

TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI
4th QUARTERLY MEETING
June 21st, 2008

In Attendance:

Mark O'Dowd, State President
Archie Dailey, State Vice President
Murrell Arnett – State Retiree

Dave Taylor, State Treasurer
Karin Branch, State Secretary

Chapter 1	1 Members	Chapter 2	2 Members
Chapter 3	0 Members	Chapter 4	2 Members
Chapter 5	1 Members	Chapter 6	1 Members
Chapter 7	0 Members	Chapter 8	4 Members
Chapter 9	0 Members	Chapter 10	2 Members

Meeting called to order by President Mark O'Dowd at 9:00 am. Mark welcomed attendees and had the state officers introduce themselves.

Legislative Report: Harry Hill spoke about our Deferred Comp Campaign and the results of our efforts. The session is over and the association succeeded in getting the match to our retirement contribution increased to from \$25.00 to \$35.00. It's a start. The House and the Senate proved to be very supportive because they liked the idea that it encouraged savings. Harry hopes that other state agencies recognize our efforts and give the association credit. The house favored the \$35.00 and in general it was very well received. Good comments in general. The senate approved it and indicated that they wanted to keep it going in the future. Our postcard campaign started the "buzz" or dialogue. Effective July 1st, the match will be in place.

Mark Zacher spoke up and pointed out that if you already contribute \$35.00 or more, you will not have to do anything.

Harry continued by saying that Ray Salva – Independence – turned out to be a big proponent of our cause. Jim Lempke really helped us and fought for it along with Neal St. Onge. Harry suggested that we perhaps show our appreciation by making a contribution to the re-election campaigns of these individuals. Surveys indicate that 72% of the public are displeased with our legislators. So let's help the ones that helped us.

Another point of interest: HB 1908 did not pass this year. The bill allowed for cameras hidden within work zones and they would be used to issue tickets for speeding.

Secretary's Report: Copies of the minutes from the 3rd Quarterly meeting were submitted for approval. Moved, seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the Treasurer's Report were submitted for approval. Moved, seconded and carried.

Webpage Report: Report not given.

Chapter Reports:

- Chapter 1: Currently 210 members with \$9100.00 in checking. Traveling the district with the DE and having hamburger cookouts in different areas of the district. Chapter One has been doing the cooking and in return, allowed to speak for a few moments. Planning on Family Days in August.
- Chapter 2: Currently 230 members with \$4518.00 in checking and savings. Recently had 4 retirees. Holding a \$25.00 monthly drawing. Will be hosting an Annual meeting with membership drive.
- Chapter 3: Not present.
- Chapter 4: Currently 365 members with \$1804.94 in checking and \$4272.05 in savings, plus \$15,327.15 in a CD. Just held Annual picnic in June.
- Chapter 5: Currently 476 members. \$2352.00 in savings and \$13078.00 in CD's and \$593.00 in checking. Central Chapter pledged \$1000.00 to memorial for Fallen Workers that Don Hillis is proposing.
- Chapter 6: Currently 241 members and approx. \$2200.00 in checking.
- Chapter 7: Not present
- Chapter 8: Currently 272 members with \$7857.00 in checking. Working on a nominating committee.
- Chapter 9: Not present
- Chapter 10: Currently \$6321.00 in checking. Planning employees breakfast throughout Dist. Getting ready for annual meeting/fish fry. Membership is at 168. Recently the chapter refurbished the garden at the district office.

Break time: 10:00 am

Old Business: Mark ordered new decals and distributed them to the chapters.

New Business: - Mark Zacher was asked to deliver a slate of state officers for the upcoming election.

Nominees are: President – Archie Daily Dist. 08., Vice President, Tommy Atkins, Chapter 6 and LeAnn Hague from Chapter 7, Secretary, Gaila Campbell Chapter 8, Treasurer Dave Taylor Chapter 7 and Retiree was not named.

Gaila Campbell will bring the form they use to name a beneficiary to the next meeting for us to model after.

Expense reimbursement for travel to meetings: Dave Taylor asked to clarify to members that anyone attending state meetings will be reimbursed either the hotel bill or mileage, whichever is greater. The chapter is supposed to reimburse for the lesser of the two. Mileage reimbursement – the Association automatically reimburses at the state rate. This applies to members and retirees as well as officers.

A bowling fundraiser was proposed to raise money for the memorial proposed by Don Hillis. Gaila from Chapter 8 stated that we could solicit outside help per Don Hillis.

Mark wrapped the meeting up by suggesting possible agendas for next year: Continue to ask for the full match in regard to our Deferred Comp, Hazardous Duty Pay, retirement issues.

Debbie Strobel of Chapter 10 opened dialogue about changing Truman holiday or Columbus Day to a personal day. Mark offered that it has been tried in the past with no success.

Eldon of Chapter 2 proposed that we give Harry Hill and Mike Michaelson each a \$500.00 bonus for their efforts in representing the association. A motion was made, 2nd and carried.

A motion was made to make campaign donations as follows; \$300.00 to Sen. Lempke, and \$250.00 to Salva and St. Onge. 2nd and carried.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for August 8th – General Assembly and the Annual Pool Party and cookout will be on the evening of the 7th.

Meeting adjourned for lunch.