



California Association of School Transportation Officials
State Board Meeting

Saturday, June 6, 2009

10:30AM

Calif. Dept. of Education / Office of School Transportation
825 Riverside Parkway, Suite 110
West Sacramento

1. Call to Order- President Pam McDonald called the meeting to order: 10:34 a.m.
 - A. Pledge of allegiance-Led by Katie White
 - B. Attendance
Absent: Chapter 7, Chapter 12, and Chapter 15
Verification of eligibility: Eligibility to be determined at the November State Board.
 - C. Introductions and welcome
 - D. Minutes of Prior Meeting: **M/S/C Janet Hutchinson/Gina Morse**
 - E. Correspondence: None
 - F. Additions/changes to the Agenda:

New Business: 1. Fund raising opportunity
6. Chapter 15 **M/S/C Janet Hutchinson/Tami Lynn Cooper**

II. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer-Barbara Terry- Barbara distributed budget reports and with information on some of the more recent payments account balances :Checking account: \$15,426.39 and Savings account: \$5,785.45. **M/S/C Janet Hutchison/Sergio Nevarez**
- B. Membership-Kevin Wedemeyer- Kevin distributed a membership report to each Chapter, along with a new membership application including the new address. Mike Rea had some concerns about the numbers for his Chapter, and Barbara explained that the members from the Pilot program have carried over from last year. Pam reminded everyone that Larry Laxson will take over membership by the next meeting.
- C. State Officers
 - Greg Straw- attended Officers Workshop and is working on a new CASTO map with chapter presidents listed.
 - Kevin Wedemeyer- Kevin attended the Officers Workshop and the county fair, and is assisting Sergio as he takes the reins of Chapter 3
 - David Walthall- attended Officers Workshop.
 - Tiffany gray-attended Officers Workshop and currently working to assist Chapter 12 with Workshop
 - Barbara Terry- attended the Officers workshop, and assisting with the Chapter 6 workshop.
 - Donna Anderson- attended the annual workshop for Chapter 18
 - Pam McDonald- attended the Officers Workshop, working on Conference, and attended STN.
- D. Special Representatives
 1. California Department of Education-John Green- John reported on the financial status of his department and how the departments programs are affected. They currently are still under a travel, hiring, and spending freeze. They will begin Staff week on

Monday, to continue to develop creative ways to meet the needs of the industry. John distributed a new schedule of training; this included 5 Instructor training programs, with a possibility of only 3 next year. John distributed the additional training classes available with the class descriptions. John provided a new handout on the dual air brake system inspection. After many months of investigation to determine the appropriate way to check the parking brake of a vehicle equipped with air brakes, the industry specialist, both agency and manufacturer agreed only that the parking brake must be inspected to determine it is working properly. The school bus first aid test: CHP has given the test over to EMSA; it is likely that when the meeting takes place that we can see the added requirement for school bus drivers to be trained in CPR. TSA is currently looking at Transportation departments and how they apply safety and security to all aspects of their facilities and school buses. Should anyone be contacted, it is only to gather material and data to see what if any regulation may need to be applied at a much later date. TSA is very impressed with the training and safety of the school bus industry in California. SB 124: air pollution; school bus idling from \$100 to a \$200 dollar fine, and additional criminal penalties. In closing, John answered a question from Janet Hutchison regarding the commitment he has made to continue to work towards allowing his staff to travel to workshops and trainings with financial help from those requesting the departments' staff. Pam thanked John and his staff for providing refreshments and for the use of the facility.

2. CASTOway's Editor-Greg Straw- Greg reported that the most recent paper has been sent out. Greg pointed out a few errors in the paper. Greg requested the articles or stories from those Chapters assigned to this issue.
4. Sustaining Member Representative-Matt Essex- Matt reported on the school bus industry and how the manufacturing of buses from last year to next years projection. Matt gave an overview of job changes for a few of the sustaining members in our state. Matt distributed his suggested list of Sustaining member recruiting plan for 09-10. Greg shared that one of the errors in the paper was the Thank you for those sustaining members who contributed to Officers Workshop.
5. Contractors Representative-no report.
6. CASBO Representative- Bob Wigginton- Bob reported on their upcoming conference April 16-19, 2010 in Sacramento. They will be reproducing their programs in the north. Bob suggested that anyone interested attend the CBO boot camp, because the need to financial support for school districts will always be needed.

E. Standing Committee Reports

1. Conference Report- Pam presented a report from Nikki Hughes, room rates of \$99 for the Monterey conference, there is a link on the web site for registering for room. 2011-San Diego, 2012-Sacramento, 2013-San Diego or Anaheim??, 2014 Monterey, 2015-Sacramento. Pam distributed the conference registration information, and it will also be on the web site. Members can register for a reduced rate. Bowling and Golf locations are all set, the registration forms will also be available on the web site. CASTO has a limit of rooms available, so get your rooms right away. Pam gave the details for Conference as they have been arranged to date.
2. Legislation-Mike Rea- Mike distributed a report outlining the budget, and legislative updates. The handout included letters of Thanks from President Pam McDonald to those who supported the school bus and the Governors' proposed cuts. Mike reported the industry representatives continuing to be incensed by many of the cuts and ARB rulemakings. School Bus safety week is October 19 to 23, 2009.
3. Rodeo Report-Janet Hutchison-Janet reported on the Brandy Azevedo won the small bus category at the national level, Bret Carmen won 7th in conventional, and Doug Smith won 6th in the transit. She is continuing to work on a lower cost to the Rodeos. The newest committee member is Tami Lynn Cooper from Chapter 20.

F. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

1. Special Needs- Pete Meslin -Pam read the report submitted by Pete Meslin.

III. BUSINESS AND ISSUES

A. Old Business

1. Approval of 2009-2010 Budget- Pam e-mailed the budget to everyone last week. Pam asked for discussion. Mike Rae remarked on the difficult years ahead. **M/S/C Glenn Perry/Rita Costello**
2. Member of the Year-David Walthall- David distributed the guideline for member of the year. David is requesting a nominee from each category from each Chapter.
3. Career Path Training up-date-David Walthall- David distributed a flyer for Chapters to use at their workshops and identifies the modules and a brief synopsis of each program.
4. School Transportation Business Forum-update-Pam McDonald-Pam reported the dates for next year, the deposit was rolled over to October 13 to 15, 2010.

B. New Business

1. Fund raising opportunity-Bill Cook distributed a brochure and packet outlining the opportunity. This is a customer loyalty program. Bill Cook is willing to meet with individual Chapters to get them set up. Pam asked how this would work as a State organization so that the Chapters who would be selling the program would also benefit. They suggested splitting the profit. Pam asked for feedback from the Board- She would like Chapters to go back to their members and ask what they would like to do. Pam will send out an e-mail to the Chapters and find out who wants to participate.
2. 2010 Poster Contest- Donna Anderson-Donna reported This year's theme: "The Safest Ride on the Road". The posters will be judged at the January State Board Meeting.
3. Officers Handbook Updates- please submit any changes by e-mail to Pam
4. Automobile Club of Southern California School Bus Brochures- contact your local AAA for additional forms. Dano Rybar, Mike Rae, and Ron Kinney worked to provide the updates for the new brochures.
5. American School Bus Council-2009 Parent Survey-Pam distributed the survey for everyone's information.
6. Chapter 15 – Pam McDonald- Pam discussed the need to appoint an interested past President or to incorporate the Chapter into 2 other Chapters.

III. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

IV. ADJOURNMENT: at 1:37pm **M/S/C Glenn Perry/Janet Hutchison**

- A. Chapter News – Chapter Presidents
- B. Adjournment