# $DRAFT-not\ ready\ for\ release$

#### Minutes for the

Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO)

Board of Directors Meeting Providence, Rhode Island May 7, 2012

Welcome and opening remarks made by Paul Trombino, Vice President MAASTO.

# Board Introductions -

- Director Paul Trombino, Iowa, DOT, Vice President of MAASTO
- Russ Romine, for Secretary Mike Hancock, Kentucky Cabinet
- Michael Cline, Indiana DOT
- Ann Schneider, Illinois DOT
- Greg Murphy for Director Jerry Wray, Ohio DOT
- Mara Campbell for Secretary ----, Missouri DOT
- Jerry Younger for Secretary Mike King, Kansas DOT
- Bernie Arseneau, for Commissioner Charles Zelle, Minnesota DOT
- Mike Berg, for Secretary Mark Gottlieb, WisDOT
- Beth Nachreiner, Secretary of MAASTO, WisDOT

# Others in attendance

- Abigail Weingardt, InDOT
- Kim Pearson, InDOT
- Jay Wasson, InDOT
- Dan Franklin, Iowa DOT
- Lee Wilkinson, Iowa DOT
- Chris Hundt, Michigan DOT
- Laura Mester, MDOT
- Rory Rhinesmith, WisDOT
- Joe Olson, WisDOT
- Omer Osman, IDOT
- Dan Grasser, WisDOT
- Janet Oakley, AASHTO

# Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Russ Romine and seconded by Deputy Secretary Mike Berg to approve the minutes from November 19, 2012 MAASTO board meeting. The motion was approved.

# Treasurer's Report

Greg Murphy provided the Treasurer's report on behalf of Terri Barnhart, MAASTO's Treasurer. MAASTO continues to work through the issue of its tax status. There is an outstanding penalty invoice for approximately \$10,000; Terri is continuing to work on resolving this issue and hopes for a final resolution in the next six months. Director Trombino requested that Terri provide a financial update to the MAASTO board at the July, 2013 meeting in Milwaukee.

# Report on AASHTO Executive Committee

Director Trombino and Commissione Cline provided an update on the AASHTO Executive Committee meeting the highlights of which included: AASHTO budget approved for FY 2014 with no dues increase to the states; focus on reviewing and possibly reducing AASHTO's printing costs by using online services to release AASHTO publications and the start of AASHTO's strategic planning process to create the next five-year plan.

#### Update from the Chief Engineers Council

Dan Grasser, Wisconsin DOT, provided an update on the CE Council. Dan shared the results of a recently-completed survey compiled by the CE Council that focused on two issues – implements of husbandry and engineering outsourcing. Dan discussed the idea of going into more detail associated with the surveys since the questions were broad, e.g. what are states doing to oversee their consultants. Other issues the CE Council may address include performance measures, operations, e.g. snow treatment, MAP-21 requirements, among others. The Board members asked that time on the July board agenda be reserved for the CE Council to provide an update.

# STIC Update

Beth Nachreiner outlined the areas that STIC would focus on over the coming year including the summer meeting and reauthorization, specifically freight and transit policy. Board members asked STIC to address several additional issues including:

- Develop a survey on how the states in the MAASTO region organize themselves to address freight issues;
- Include a board agenda item for Milwaukee for the Board to address an array of freight issues including the survey results (noted above), C-FIRE and implementation of freight provisions included in MAP-21;
- Include a board agenda item for Milwaukee to address reauthorization funding issues and how the MAASTO board could organize itself to address this issue as a region.

# Upcoming MAASTO Annual Meetings Update

Deputy Secretary Mike Berg provided a hand out on the upcoming meeting in Milwaukee. Commissioner Cline provided some details about the 2014 meeting in Indianapolis, IN, including it will likely be held at the Marriott in downtown Indianapolis on August  $27^{th}$  to August  $30^{th}$ . Indianapolis is moving along – Likely Marriott downtown on August 27-30.

The meeting was adjourned with no other outstanding issues.