



**MAASTO Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 29, 2018
Traverse City, Michigan**

MAASTO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and opening remarks were made by MAASTO President Director McKenna.

MAASTO Board Members in Attendance:

- Patrick McKenna, Director, Missouri DOT and MAASTO President
- Randy Blankenhorn, Secretary, Illinois DOT
- Joe McGuinness, Commissioner, Indiana DOT
- Mark Lowe, Director, Iowa DOT
- Joel Skelley, Kansas DOT, designee
- Paul Looney, Kentucky DOT, designee
- Kirk Steudle, Director, Michigan DOT
- Charlie Zelle, Commissioner, Minnesota DOT
- Lloyd McAdam, Ohio DOT, designee
- Bob Seitz, Wisconsin DOT, designee

Others in Attendance:

- Paul Loete, Illinois DOT
- Justine Sydello, Illinois DOT
- Erin Aleman, Illinois DOT
- Geno Koehler, Illinois DOT
- Louis Feagans, Indiana DOT
- Stuart Anderson, Iowa DOT
- Mikel Derby, Iowa DOT
- Josh Powell, Kansas DOT
- Polly Kent, Michigan DOT
- Laura Mester, Michigan DOT
- Sue Mulvihill, Minnesota DOT
- Serge Phillips, Minnesota DOT
- Michael DeMers, Missouri DOT
- Ed Hassinger, Missouri DOT
- Jay Wunderlich, Missouri DOT, and MAASTO Secretary
- Terri Barnhart, Ohio DOT, and MAASTO Treasurer
- Bud Wright, AASHTO
- Jim Tymon, AASHTO

Opening Comments from MAASTO President

MAASTO President Patrick McKenna began the board meeting by thanking Director Steudle and his staff for a great annual MAASTO meeting.

President McKenna then presented a picture to Director Steudle, Commissioner Zelle, and Secretary Blankenhorn as his show of appreciation for allowing him the opportunity to travel with

them on a tanker which traveled through the locks of the Great Lakes last summer. President McKenna spoke of his appreciation for what the three transportation leaders have meant to the MAASTO organization.

President McKenna then provided a summary of the activities and accomplishments achieved by MAASTO over the last year. In summary:

- President McKenna thanked each MAASTO state and CEO who helped advance initiatives that were not only important to the individual states, but as the mid-America region of the nation as a whole.
- In national speaking engagements, President McKenna continues to use the MAASTO Policy Recommendation for a Discretionary Rural Program. Further, he was encouraged to see the Trump Administration's and more recently, the chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure, Cong. Bill Shuster's, utilization and reference of the MAASTO whitepaper. A special note of thanks to Illinois' Secretary Blankenhorn and Justine Sydello for their hard work on developing and distributing this whitepaper.
- President McKenna also shared his enthusiasm for how well the MAASTO states worked together to support resolutions surrounding **safety** in terms of buckling up and putting our cell phones aside when operating motor vehicles; **economic development** as we support increased federal funding to build a new lock at Sault Ste. Marie; and our pledge to do more as state DOTs for helping eliminate human trafficking.
- Finally, President McKenna stated much of this work couldn't be realized by the MAASTO board without the dedication and commitment of the various committees and their members – the STIC Committee; the Chief Engineers' Committee; the Planning Committee; the Motor Carriers Committee and the Chief Counsel's Committee.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from the May 24, 2018 MAASTO Board meeting in Franklin, Tennessee were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Terri Barnhart, MAASTO Treasurer, presented the financial report from May 1, 2018 to July 1, 2018. A copy of the report is attached.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

In response to Terri's desire to step aside as MAASTO treasurer, President McKenna presented Terri with a plaque to illustrate the board's appreciation for her seven years of hard work and dedication to her position on the board.

Committee Reports

Joel Skelley, KDOT, and chairman of the Strategic Transportation Initiatives Committee (STIC), reported the following:

- The **MAASTO CEO Welcome Guide** is now complete. This guide is designed to provide new CEOs within MAASTO an overview of the structure, committee responsibilities and the resources available to those persons interested in becoming more involved with the organization. This guide will be placed on the MAASTO website.
- The Freight Advisory Committee (FAC) survey had made its way to the MAASTO states. The results from the survey outlined the best practices and roles for freight movement; P3 activities; and economic trends. Results from the survey will be placed on the MAASTO website.

- Justine Sydello, IDOT, discussed STIC's current assignment as it related to creating a MAASTO Reauthorization whitepaper. The whitepaper was last updated in 2015. Justine believes an updated document should be more specific to issues relating to the MAASTO region and possibly compliment the work AASHTO will be doing as it prepares for the next reauthorization debate in congress. A final document is expected to be presented to the board during their September meeting in Georgia.

Paul Loete, IDOT and chairman of the Chief Engineers Committee reported on the following "hot" topics:

- The Chief Engineers have invited Jim Barnes, Drive Ohio, to their next committee meeting in Georgia to discuss autonomous vehicles.
- Chief Engineers had a heavy discussion on MASH Standards. The committee believes this issue needs to be elevated to AASHTO for discussion to: 1) identify a national model for certification, and 2) allow manufacturers to individually certify the product. Director Steudle reported that he expects this issue to be discussed during the next AASHTO Streets Council meeting in Georgia.

Erin Aleman, IDOT and chair of the Planning Committee reported:

- In 2017, the Planning Committee asked the board for the authority to procure a planning services consultant to assist in developing RFPs for multi-state federal funding opportunities and other on-demand multi-state planning needs.
- The Planning Committee began the process to develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the consultant services. However, it was determined that it would be best to come to a consensus on a joint project to help develop a scope for the RFP and to provide greater clarity for the MOU.
- Committee members spent a number of months discussing potential project ideas and looking to the Mid-America Freight Coalition (MAFC) research to identify opportunities for projects that implement completed research projects.
- Finally, the committee determined that while there are many good multi-state projects that address freight and bottlenecks, there is not one project that could be identified as the best fit for all MAASTO states at this time.
- The discussions leading up to this point have identified numerous areas of research the committee believes can be accomplished under the existing Pooled Fund study with Mid-America Freight Coalition.
- The Planning Committee will work to incorporate these ideas into upcoming research projects with the renewal of the Pooled Fund (led by Wisconsin DOT).

Geno Koehler, IDOT chairman of the MAASTO Motor Carriers Committee (MCC), discussed the following items:

- Block Chain - The MCC has been researching the various terminologies regarding the "block chain" concept. There are ship chains used for tracking freight trucking for Purdue Farms, MOVA used for Smart technology, Slync used for tracking of goods, Oaken used for tracking toll road issues and the Block chain in Transport Alliance. These groups are a consortium of the foremost leaders in the trucking industry forging a path towards industry standards in block chain use.

The Transport Alliance shares a unified mission of developing a standards framework, educating the market on block chain applications, and encouraging the use of applications through exemplary implementation. MCC sees this organization as

something of interest since the federal government is interested and over 450 large corporations are now members.

- Autonomous Vehicles - Several states are passing legislation or proclamations supporting the various types of autonomous projects. MCC has been discussing platooning projects in some states.
- The committee has also discussed the several types of truck parking initiatives, and Dr. Ernie Perry is conducting the review.
- **MAASTO Subcommittee on Highway Transport (SCOHT) Update**
 - State Reports – Updates on emerging and current issues, programs and initiatives. The group identified a variance between 1 percent and 99 percent automation for permitting. Some states are in the process of starting automation. All state reports are available on the MAASTO SCOHT website. <http://www.maastoscourt.com/>
 - Discussed night movements of oversize/over weight loads and what is allowed by each state.
 - Had presentations by Siemens and Vestas about the coming future of wind farms in the Midwest.
 - Discussed wind energy multimodal transportation logistics and how to make deliveries better.
 - Had a great presentation on Truckers Against Trafficking and how states can participate.
 - Discussed the TPIMS program.
 - Special Carriers and Rigging Association (SCRA) has a Transport Training Task Force. This group will recommend best practices. SCRA would hope that states that are blocking haulers with violations to consider this as a requirement instead of closing a hauler down. Also wants states to consider/compare fleet size and number of safety violations before shutting a hauler down.
 - Finally, MCC continues to request that MAASTO CEOs support SCOHT by allowing employees to attend future SCRA events.

The Chief Counsel's Committee had no report.

Upcoming MAASTO Meetings

Commissioner McGuinness provided the board with an overview of the 2019 annual MAASTO meeting scheduled for Indianapolis, Indiana.

Secretary Blankenhorn provided the board with an overview and his expectations of the 2020 annual MAASTO meeting planned for Chicago, Illinois.

President McKenna reported that if any MAASTO state is interested in hosting the 2021 annual meeting they should contact the new incoming MAASTO president. It is the expectation of the board to have this meeting location tentatively set by the Spring MAASTO meeting held in conjunction with the AASHTO Spring board meeting in May 2019.

Human Trafficking Awareness Education

Director Steudle reported that the Michigan DOT is taking the issue of human trafficking extremely serious and is considering plans to host a Human Trafficking Conference in the near future.

Director Steudle suggested that the STIC Committee should consider getting more involved with this topic by possibly working with other agencies and coordinating with Motor Carriers Committee.

Election of MAASTO Officers

Secretary Blankenhorn made a motion to elect Commissioner Joe McGuinness as the new 2018 – 2019 MAASTO President; Director Mark Lowe as the vice president; and Laura Mester as the new treasurer.

The motion passed.

President McKenna then passed the MAASTO gavel to Commissioner McGuinness who will now serve as the new MAASTO President.

Commissioner McGuinness presented a plaque to Director McKenna for his service.

Commissioner McGuinness also presented a plaque to Jay Wunderlich for his service as MAASTO Secretary.

The board then elected Director McKenna as the MAASTO region's candidate to serve as AASHTO Vice President. This election will take place during the AASHTO annual board meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on September 24.

Side note: Executive Director of AASHTO, Bud Wright, interjected a friendly reminder that AASHTO's bylaws do not allow CEOs who participate in AASHTO board meetings to use a proxy for someone else to vote in their place if not in attendance during board meetings. This issue may come up for board discussion at the annual AASHTO meeting in September.

Open discussion

President McGuinness thanked Director Steudle for a great conference.

Secretary Blankenhorn thanked those MAASTO states for supporting IDOT's efforts on the 75th Street INFRA grant. These funds will help move freight through Chicago and beyond to other areas of the country. Groundbreaking is expected within the next two weeks. USDOT Secretary Chao is expected to attend.

Director Steudle provided the board members with an update on the importance of the TRAC program and provided an example of how MDOT has been working with over 500 schools across the state on this important program.

Director Steudle also expressed his desire to discontinue participating in FHWA and MAASTO roundtable discussions until a time when the Trump Administration hires a permanent FHWA Administrator.

Director Steudle also suggested that the MAASTO states look into ways to work together to submit another INFRA or BUILD grant.

Finally, a robust conversation was held among all CEOs pertaining to protestors impeding and forcing the closure of interstates. AASHTO Executive Director, Bud Wright, interjected caution and suggested to be careful when removing protestors from major interstates because there is a

thought in Washington, D.C. that these roadways are owned by the federal government and on federal properties in Washington there is a right to protest on federal grounds and properties.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jay Wunderlich
MAASTO Secretary

MAASTO Treasurer Report

(May 1, 2018 - July 31, 2018)

		Credit	Debit
4/30/2018	Beginning Balance	\$214,391.75	
5/31/2018	Deposit (Dividends)	\$8.21	
6/14/2018	Deposit (Missouri DOT MAASTO Confernece Money)	\$17,824.64	
6/30/2018	Deposit (Dividends)	\$9.19	
7/3/2018	Check #1136 - Marble Graphics		258.74
7/30/2018	Check # 1137 - Housman & Assoc. (MAASTO 2019 Seed Money)		\$25,000.00
7/30/2018	Deposit (Dividends)	\$10.48	
		\$232,244.27	<u>\$25,258.74</u>
	Current Balance		\$206,985.53

Outstanding Possible Expenses

- Conference Sponsorship - \$80,000
- 2018 MAASTO Delegate Registration - \$40,000
- Check # 1138 - Iowa State University - \$10,000

SCOHT Balance

\$175.00

Potential Balance

\$76,985.53