



**California Association of School Transportation
Officials**

**State Board Meeting
January 10, 2009
California Dept. of Education/Office of School Transportation
825 Riverside Parkway, Suite 110
West Sacramento**

I. CALL TO ORDER: 1st Vice President Pam McDonald called the meeting to order at 10:36am

- A. Pledge of allegiance
- B. Attendance
 - 1. Absent: President, 2nd Vice President, Professional Associate Representative, Chapter 5, Chapter 7, Chapter 8, Chapter 17, Chapter 20,
 - 2. Verification of eligibility: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19
- C. Introductions and welcome
- D. Minutes of Prior Meeting: **M/S/C Janet Hutchison/Kevin Wedemeyer**
- E. Correspondence: None
- F. Additions/changes to the Agenda-Ron Kinney has requested a closed session: it will occur before New Business. Ron would also like to finish his Forum report during his report as the Contractor representative. **M/S/C Glenn Perry/ Tony Taormino**
- G. REPORTS
 - A. Treasurer-Barbara Terry-Barbara distributed the most current treasurer's report. A total Checking Account balance of: \$26,853.47 and savings balance of \$28,750.45 **M/S/C Nikki Hughes/Janet Hutchison**
 - B. Membership-Barbara Terry- Barbara distributed the most current membership reports. She has found an error in the program and will be contacting Doug Snyder to determine why the new members are not rolling over and make the corrections. Mike Rea asked the question about the money that has been sent in to support the Career Path-Membership program. This will be addressed later in the agenda
 - C. State Officers-
 - Jody-absent.
 - Alex- Chapter 9 workshop in February, attended Conference planning meeting, and a big thank you from Kelly Stainbrook for all the support from CASTO
 - Pam- working on Conference meeting, Chapter 2 meetings, Chapter 2 bosses luncheon, appreciation night at Anaheim Arsenal for bus drivers and mechanics
 - Greg- absent
 - Lyle- absent
 - Donna- Attended Chapter 18 meeting, Conference planning meeting.
 - Barbara- Attended Chapter 6 Christmas party, Conference planning meeting.

D. Special Representatives

1. California Department of Education-John Green- John reported on the potential changes to his department in both furlough days and department expense cut. The general synopsis is for everyone in the state to take a haircut- travel, promotions and hiring. The Chief Deputy will need to approve any travel over \$100.00. John is waiting to get an exemption to continue travel for investigation of school bus accident, terminal inspections that may result in criminal charges, trainings that generate dollars back to the department, ect. Prior commitments to areas in the State for trainings, workshops ect. No applications for March, April, June or July classes. John is expecting at least one class in the summer. John asked for clarification as to the reasons being the fee implemented or the current state of the economy. The general consensus is it is due to the economy. The departmental staff distributed applications for offered classes to be conducted in the field. Safety is the main goal for the Office of School Transportation, and all the programs associated with continued support to the Industry. Offers to be a host facility for on the road type programs were suggested and offered by Alex Robinson. FMCSA summary letters of the intent to implement a list of physicians who can complete the medical examinations for Commercial drivers. Due to the additional training to be on the list, it is likely that most family physicians will not participate in the program. OSA: Obstructed Sleep Apnea, as a medical condition. The big concern is that drivers will fall asleep. Concerns, advanced age, narrow air passage, type 2 diabetes, and hyperthyroid condition. This resulted in neck measurements as an indicator. If anyone hears more information on this, please let him know. John commented on the Pull Notices being the sole reason for an Unsatisfactory for a terminal inspection. John met with CHP, they did some research. At the final meeting, the Highway Patrol understands, but if they enforce the sections, then this is the responsibility of the motor carrier and we need to work with DMV. This whole backlash originated from a rating of "S" to a terminal who shortly afterward was involved in a crash that resulted in numerous deaths. John suggested that we work on this as an organization through the legislation. John has put some language together and is willing to have his office assist in this process. Janet reminded the board of the minutes of the prior meeting stating that we will write a letter in regard to this issue. John reminded all that they will host an Open House on Sunday mid day of the Conference. The last item John reported on was the name of the person in the Executive Office who will put together a committee to restructure school funding formula of Michelle Zumot.
2. CASTOways Editor-Executive Board-Dano Rybar- The January issue has been printed and was mailed a week ago. Dano says the paper is back on track, and he stated his thanks for everyone who has been submitting stories. The by-laws state that the paper will have no more than 25% advertising, so Dano is working with Pam to insure this is happening. The February issue will focus on the Roadeos
3. Sustaining Member Representative-Gabe Hightman- Gabe reported that Donna Anderson will be sending out nominations and secret ballot for the next Sustaining Member rep as his term will end on June 30, 2009. 6 drivers and buses available for Conference needs, just contact him what we might need. He also reported on 4 new members who will be signing up. Conference information was discussed. A new Blue Bird direct purchase company is currently selling

buses in California, in direct competition with A-Z Bus. Concerns were voiced about warranty work on the factory direct buses.

4. Contractors Representative-Ron Kinney- Ron reported on the Federal Transit Administration- proposed rulemaking; 26 separate provisions, about 6 pertaining to timelines. One of the provisions raises concerns; this will exempt the Transit operations to continue to operate as school trippers. The Contractors have developed a letter to address their concerns.

Forum Report- Ron compiled a hand book on the Forum and presented it to Pam for the next chair.

5. CASBO Representative- Bob Wigginton-Bob reported that CASBO has a new lobbyist and he is doing a great job. Bob gave some facts and figures on the actual dollar amount of impact on his own district. Bob distributed the most recent LAO report on the Governors Budget. The CASBO workshop is all ready to go.

E. Standing Committee Reports

1. Conference Report- Nikki Hughes- Nikki reported on room reservation contact information, on the schedules for the 3 days, the banquets, buffets, and the Sunday morning business meeting. Sunday night will be the CASTO awards ceremony. Alex distributed a flyer regarding the Economic stimulus registration. This will allow bus drivers to attend the Saturday classes for only \$30.00 for the whole day. Pam will send out a sign up sheet for those interested in shirts or jackets, and payment will be the responsibility of each individual.
2. Legislation-Mike Rea- Mike distributed a written report. He shared the event of the proclamation for school bus drivers' day. The ARB final rulemaking hearings were in December. The hearings' were will attended, both in written comment, verbal and testifying. Mike suggested that individuals go to the website and print out the entire guidelines. Due to the economic status of the state, all the dates for the ARB implementation will be rolled forward. The concern for some is the funding that has already been distributed and purchases already made and how to continue to meet the deadlines. Mike distributed the application to become a member of the School Transportation Coalition. The STC has made a commitment to pursue the belief that the new ARB rules are a mandate, and mandates need to be funded. At this point, categorical programs may not see decreases, but possible flexibility in using those dollars.
3. Roadeo Report-Janet Hutchinson- Janet reported that the Roadeo book is on line and available. One of the major changes will be in the Special Needs category, a monitor will not be required, and the driver will be on their own. April 25, 2009 for Southern and Northern will be in Galt on May 2, 2009. The Championship Roadeo will be in Galt on May 24, 2009. Gary Dodson has agreed to assist as Vice Chair due to the opening for the remainder of this year.

F. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

1. Special Needs- Pete Meslin-Pete reported on the Access & Mobility, and expects it to be completed within 3 more meetings. The book will go out to two different groups to be proof read. The photos are about to be taken. Waivers are complete for all. The committee will read the book for actual application in your department. Chapter 14 has donated another \$100.00 for the book.

III. BUSINESS AND ISSUES

A. Old Business

1. 2009-2010 Close of Nominations- Alex Robinson – Alex thanked her committee Members. The nominations proceeded as follows:
Professional Associate Representative: Jody Clason **M/S/C Kevin Wedemeyer/Janet Hutchinson**
State Treasurer: Barbara Terry **M/S/C Kevin Wedemeyer/Janet Hutchinson**
State Secretary: Donna Anderson **M/S/C Nikki Hughes/Tony Taormino**
2nd Vice President: Kevin Wedemeyer; Glenn Perry: **M/S/C Pete Meslin/Janet Hutchinson**
1st Vice President: David Walthall **M/S/C Janet Hutchinson/Tony Taormino**
President: Pam McDonald: **M/S/C Janet Hutchinson/Kevin Wedemeyer**
2. Member of the Year – Pam McDonald- Pam has distributed the guidelines for member of the year. Please submit your nominations by the deadline February 18, 2009. Committee: Glenn Perry, Kelly Stainbrook and Brian Rufford.
3. Future Conference Sites- Nikki Hughes-
Monterey in 2010 or 2011,
Sacramento in 2012
Orange County for the year not in Monterey.
Anaheim in 2013
Monterey in 2014
Sacramento in 2015.
Nikki reminded those of the Officers Workshop, and reservations are available at the Pacific Plaza for a great rate. The dates are the 24,25 of July. Set to begin at 1:00pm on the 24th. The business forum dates are October 14, 15, 16, and 2009 at South Lake Tahoe.
4. Career Path Training update/concerns- Sarah Goodwin- Sarah explained her concerns that due to the dates of the workshops in Chapter 18, it looks as though they may have to pay 3 times prior to getting any trainers to present in the next workshop in August 2009. She needs information as to when her Chapter will begin to reap the benefits. Pam answered to the concerns. A meeting will happen in February. Most of the programs are put together, they need to be put into power point and any of the committee will be able to present the classes. The ready date is to be by July 1, 2009. Pam told Sarah to expect so use the career path seminars at the August workshop of 2009 for Chapter 18.

Closed session: 12:49 to 1:09 M/S/C Pete Meslin/Nikki Hughes

B. New Business

1. Roadeo Vice Chair- Pam McDonald- Pam is asking for persons who are interested to contact her and the applications are available on line.
2. Scholarship Opportunity- Alex Robinson- Alex shared the information that is currently available from American Logistics to send the scholarship winner to the Special Needs conference in Indiana, and to pay for all the costs of travel lodging and food. The applications are due by January 15, 2009. Alex also mentioned the Contest from IC for students to compete for Green Schools, the winning school will receive a school bus.

3. CARB funding vs. mandates- Pete Meslin- Pete voiced his concerns during the legislation report.
4. 2009 Poster Contest- Donna Anderson-Division Winner for K-3 Micah Brown, Dows Prairie in McKinleyville, Chapter 18, Division winner for 4-6 Alexander Adams, Dows Prairie in McKinleyville, Chapter 18, Divisions winner for 7-8 Marina Waggoner Alder creek Middle School, Truckee, Chapter 6, and Division winner for Special Needs Jamayca Jackson, Dows Prairie McKinleyville. The State Winner is Alexander Adams, grade 5, age 10, Dow Prairie Elementary.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE-Next regular scheduled meeting is on June 6, 2009. The location is Ontario

- IV. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned at 1:32pm **M/S/C Kevin Wedemeyer/Nikki Hughes**