On February 15, 2002, the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission held its first meeting of 2002. Commissioners from the member states – Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and North Dakota – as well as allies from across the Midwest, gathered at Amtrak Intercity’s Offices in Chicago to discuss federal funding for rail, the outlook for Amtrak, the progress of the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative and other state rail initiatives, as well as commission goals, FY 02/03 workplan and budget. The group was also treated to a special tour of the *Modern Trains and Splendid Stations* exhibit, which was co-sponsored by Amtrak, at the Art Institute.