

Aimee Andres, Executive Director of the Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals (IRPT). IRPT is a trade association for the nation's inland waterway, port and terminal professionals. She has extensive contact with the 300+ members of the Association in order to identify points of interest or concern and to optimize their benefits. Representing the interests of members in each river basin, Aimee encourages continued cooperation with local, state and federal authorities, as well as other waterway associations to promote the value of the inland waterway system.



Aimee is an Accredited Maritime Port Executive awarded by the International Association of Maritime Port Executives and recognized by the Maine Maritime Academy and Loeb-Sullivan School of International Business and Logistics. She serves on the Board of Directors for the International Association of Marine Port Executives and has previously served on the Board of Directors for the National Waterways Conference. In 2018, she was awarded the '40 under 40' recognition by the inland river industry.

Recent accomplishments include:

- Developed the inland port manager curriculum in conjunction with the International Association of Maritime Port Executives;
- Strategic partnerships with Panama Canal Authority, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and American Short Line Regional Railroad Association;
- Authored the Coastal and Inland Ports and Terminals Commerce Improvements Act; and
- Developed the first industry-related mobile application for the use of emergency broadcasts.

In August of 2019, Aimee became a successor in-line to her family's-owned short line railroads, the Indiana Eastern Railroad and the Ohio South Central Railroad. Since being so named, Aimee has worked with rail crews on infrastructure improvement projects, state and regional funding programs, customer relations, and new business development, including marketing and project construction. She has strengthened terminal and railcar management, regulatory reporting, and policy enhancements.

Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals, Inc. (IRPT) is a nationwide trade association for users of the U.S. Inland Waterway system. IRPT promotes the use of our nation's rivers as the most cost effective, and environmentally friendly form of transportation. We do this by keeping our members informed on federal legislation and security issues affecting our river system, promoting and marketing our inland waterway system, and working with port leaders to unify the inland ports, terminals, and river systems.