



Minutes
Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO)
Board of Directors Meeting -- Indianapolis, Indiana
July 30, 2014

Board members in attendance -

- Director Paul Trombino III, Iowa DOT, MAASTO president
- Secretary Mark Gottlieb, Wisconsin DOT
- Secretary Mike Hancock, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- Secretary Mike King, Kansas DOT
- Director Jerry Wray, Ohio DOT
- Commissioner Karl Browning, Indiana DOT
- Commissioner Charles Zelle, Minnesota DOT
- Terri Barnhart, Ohio DOT, MAASTO treasurer
- Dan Franklin, Iowa DOT, MAASTO secretary

Others in attendance -

- Kathy Harvey, representing Director Dave Nichols, Missouri DOT
- Chris Hundt, representing Director Kirk Steudle, Michigan DOT
- Kevin Schoeben, representing Acting Secretary Erica Borggren, Illinois DOT
- Director John Cox, Wyoming DOT, AASHTO vice-president
- Bud Wright, AASHTO executive director
- Stu Anderson, Iowa DOT
- John Adam, Iowa DOT
- Susan Wallace, Iowa DOT
- Halee Lindstrom, Kansas DOT
- Jay Wunderlich, Missouri DOT
- Russ Romine, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- Bola Delano, Illinois DOT
- Serge Phillips, Minnesota DOT
- Mike Berg, Wisconsin DOT

Welcome and opening remarks made by Director Trombino III.

Approval of previous board meeting minutes

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the May 2014 MAASTO board meeting.

Treasurer's report

MAASTO treasurer Terri Barnhart reported that MAASTO has a balance of \$392,484.53 in the treasury. This is relatively unchanged since the AASHTO spring meeting. When the final statement is received from the 2014 annual meeting, a current treasurer's report will be prepared for the board members.

2014 conference update

Jay Wasson, Indiana DOT, reported that approximately 511 delegates are registered for this year's conference, with an additional 55 exhibitors and sponsors attending. Waiving the conference registration fee for MAASTO members reduced revenues by approximately \$73,000.

Update on federal activities

Bud Wright, AASHTO executive director, provided an update on congressional activity in response to the Highway Trust Fund shortage, efforts to complete work on the 2015 appropriations bill, and the reauthorization of MAP-21, which expires on October 1, 2014. The HTF shortage must be dealt with prior to the August recess, which begins on Monday, August 4. Failure to provide additional revenues for the HTF will require FHWA to implement cash management procedures (a reduction in reimbursements) in order to avoid the insolvency of the HTF. The Senate sent an amended bill back to the House. The key changes are the level of funding and, while the House approved an extension to May 31, 2015, the Senate amendment extends programs and funding until mid-December 2014. Votes are expected throughout the rest of the week.

MAASTO elections

Secretary Gottlieb reported on behalf of the nominating committee. Secretary King was nominated as MAASTO vice president, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ann Schneider as Secretary of the Illinois DOT. Secretary King was nominated to serve as MAASTO president, and Commissioner Charles Zelle was nominated to serve as MAASTO vice-president for the 2014/2015 term. Terri Barnhart was reconfirmed as MAASTO treasurer. Director Trombino III was nominated to serve as MAASTO's nominee for AASHTO vice-president and ascension to president. All nominations were approved unanimously.

AASHTO strategic plan update

AASHTO has engaged Cambridge Systematics to facilitate an update of AASHTO's strategic plan. Four representatives from each region, plus the AASHTO officers, have worked this past year to develop this draft. Hugh Louch of Cambridge Systematics reviewed the work to date. A copy of the presentation is attached.

This is an inward-looking plan to guide the activities of the association and identify what the members want the association to focus on. The plan needs to be flexible to deal with changes that will occur. It is not a strategic plan dealing with federal transportation issues.

Specific issues that were identified and that will be considered or addressed in the plan:

1. Technical services are valued (but there are concerns)
2. Considered "go to" information source by some but not all
3. More and stronger external partnerships are desired
4. Funding is the most important external issue to members
5. Technology resources need to be upgraded
6. Committee structure needs attention
7. Members need education about AASHTO
8. Need to become more nimble and adaptive

Presentations were given at the AASHTO spring meeting and the regional associations' annual meetings to continue the effort to gather input and comments. The current schedule calls for a final draft to be sent to the board members in October and the AASHTO board to vote on the plan at the annual meeting in Charlotte, NC.

MAASTO Cooperative Framework concept

Director Trombino III reviewed the attached revised concept document, which was initially discussed at the AASHTO spring meeting. As a region we already have many groups that are in regular contact on a wide range of issues. This Cooperative Framework would provide a mechanism within MAASTO to help facilitate communication, cooperation and discussion of many complex issues. Director Trombino III

asked for a motion of support and for incorporation of the concept into the association's bylaws. Secretary Gottlieb pointed out that the concept aligns well with the House and Senate reauthorization proposals, both of which encourage regional collaboration, and that it's important to expand the concept beyond interstates to other modal corridors. Motion was made and passed unanimously.

Updates to MAASTO constitution and bylaws

Director Trombino III asked the STIC committee to draft an amendment to MAASTO's governing documents to incorporate the Cooperative Framework concept. In addition, an amendment will be prepared to provide for an independent audit of MAASTO finances in place of the existing provision which calls for an audit by a committee consisting of member staff. Another amendment will be prepared calling for the nomination committee to be named prior to the annual meeting, rather than at the annual meeting.

2015 MAASTO annual meeting update

Secretary King reported that the 2015 annual meeting will be jointly hosted by Kansas and Missouri and will be held in Overland Park, Kansas, from July 20 – 23 at the Sheraton Convention Center. The meeting will begin with the traditional golf event. *(Note: Date has been subsequently changed to August 10 – 13, 2015.)*

Future meetings

The 2016 annual meeting will be hosted by Minnesota DOT, and the 2017 annual meeting will be hosted by Ohio DOT.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attachments:

- Board Agenda
- AASHTO Strategic Plan presentation
- MAASTO Cooperative Framework Concept

Approved by Board of Directors
November 24, 2014
