

Mississippi Valley Conference
Board of Director's meeting
Downtown Des Moines Marriott
July 8, 2010 - 1:30 P.M.

A meeting of the Mississippi Valley Conference Board of Directors was called to order by President Nancy Richardson at approximately 1:35 p.m. on July 8, 2010. The following member states were in attendance or represented:

Iowa – Director Nancy Richardson – MVC President
Minnesota – Commissioner Tom Sorel – MVC Vice President
Illinois – Chief Engineer Christine Reed
Indiana – Commissioner Michael Cline
Kansas – Secretary Deb Miller
Kentucky – Acting Secretary Michael Hancock
Michigan -Director Kirk Steudle
Missouri – Interim Director Kevin Keith
Ohio – Director Jolene Molitoris
Wisconsin – Deputy Secretary Ruben Anthony

Also in attendance were:

Dan Franklin, Iowa DOT – MVC Secretary/Treasurer	Jay Wunderlich, Missouri DOT
Susan Wallace, Iowa DOT	Kassandra Walbrun, Wisconsin DOT
Alicia Johnson-Turner, Kansas DOT	Beth Nachreiner, Wisconsin DOT
Russell Romine, Kentucky DOT	Teresa Adams, University of Wisconsin
Susan Mortel, Michigan DOT	Ernie Wittwer, CFIRE
Greg Johnson, Michigan DOT	Carlos Braceras, AASHTO
Chris Hundt, Michigan DOT	Jack Basso, AASHTO
Khani Sahebjam, Minnesota DOT	John Horsley, AASHTO
Serge Phillips, Minnesota DOT	Pete Rahn, HNTB Corporation

The agenda was reviewed and the following items were added:

- Formation of a 2013 meeting site committee
- Resolutions to be offered

Secretary/Treasurer Report

- Dan Franklin submitted the minutes of the previous board meetings for approval. Director Kirk Steudle moved and Secretary Deb Miller seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2009 and March 2, 2010 board meetings. Minutes were unanimously approved. (copy attached - A)
- 2009 Audit Report - Dan Franklin presented the 2009 Audit Report (copy attached - B). Director Jolene Molitoris moved and Deputy Secretary Ruben Anthony seconded the motion to accept

the 2009 audit report. In the future, separate bank reconciliation and check preparation functions will be instituted. Acceptance of the 2009 audit report passed unanimously.

- 2010 budget report - Dan Franklin reported there were 418 in attendance at this year's conference. Due to an increase in meeting revenue generated from sponsorships we could end the year with a fund balance of over \$240,000 (Copy attached - C). An initial \$25,000 will be provided to the Ohio DOT for planning the 2011 conference. Additional funds will be forwarded at a later date. Discussion was held to invest a piece of the balance for future scholarships and to keep some available for future years in case the funds are needed.

Kirk Steudle moved to create a committee to determine how to use the balance of the funds; Kevin Keith seconded the motion. Deb Miller nominated Kirk Steudle to serve on the committee and to recruit two additional members. Unanimous approval. Kirk Steudle, Deb Miller and Nancy Richardson will serve as the committee to develop recommendations for how the conference funds balance should be used.

Ruben Anthony asked if there were any IRS restrictions on balances to be retained by the association. Dan offered to look into any IRS rules that may apply.

- 2010 Audit Committee - Nancy Richardson appointed the committee consisting of representatives from Iowa, Minnesota and Ohio.

Election of 2010-2011 President and Vice-President

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Kirk Steudle nominated Tom Sorel to serve as president and Jolene Molitoris to serve as vice-president for the 2010-2011 year. Deputy Secretary Ruben Anthony seconded the nomination. Unanimous approval

Nomination for AASHTO Vice-President

Deputy Secretary Ruben Anthony nominated Kirk Steudle to serve as MAASTO's nominee as AASHTO's vice-president and to ascend to president. Deb Miller seconded the nomination and Kirk Steudle accepted the nomination. Unanimous approval.

2013 Annual Meeting Site Selection Committee

Director Richardson appointed Deb Miller, Ruben Anthony and Mike Hancock to serve as the 2013 site selection committee.

Selection of MAASTO Logo

Board reviewed the top five vote-getters. Discussion was held to conceptually accept a logo but allow some minor modifications. Kirk Steudle moved and Deb Miller seconded the motion to accept the MAASTO logo (copy attached - D). The logo was a submission from Iowa.

Reauthorization Discussion

Nancy Richardson reviewed that at the October BOD meeting, the STIC was charged to prepare papers on key issues as found in the Surface Transportation Authorization Act of 2009 (the Oberstar bill). Dan Franklin, as chair of the STIC, reported that the committee had completed papers on seven issues (cover and introduction attached - E) and the members who took the lead on each of the papers was prepared to provide a short summary. Each of the papers identifies what the STAA says on the specific issue. At the end of each paper is a section which identifies additional questions, issues to consider and proposes some next steps. Deb Miller suggested that more discussion on each paper is warranted so that the Board would better understand the issues. She recommended sufficient time be set aside for a more detailed discussion with PowerPoint presentation on each, led by the lead author of the seven papers. At that point the Board could determine the next steps and understand the impacts on our respective states.

It was agreed that Director Tom Sorel would schedule a conference call or set up a webinar for everyone to discuss in more details the papers that have been prepared and the STAA. The individuals who wrote the papers were recognized.

MVC Freight Coalition

Ernie Wittwer from CFIRE made a presentation to the board. CFIRE proposed continuing the Coalition with the current funding levels over the next two years of \$25,000 per state per year with CFIRE contributing \$125,000 per year for a two-year budget of \$750,000 along with some changes in the committee structure and work plan (copy of recommendations is attached - F). It was identified that the funding provided by the states could come from a state's federal SPR program funding.

One of the recommendations was to change the governing structure by deleting the Operations Subcommittee and the Customers Committee and adding a committee or representatives of MPOs over 200,000 population. Discussions supported involvement of MPOs but concern over limiting the size to those over 200,000 population and establishing a separate committee apart from the State DOT members. The Technical committee will discuss with CFIRE ways to incorporate MPOs into the Freight Coalition. Ruben Anthony supported the emphasis on training for the application of benefit-cost analysis because it will play a more critical role in federal project analysis.

Mike Cline said he would abstain from voting on the funding level until he has had a chance to visit with his staff. Deputy Secretary Ruben Anthony moved to continue the Coalition and to accept the current funding levels. Seconded by Deb Miller. One abstaining vote. Motion carried to continue the Coalition with same funding levels currently in place.

CFIRE will work with the technical committee on the other recommendations including additional review on how to incorporate the MPOs into the freight coalition.

Discussion of Issues on the Roundtable Agenda

The board reviewed the roundtable agenda (copy attached – G) for additional items. Christine Reed plans to discuss Illinois DOT concerns and the problems created when the definition of an economically depressed area is changed after the Recovery Act projects were selected.

AASHTO Finance Review Task Force

Carlos Braceras, Secretary/Treasurer of AASHTO, shared a PowerPoint presentation on AASHTO's budget and the request for an increase in dues (copy of materials is attached - H). AASHTO has a staff of 100; 45 at the AMRL research center and 55 at headquarters. Twenty of the headquarters staff is currently allocated to the association's core services where staff reductions would take place without additional funding. During discussion the following suggestions for the Task Force to consider were made by board members:

- Implement staff furloughs
- Identify specific activities inside and outside of the core services area that we could eliminate or reduce.

- consider how to increase revenue or reduce expenditures for all areas
- make some cuts and we can agree to some increase.
- AASHTO needs to consider how to live within the existing funding levels

Board Members should email Carlos Braceras with any other thoughts.

Other business

First resolution:

Director Richardson recognized Ruben Anthony, who presented a draft resolution on ARRA data collection (copy of Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO) Resolution regarding the Collection and Distribution of Data by State DOT's is attached - I).

Director Richardson noted "require" should be "requiring" in the third paragraph on page one. Ruben Anthony moved to adopt the resolution. Jolene seconded the motion.

Following discussion, Jolene Molitoris moved and Deb Miller seconded the motion to amend the final sentence in the "Now therefore be it resolved" prior to the dot points, to read as follows:

"The purpose of this group is to work with US DOT staff on the following issues with a goal of achieving one comprehensive data report."

The motion was unanimously passed.

Second resolution:

Director Richardson referenced the nine resolutions which passed during the AASHTO Spring meeting in Natchez. After the meeting, the vote of resolution PPR-19SM-07 Supplemental Transportation Revenues from Carbon-Based Fees on Transportation Fuels was questioned by a couple of the Board members who maintained that the vote was 34-5 and 35 votes were needed to pass (copy attached J-1). Following a canvass of the votes from the AASHTO Spring Meeting, it was determined that the resolution did not pass.

After much discussion, Kirk Steudle moved and Christine Reed seconded the motion to accept PPR-10SM-07 as voted on at the AASHTO Spring Meeting as a MAASTO resolution (copy attached J-2).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.