

TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI
4th QUARTERLY MEETING
June 9, 2007

In Attendance:

Mark O’Dowd, State President
Archie Daily, State Vice President
Murrell Arnett – State Retiree

Dave Taylor, State Treasurer
Karin Cummins, State Secretary

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

Meeting called to order by President Mark O’Dowd at 9:10 a.m. Mark welcomed all attending.

Secretary’s Report: Copies of minutes were submitted for approval. A motion was made to accept the minutes. Seconded and carried.

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

Our lobbyist, Harry Hill opened by giving us an overview of current legislation before the house and senate. Items of interest being presented to committees for consideration are: Prior Service Consent Bill – Passed twice SB 127 and later with SB 406, which attached an amendment as back-up. It has been signed by the Governor and is ready to go. It will go into affect August 28th and will allow for the purchase of prior government service to be at a lower rate.

HB 1201 which called for transferring the administration of Deferred Comp from MPERS to MOSERS was also part of SB 406. But the issue seems to be dead at this time.

The Seat Belt law did not pass. Minority groups fought hard against it for fear that it would be used against them. The helmet law was attached at the end.

The Lump Sum Retirement issue was shut down.

In conclusion, the legislature was not as combative this year as in years past. Things ran real smooth.

Mark thanked Harry for his continuing efforts on behalf of the association. For 3 years in a row, Harry has managed to get a bill passed each year for us.

Harry requested 5 checks for various sponsorships/donations for legislators that are fighting for us.

Chapter Reports:

Chapter 1: Currently 222 members and \$7600.00 in Checking. Chapter 1 is working to help with Family Day.

Chapter 2: Currently 242 members and \$6384.00 in Checking and 95.86 Savings.

Chapter 3: Not present.

Chapter 4: Currently 365 members, \$2455.00 in Checking and \$4256.00 in Savings. Hosted a bowling tournament in April as a fundraiser. Annual picnic is June 23rd.

Chapter 5: Currently 504 members and approx. \$16000.00 in Checking and Savings.

On April 20th will partner with the Credit Union on door prizes. Hosting quarterly drawings and hats as giveaways.

Chapter 6: Not present.

Chapter 7: 245 members with \$4425.28 in Checking and \$942.23 in Credit Union Acct. In May Chapter met at Pizza Hut for a membership drive and received 7 new members.

Chapter 8: 393 members with \$8200.00 in bank account Looking forward to the Deferred Comp postcard campaign.

Chapter 9: Not present

Chapter 10: 180 members and \$6800.00 in checking and savings.

BREAK 10:45am

Old Business: Lobby Day was a success. 38 gallons of ice cream were consumed.

New Business: Current state board has 1 year and 3 months left. Mark wants to go out on a "big note". "What issue(s) do we want to tackle?" Several ideas were suggested: Deferred Comp, seat belts, sick leave. It was agreed that we should pick one issue and focus on. Deferred Comp was agreed upon. We are currently receiving a \$25.00 match from the state but are approved for a \$75.00 match. After some discussion, it was decided to ask for the entire amount and whatever we get will be an improvement.

How do we proceed campaign-wise: Electronically, postcards, phone banks? It was felt that postcards are our best approach. The idea of distributing them to all members and then collectively mailing them to the state legislature was agreed upon. The state secretary volunteered to put together a poster to launch our campaign.

Mark proposed that 5000 decals with our emblem on them be printed and distributed. It was motioned, 2nded and carried.

Mark thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting:

Friday, August 10th, 2007 - Truman Inn - Jefferson City, MO
9:00 a.m. – General Assembly.