

Minutes for the
Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO)
Board of Directors Meeting
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
November 19, 2012

Welcome and opening remarks made by Mark Gottlieb, President MAASTO.

Board Introductions -

- Secretary Mark Gottlieb, Wisconsin DOT, President of MAASTO
- Director Kevin Keith, Missouri DOT
- Director Kirk Steudle, Michigan DOT and AASHTO President
- Director Paul Trombino, Iowa, DOT, Vice President of MAASTO
- Russ Romine, for Secretary Mike Hancock, Kentucky Cabinet
- Greg Murphy for Director Jerry Wray, Ohio DOT
- Abigail Weingardt for Commissioner Michael Cline, Indiana DOT
- Jerry Younger for Secretary Mike King, Kansas DOT
- Bill Frey for Secretary Ann Schneider, Illinois DOT
- Tim Henkel for Acting Commissioner Bernie Arseneau, Minnesota DOT
- Beth Nachreiner, Secretary of MAASTO, WisDOT

Others in attendance

- Polly Kent, MDOT
- Dave Juntunen, MDOT
- Mara Campbell, MoDOT
- Dan Franklin, Iowa DOT
- Lee Wilkinson, Iowa DOT
- Chris Hundt, Michigan DOT
- Laura Mester, MDOT
- Rory Rhinesmith, WisDOT
- Peter Lynch, UW-TOPS Lab
- Serge Phillips, Minnesota DOT
- Roger Safford, MDOT
- Jason Clark, MDOT
- Don Miller, WisDOT
- Dan Grasser, WisDOT
- Mike Berg, WisDOT
- Kirstin Schuster, MDOT
- Chris Youngs, MDOT
- Scott Peterson, MDOT
- Scot Becker, WisDOT
- Mark VanPort Fleet, MDOT

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Director Keith and seconded by Tim Henkel to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2012 MAASTO board meeting. The motion was approved.

Update on MAASTO Annual Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky

Russ Romine provided a short summary of the results of the summer meeting in terms of attendance, revenues and expenditures. Four hundred and nineteen delegates attended the meeting. Total revenues for the conference were just over \$361,000; total expenses were just over \$251,000. Kentucky provided a check for the balance to the Terri Barnhart, MAASTO's Treasurer.

Report on MAASTO Finances

Greg Murphy, on behalf of Terri Barnhart, provided an update on MAASTO's finances. Terri continues to work with the IRS to clear up past issues with MAASTO's tax status. She is hopeful for a quick resolution. Finally, Greg distributed the Treasurer's report showing the current MAASTO organization balance at \$346,689. This balance does not appear to reflect the payment from the Kentucky meeting.

Update on the Creation of a Chief Engineers Council

The MAASTO board discussed their decision to create a Chief Engineers Council (CE Council) at their board meeting in July, 2012 and charged the Strategic Transportation Issues Committee (STIC) with organizing the CE Council with the MAASTO Chief Engineers. After discussing the assignment further, STIC members were in agreement that they needed more information on the purpose of the CE Council before contacting the Chief Engineers. To that end, STIC surveyed the board members and discussed the results of the survey with the board members. The board made the following decisions relating to the CE Council:

- The CE Council will participate in the MAASTO regional meetings at AASHTO's spring and fall meetings and the summer MAASTO meeting to provide informal updates on issues of interest to the region;
- The CE Council may decide to focus on addressing specific issues to bring to the board, as they see appropriate. The board is particularly interested in issues of regional importance;
- The chair of the CE Council will rotate with the MAASTO Board President. In 2012-13, the chief engineer of Wisconsin DOT will chair the CE Council; in 2013-14, the chief engineer of Iowa DOT will take over chair responsibilities.
- The CE Council chair will work with the Chair of the STIC to arrange for time on the MAASTO board agenda.

SHRP 2 and T-CAP

Director Steudel led a discussion related to the AASHTO Board's action on states' financial support for SHRP2. Director Steudel emphasized that in some ways, the direct state support for SHRP 2 has been beneficial to making the program even more relevant since states are now more interested in getting a return on their investment. Direct CEO/State engagement will improve the SHRP 2 products.

Finally, Tim Henkel discussed the Standing Committee on Planning's work related to the TCAP program. Since board members were not familiar with TCAP, Tim agreed to develop a short summary of the program.

STIC Update

In addition to working through the CE Council charge, Beth Nachreiner described STIC efforts since the July 2012 MAASTO meeting. First, Dan Franklin shared STIC summary of the MAASTO states' budget initiatives with the CEOs. Board members liked the summary and asked STIC to expand the summary to include revenues. Board members also expressed interest in STIC pulling together information related to documented needs in the 10-state region. Specifically there was interest in the condition of major networks and bridges in the region and whether the board could get to a sense of under/unfunded needs to show the potential long term impacts on the region.

Further, STIC has decided to focus on transit and freight issues for reauthorization. The board also asked STIC to provide updates on AASHTO's reauthorization efforts.

Upcoming MAASTO Annual Meetings Update

Secretary Mark Gottlieb shared a brief summary of what Wisconsin is planning for the 2013 summer meeting in Milwaukee, WI. In addition, Indiana has agreed to host the MAASTO 2014 summer meeting. The meeting will take place in Indianapolis, likely the last week of July or the first week of August.

The meeting was adjourned with no other outstanding issues.