, please call 410-752-2490 or visit www.borail.org