

**TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
August 14, 2009**

**In attendance:**

Archie Daily-State President	Dave Taylor-State Treasurer
LeAnn Hagee-Vice President	Gaila Campbell-Secretary
Duke Wrisinger-State Retiree Representative	

Chapter 1	1 Member	Chapter 2	2 Members
Chapter 3	Not represented	Chapter 4	4 Members
Chapter 5	5 Members	Chapter 6	1 Member
Chapter 7	4 Members	Chapter 8	6 Members
Chapter 9	Not represented	Chapter 10	3 Members

Meeting called to order by President Archie Daily at 9:15a.m. Archie welcomed attendees, and introduction of state officers.

**Guest Speaker:** Lobbyist Harry Hill introduced Charles Schlottach, Chairman of the House Committee for Transportation, and on the Mpers Board for 6 years. Charles discussed the importance of communication to get objectives fulfilled for progress with Mpers Board. Charles stated that an investment officer has been hired by Mpers Board. Mpers receives information for fulfilling needs for our retirement system. Charles explained how funding creates opportunities in the calculation of our retirement. Overtime accrual was discussed, and how it affects the retirement calculation and sustainability. Duke Wrisinger stated there are other factors involved that also influence other than overtime issues. In order for the retirement system to stay secure there must be accountability from employees that are stacking unnecessary overtime. Questions were asked about installing a computer program that could track excessive overtime. Most co-workers in the \$30,000 bracket are the required to respond to emergencies that involve strenuous and stressful work such as floods, storms, and winter events. The question was asked if these workers should be penalized for the overtime involved. When the computer program is installed, it will be able to track, and determine functions that are being charged to overtime.

Sue Cox, Employee Representative on the Retirement Board of Trustees was present, and we welcome her back to our meeting. Sue is focused on the lines of communication from the Retirement Board to the employee members. Sue explained the attention for a successful retirement system, had how to safeguard, and protect our retirement. There have been some problems in our retirement, and how we can solve some of these issues. Sue is serving a 4 year term, with 1 year remaining on the term.

Susie Dahl, Director of Retirement System was introduced to by Sue Cox. Susie has a 30 year background in state government experience. Susie was from Mosers, and has 9 years experience in retirement legislation. Susie explained laws regarding our retirement, and how these laws protect our benefits. Our retirement is governed by 11 members on the Board of Trustees. The election this spring determines who is on the retirement board. Susie stressed the importance of taking time to vote on this election, as our vote determines our representation.

We appreciate Susie attending our meeting to help keep T.E.A.M. informed about important decisions being made concerning our retirement.

## **Lunch**

**Secretary's Report:** District 5 requests the minutes reflect information for their chapter not listed in two categories. (Example: Central Office). The change will be made.

**Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the Treasure's Report were submitted for approval, discussion on expenditures, motion made, seconded and carried.

## **Chapter Reports:**

**Chapter One:** 213 members, \$800.00 in checking, \$5858.00 in savings, \$25,000.00 in Needy Fund. President Roger Wittler has been going to new employee orientation to speak with new employees about T.E.A.M. membership. Roger explains the benefits of being a member, and how members help support important decisions made concerning our benefits. Chapter One is sponsoring a "Pie in the Face" contest (**only cream pies used**) with donations already coming in for the event. A hamburger cook-out was held for employees that participated in CPR & Standard First Aid. Enthusiasm is high at Chapter One!!!!

**Chapter Two:** 222 members, \$4000.00 in checking, and savings. Chapter Two has received approval to be present at their Fall Meeting. This opportunity will encourage new memberships.

**Chapter Three:** Not represented.

**Chapter Four:** 325 members, \$4369.00 savings, and checking, \$16,940.00 in CD's. Their chapter participated in the Ride for Remembrance, and raised \$750.00, and held a bowling event that raised \$818.00 for the Fallen Worker Memorial. Chapter Four is following up on other donations. Chapter Four has had the election of officers and will present the list of officers at the next meeting.

**Chapter Five:** 440 members, \$5642.00 in savings, \$14,833.90 in savings. Their chapter participated in the Ride for Remembrance. District 5 has made a challenge on their

membership drive that their chapter will donate \$20.00 to the Fallen Worker Memorial Fund for each new membership.

**Chapter Six:** 188 members, \$800.00 savings, unsure of the amount in savings. Chapter six participated in the Ride for Remembrance, held a dart tournament, and had a bake sale.

**Chapter Seven:** 302 members, \$4312.81 in checking, \$988.60 in Credit Union. District Seven held their annual Jim Minton Crappie Tournament, 2 pizza parties, and held a competition between the Northern, and the Southern part of their district for a fundraiser for BBQ grill.

**Chapter Eight:** 375 members, \$8463.07 in checking. District 8 participated in the Ride for Remembrance. We are receiving new memberships from the hiring of new members.

**Chapter Nine:** Not represented.

**Chapter Ten:** 248 members, \$6256.40 in checking. August 29 a float trip will be held at Van Buren, families are welcome, and pizza will be provided. September 28 an Ice Cream Social will be held, in October a drawing will be held for a B.B.Q. grill. Riders represented their chapter in the Ride for Remembrance. A letter has been sent out to their chapter asking for delegates.

**State Retiree Representative Duke Wrisinger:** Encouraged employee letters on the website from all the Districts

**Old Business:** We discussed the agenda to add the Fallen Worker Memorial to the Charitable Campaign. T.E.A.M has researched the requirements for the Fallen Worker Memorial. We must make a change on Article 4 of the T.E.A.M by-laws. The change involves a vote for the districts representation have two thirds majority for the change.

**New Business:** Ashley Halford HR Specialist gave T.E.A.M. a check for \$9543.03 from the Ride for Remembrance Motorcycle Rally. Ashley's dedication resulted in successfully organizing the rally with tremendous positive response from MoDot co-workers, and families. We appreciate her countless hours she devoted to this worthy cause.

Duke Wrisinger suggested we purchase a recorder for our meetings. At the following meeting after the minutes are approved the tape will be erased. Motion was made, and seconded for the purchase.

Chris Engbrecht Incident Response Representative visited with us to ask for support in getting legislation for the Move Over Law to include first responders to be able to have red lights in use when responding. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

T.E.A.M. will meet in September 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Truman Hotel.

**Adjourn**