



**MAASTO Board of Directors Meeting  
Sunday, October 23, 2022  
Orlando, FL**

***MAASTO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes***

**2021-22 President Lorenz passed the gavel to New President Daubenberger, who called the meeting to order. She recognized Secretary Lorenz’s award of the George S. Bartlett award and MnDOT ‘s Tim Henkel’s award of the Thomas McDonald award.**

**MAASTO Board Members in Attendance:**

- IA – Director Scott Marler
- IL – Secretary Omer Osman
- IN – Chief Engineer of Design and Managing Director of Engineering Jeremy Hunter (delegate for Commissioner Michael Smith)
- KS – Secretary Julie Lorenz
- KY – Assistant State Highway Engineer Jason Siwula (delegate for Secretary Jim Gray)
- MI – Director Paul Ajegba
- MN – Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger
- MO – Director Patrick McKenna
- OH – Director Jack Marchbanks
- WI – Secretary Craig Thompson

**II - Minutes from Annual Meeting in Iowa, July 2022**

- Approved

**III - MAASTO Treasurer’s Report**

- Approved
- Current balance \$237,000
- STIC committee was directed to provide a report on using MAASTO funds for in memoriam for workers who died during their service

**IV – Discussion on Diversity and Inclusion Committee**

- Three focus areas were identified, along with BOD champions. First steps will be to gather best practices from each state to find commonalities between states. Then, consideration will be given for possible hire of a consultant, for the work to seek those commonalities and provide additional support to this committee. The following will be the three focus areas.
  - Workforce Opportunities – led by Ohio Director Marchbanks.

- Equity and Procurement Opportunities – led by Michigan Director Paul Ajegba.
- Reconnecting Communities and Justice 40 – led by Minnesota Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger.
- Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair will be Minnesota Deputy Commissioner Kim Collins and Vice-Chair will be Troy German, Iowa.
- A motion was approved for a potential consultant contract. Phase 1 will look for commonalities, and to look to establish prequalification and procurement process reciprocity. Approval to use up to \$75,000 for this consultant work, and a plan for Phase 2. There will be a point person for each state, identified by D & I committee members, to work on Phase 1 & 2.

#### **V – New Officer Elections**

- In addition to President Daubenberger and Vice-President Marchbanks, the remaining two officers for 2022-23 will be:
  - The Treasurer will continue to be Laura Mester, MDOT
  - The Secretary will be Serge Phillips, MnDOT.
- For the MAASTO Committees, the following officers were named. Note: some committees are still in the process of naming their chairs and vice-chairs,
  - CAV – Chair Elise Feldpausch, Michigan DOT, and Vice-Chair Daniel Yeh, Iowa DOT
  - STIC – Chair Holly Bienemann IIDOT and Vice-Chair Serge Phillips, MnDOT
  - Chief Engineers – Chair Burt Morey, KDOT and Vice-Chair Jean Wallace, MnDOT
  - EV Committee – Chair Preeti Chaudhuri and Vice-Chair Christ Schmidt, IIDOT
  - MFAC and Motor Carrier Committee are in process of naming officers
  - Planning Committee and Chief Counsel Committee will be asked to name chairs and the MAASTO President will subsequently name Vice-Chairs.

#### **VI - Committee Reports**

- Chief Engineers Committee
  - Construction divisions now hold region-wide calls
- STIC Committee
  - Continuing work to monitor federal activities
  - Working on pooled fund
  - Earmark and Discretionary grants

#### **VII - Pooled Fund FHWA approval discussion – Eric Mullen, Michigan DOT**

- Ohio Freight Corridor Plan
  - MFAC was tasked with identifying a priority for MAASTO pooled funds (scope). Deadline is the AASHTO Washington Briefing in February 2023.
- Kansas Farm to Market

- Identify grant and contracting opportunities (Craig Thompson and Patrick McKenna will lead)

#### **VIII - MAASTO Annual Meeting 2023 update**

- August 14-16, 2023, in Milwaukee. Wisconsin Center will be main meeting venue
- Hyatt Regency will be lodging of choice, overflow will be Hilton City Center
- BOD Dinner will be at Mo's "A Place for Steaks"
- Golf outing venue is "The Bog"
- Opening night will be at American Family Field (Brewer's Field)
- Closing night will be at the Milwaukee Art Museum (Calatrava)

#### **Open Discussion**

- Discussion of AASHTO BOD resolution to ask US DOT for a schedule for discretionary grants in upcoming years.

#### **Motion to adjourn**

Respectfully Submitted,

Serge Phillips, MAASTO Secretary, Minnesota DOT