

**TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
September 12, 2009**

In attendance:

Archie Daily- State President
LeAnn Hagee-State Vice President
Duke Wrisinger-State Retiree representative

Dave Taylor-State Treasurer
Gaila Cambell-State Secretary

Chapter 1 Not Present
Chapter 3 Not Present
Chapter 5 Not Present
Chapter 7 2 Members
Chapter 9 1 Member

Chapter 2 1 Member
Chapter 4 3 Members
Chapter 6 Not Present
Chapter 8 4 Members
Chapter 10 3 Members

Meeting called to order by President Archie Daily at 9:00 a.m. Archie welcomed attendees, and introduction of state officers. Archie announced the meeting will be taped, and at the next meeting, after the minutes are approved the tape will be destroyed.

Guest Speakers: Brad Wommack, and Lindsay Wommack from Wommack Monument Co. was present to reveal the plans for the Fallen Worker Memorial. Wommack's are a Third generation family owned business that was established in 1954. Wommack' first class workmanship are quality monuments that will withstand the test of time with minimal maintenance. Brad, and Lindsey presented T.E.A.M. members with a first class monument for the Fallen Workers that is enduring, and will represent the loss of life, sacrifice, and memory for generations to come. Wommack's have an emotional attachment for this cause, as they have worked with families that have lost loved ones in the line of duty. Wommack's have expressed they will not have any advertising on the memorial. Wommack's wanted to keep the focus upon the Fallen Workers.

The monument's design is an obelisk with each side representing "Remember, Respect, and Honor" of our Fallen Workers.

"Remember" is the first design which represents work zone safety, obeying laws, with each department represented. Lindsay read the epitaph that is located on the Remember side of the memorial. "In honor and memory we recognize the dedication, and contribution of MoDot employees who made the ultimate sacrifice to bring smoother safer highways to Missouri travelers. Let us also be mindful to the importance of adhering to safety rules, and promoting work zone awareness so there will never be another name placed on the monument. The monument has an illustration of the items that MoDot workers use daily. The boots, cone, safety vest, and hat are elements involved. The one part of the memorial that is missing is the worker, because they have been taken away. MoDot employees will know what the items represent, and others who visit the memorial may read the epitaph, and understand. The sub base below the epitaph

is where the names are located of Fallen Workers with the year of the first reported Fallen Worker fatality. Families and friends will be able to locate the year, and find the name of their loved one who lost their life.

Respect is the second side of the obelisk that contains additional names of MoDot workers. The Respect design represents the law, and work zone safety. The focus is a worker standing with a stop sign, and a collage of different signs that are used. There are different scenes of work that are being one from our MoDot departments that will give visitors a glimpse of the type of work that MoDot does.

Honor represents the accomplishments MoDot has contributed to traveling on smoother safer highways with very complex engineering involved. At the top part of the monument the diverging diamond is illustrated. The diverging diamond is the first project of this kind in the United States. The side of the monuments has four names of Fallen Workers.

A first class national artist, Patrick Bulger, will do the artwork for the monument. Patrick is employed by Wommack Monument, and was selected from 52 artists from across the country. Patrick draws the designs on the memorial, with great attention to detail.

Midnight black granite was selected for its durability, and will not absorb water, or stains and resistant to vandalism. The columns are constructed of red granite, which signifies the sacrifice that was made by our workers. The top of the support columns has three I-beams crafted from polished stainless steel. The polished stainless steel will capture light, and reflect formality to symbolize the Construction of MoDot. There is nothing above the I-beams, because this loss signifies the loss of the worker to accomplish the project.

The monument will have three benches for visitors, and families to sit upon. The bottom part of the benches displays the MoDot emblem. There will be a walkway around the memorial, with benches facing toward each section of the memorial. The plaza area will have granite paving stones around the monument area. The pavers are 1 ¼” thick, and are 24x24 square. There is 588 square feet of granite pavers that will go in the plaza area. From the edge of the monument base to the edge of the plaza is approximately 8 ft. The 8 ft. walkway surround the memorial will allow room for visitors to move around the monument. The main foundation under the monument would be a depth of 5 ft., and the footing will support the memorial. The monument will weigh 12,000 pounds. The location for the monument will be located beside the MoDOT building, and the Capital. The Wommack’s are giving a warranty on the memorial with no expiration date. Wommack’s answered questions from members, and additional concerns that will be forwarded to the Office of Administration.

We **“Thank”** Brad and Lindsay for the dedication they have devoted for designing a first class monument for the Fallen Worker Memorial.

Break: 10:30

Legislative report: T.E.A.M. Lobbyist Harry Hill discussed the location for the memorial, and will follow up on the details, and the restriction information concerns of the Office of Administration. Plans for Lobby Days will be made at our next quarterly meeting, and a date will be set. Harry will be following up on future plans involving our retirement system. We will not be seeking an increase in Deferred Comp. but we want to deep Deferred Comp. Present in future discussions. Legislation on cell phone usage was brought up to prohibit usage in the work zones, and school zones for all ages. Overtime issues were discussed with Harry, and information about the "Move Over" law. We talked about the usage of red lights for emergency responders, Archie ask for a volunteer to write information about the changes that might be made in the "Move Over" law, and submit them to the Association for approval before forwarding them to Harry Hill. Fatalities have decreased over the years in the work zone, and the Association has had a lot to do with the work zone safety campaign. The Legislative session starts the first of January, and we will be preparing our agenda for the coming session.

Secretary Report: Copies of the minutes from the General Assembly were submitted with a correction change in the spelling of Charles Schavic to Charles Schlottach, noted and addressed Questions about expenditures in previous treasurer's report reflect expenditures were made by Chapter Six. Motion for minutes made, approved, and seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the Treasurer's Report were submitted, and motion made to approve, and seconded.

Chapter Reports:

Chapter One: Not Presented

Chapter Two: 222 Members, \$5400.00 in checking, and savings, no retirees this month. Plans are made for a booth at the fall meeting the week of October 19, 2009, and the following week. We will have random monthly drawing of \$25.00 for two members at our meeting to encourage beneficiary cards to be filled out. At the last of the year were going to have a drawing from the beneficiary cards to give away year free membership. We will also give a free membership from the new members. We hope to encourage our membership from these drawings.

Chapter Three: Not presented.

Chapter Four: 3 present, President Joe Sims, Vice President Brandon Cracraft, Secretary Deloris Goetz. 323 members, \$1865.86 in checking, \$4369.30 in savings, \$16940.33 in CD's. We have had 2 retirements. We had our Chapter meeting September 09, 2009, with 5 of our 9 board members there. We are brainstorming ideas for new membership, and fundraisers for our chapter. We will meet on November 10, 2009.

Chapter Five: Not represented.

Chapter Six: Not represented.

Chapter Seven: 1 present, 302 members, \$3095.23 in checking, \$998.00 in savings, \$4093.49 Total. Our chapter has got approval to have a booth at the Employee Fair to help increase our membership. We will have a raffle for a \$25.00 gas card.

Chapter Eight: 4 present, 375 members, \$8366.69 in checking, two retirements since last meeting, 3 new members. We are planning a fundraiser for the Fallen Worker Memorial.

Chapter Nine: We welcome Karl Desch. Our chapter is having a booth at the Employee Fair, an a fund Raiser for the Fallen Worker Memorial.

Chapter Ten: We have had election of officers, they are Robert Tripp as President Debbie Strobell as Vice President, Karen Williams Secretary, Denise Hopper as Treasurer, and new delegates.

New Business: All chapters will submit a financial report prior to our meeting. District 4 has a form that they will share with other chapters. The state chapter needs a closer accounting of each district chapter.

Information was shared about the Tech Center at Lee Summitt. The Tech Center has projects to let student's train, and trouble shoot problems on projects. The majority of the students are seniors that want to advance in engineering,

Next meeting will be on January 16, 2010. We will need to write up information about the cell phone legislation, and future legislative agenda. We will contact Chris Engelbrecht about his concerns about the "Move Over Law, and using red lights during emergency situations. We will concentrate on raising funds for the Fallen Worker Memorial, and getting retirees involved in the efforts to help make this project a success. Each on of us needs to take responsibility to help encourage others to get involved with the Memorial project. There are many widows of retirees that have donated to the memorial. The donations do not have to be enormous, but all contributions add up to the goal. We are at a third of our goal for the funds for the memorial. Contributions for the memorial are not tax deductible. For corporate donations we can furnish a form letter to justify what the donations are being used for we will not solicit for donations on State time. Our website has a list of all contributors, unless contributor's request to be anonymous. T.E.A.M. members are dedicated to the goal of achieving funds for the Fallen Workers who have lost their lives.

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