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Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO)
Board of Directors Meeting – Charlotte, North Carolina
November 24, 2014

Board members in attendance -

- Secretary Mike King, Kansas DOT, MAASTO president
- Commissioner Charlie Zelle, Minnesota DOT
- Secretary Mark Gottlieb, Wisconsin DOT
- Director Paul Trombino III, Iowa DOT
- Director Jerry Wray, Ohio DOT
- Director Dave Nichols, Missouri DOT
- Director Kirk Steudle, Michigan DOT
- Russ Romine, representing Director Mike Hancock, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- Kevin Schoeben, representing Acting Secretary Erica Borggren, Illinois DOT

Others in attendance -

- Dan Franklin, Iowa DOT, MAASTO secretary
- Chris Hundt, Michigan DOT
- Laura Mester, Michigan DOT
- Greg Johnson, Michigan DOT
- Mark Geib, Michigan DOT
- Robert Whaley, Michigan DOT
- Brad Wieferich, Michigan DOT
- Tony Kratofil, Michigan DOT
- Omer Osman, Illinois DOT
- Stu Anderson, Iowa DOT
- John Adam, Iowa DOT
- John Selmer, Iowa DOT
- Halee Lindstrom, Kansas DOT
- Kent Olson, Kansas DOT
- Jay Wunderlich, Missouri DOT
- Tim Henkel, Minnesota DOT
- Susan Mulvihill, Minnesota DOT
- Tracy Hatch, Minnesota DOT
- Mark Gieseke, Minnesota DOT
- Serge Phillips, Minnesota DOT
- Greg Murphy, Ohio DOT
- Rory Rhinesmith, Wisconsin DOT
- Don Miller, Wisconsin DOT
- Dan Grasser, Wisconsin DOT
- Daniel Yeh, Wisconsin DOT
- Mike Berg, Wisconsin DOT
- Roy Nunnally, Indiana DOT
- King Gee, AASHTO

Welcome and opening remarks made by Secretary King. Secretary King announced that Terri Barnhart has agreed to remain as MAASTO Treasurer and that Dan Franklin has agreed to remain as MAASTO Secretary for the current year.

Approval of previous board meeting minutes

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the July 2014 MAASTO board meeting held in conjunction with the MAASTO Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Treasurer's report

Greg Murphy, Ohio DOT reported on behalf of MAASTO treasurer Terri Barnhart and distributed the attached report indicating a balance of \$392,484.53 in the treasury. This is relatively unchanged since the AASHTO spring meeting. The association's tax attorney reviewed the proposal supported by the Board to establish a scholarship program with funding provided to each state. They recommend that

due to the differences in state legal requirements, each state should be provided \$10,000 so each state can determine how best to establish their program. A motion was made, seconded and passed to continue with a program to provide each member state \$10,000 for their use in a program to promote transportation related careers in their state.

When the final statement is received from the 2014 annual meeting, a current treasurer's report will be prepared for the board members.

Amendments to MAASTO Constitution and Bylaws

Dan Franklin reviewed amendments to the MAASTO governing documents which were developed by the Strategic Transportation Issues Committee (STIC) at the request of the Board at the July 30, 2014 meeting of the Board of Directors. The primary focus of the review was to incorporate the MAASTO committee structure as outlined in the MAASTO Cooperative Framework. However, the STIC found many other sections to update and to clarify the roles of the Officers and the Board of Directors. A summary of the amendments and the revised Governing Documents is attached. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the revised Governing Documents.

Committee Reports

Secretary Mike King announced the appointment of the Vice-chairs of the MAASTO Committees for the current term as identified in the Governing Documents. The vice-chair of the Chief Engineers Committee is Jerry Younger from the Kansas DOT, the vice-chair of the Planning Committee is Chris Herrick of the Kansas DOT and the vice-chair of the STIC committee is Halee Lindstrom also from the Kansas DOT. The Chief Engineers and Planning Committees will be meeting to select their Chair for the current term. Jay Wunderlich from Missouri DOT had been selected by the STIC committee to be their Chair.

Secretary King asked if a representative from the three MAASTO Committees would provide a brief report.

Dan Grasser, Wisconsin DOT, reported that the Chief Engineers committee met on November 22nd and discussed a wide range of topics, including the ET plus guardrail, EPA's "oversight" of storm water permits, issues related to Engineer's salary and employee retention, and future meetings and committee structure.

Stu Anderson, Iowa DOT reported that the Planning Committee also met and discussed the committee structure and future meetings. Also identified a number of issues related to freight transportation, freight planning and the economic impacts of transportation which can serve as focus areas for the coming year.

Jay Wunderlich, Missouri DOT and Chair of the STIC reported that the committee continues to hold bi-weekly conference calls to share information relative to department activities. Since the annual meeting the focus of the committee has been the update of MAASTO Governing Documents. The committee is prepared to review and provide information to the Board relative to federal funding, reauthorization and other federal initiatives.

Report on the AASHTO Executive Committee Meeting

Secretary King handed out a proposal from the Executive Committee to establish a task force to access AASHTO's budget development process and develop principles to maximize budget stability and minimize budget risks. Membership on the task force would consist of two CEOs each from the four AASHTO Regions. A motion was made, seconded and passed to support the proposal. Secretary King

requested volunteers to serve on the Task Force. MAASTO will be represented by Director Dave Nichols and Director Kirk Steudle.

Action items at the AASHTO Board of Directors Meeting

The AASHTO Board will be voting on an additional \$2000 assessment per state to develop messaging document that can be used by the states for the upcoming discussion of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and solvency of the Highway Trust Fund. Last year the assessment was for the preparation of the infographic identifying the impact - by state - of the failure to enact a reauthorization bill. A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay this state assessment out of the MAASTO treasury.

Open Discussion

Excellent discussion took place among the Board members as each state provided an overview of their state legislative and funding initiatives – either past activities or plans for the upcoming 2015 sessions.

AASHTO Awards

MAASTO member states were well represented during the 2014 AASHTO Awards Dinner. The following individuals or teams received recognition.

Russ Romine, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet – President’s Special Award of Merit
Clifford Farr, Michigan DOT – The Francis B. Francois Award

2014 President’s Transportation Awards

Carol Aldrich and Betsy Steudle, Michigan DOT - Aviation
The Nelsonville Project Team, Ohio DOT – Environment
Raising Spirit of St. Louis Boulevard Team, Missouri DOT – Performance Excellence
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s Division of Planning, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet – Planning
David Spacek, Illinois DOT – Public Transportation
Kevin Schoeben, Illinois DOT – Water Transportation

Adjourn

No additional business was brought to the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00am.

Attachments:

Board Meeting Agenda
Approved minutes of July 30, 2014 BOD meeting
Treasurer’s Report
Summary and Approved MAASTO Governing Documents
Proposal from AASHTO Executive Committee

