



SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION OF INDIANA

MISSION STATEMENT:

The School Transportation Association of Indiana is dedicated to providing Members education and training opportunities to enhance safe school bus transportation for Indiana children.



STAI BOARD MEETING:

Date: 11/17/09

Location: Washington Township

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Officers: Pres- James Scroggin, VP- Mike Mentzel, Treasurer-Brenda Catania, Secretary-Monica Coburn; **Directors at Large:** Mike Clark, Monica Coburn, Lynn Hower, and Della Swain; **Past President:** Terri Roesler; **Region Directors:** 1- Pam Skoglund, 2-Amy Rosa, 3-Ike Doll, 5-Darrell York, 9-Guy Gentry, 10-Eric Reid;

EX-OFFICIO BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT: **Conference Committee:** Joyce West; **Contractor Rep:** Randy Armes; **School Bus Committee Rep:** Dwayne Vandiver; **Technicians Assoc. Rep:** Dwayne Vandiver; **Vendor Rep:** Denis Wiger;

Monica Coburn submitted minutes of the 10/20/09 meeting ***Lynn Hower moved to accept with changes as presented; Mike Clark seconded-passed.***

FINANCIAL REPORT: Beth Reynolds explained the new report system and advised the current balance is \$63,349.18. Brenda advised that Joyce West is still owed \$1,000. Beth has reclassified all 2009 to determine conference reporting. Beth does not want to sign checks. A question was raised regarding meeting room rental and hotel fees. We have paid already for this conference and gifts. Has conference set for 2010 already.

Randy Armes moved to accept the Financial Report; Pam Skoglund seconded.

Discussion: Mike Clark – re the \$700 in question for 07-08 suggested we should just write that off. Mike Mentzel suggested the \$700 is not in question for this financial report and should be discussed after this motion. ***Motion passed.***

Joyce needs help to get with Dave Danner to collect \$15,000 from 2008 Conference. Jim Scroggin feels that Joyce should get with Dave Danner and rough out a budget so we know parameters of a budget to work within. Other committees need to do the same – we need to encourage everyone to work within a budget.

Mike Mentzel would like us to reconcile with Dave for 2007-08 before decision to write-off is made. The time frame before next Board meeting is two months – we need to get this done.

Beth will make sure we get reports prior to the meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Seat Belts: Lynn needs Milo Smith's email address. Jim Scroggin related story of rollover crash; reminded all of the importance of the seat belt issue.

Rodeo Trailer: Eric Reid spoke with Denis to see if Mid-West or any other vendor would care to donate. The need is for a 20' trailer. We should take a look at a trailer at Franklin Township with Jay. We may need a 24' to include special needs equipment. Martha Allen probably has all Sp Needs equipment. Mike Mentzel suggested a 10' trailer for the Conference Committee.

Ike Doll would like the Executive committee to issue a Public Service Announcement to TV & Radio stations and public safety officials.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Region 8 Director: Lynn Hower and Jim Scroggin chaired; sent an email asking for Letter of Interest for the position. Rosie O'Brien was the only person who submitted a letter which Lynn read.

Lynn Hower moved to appoint Rosie O'Brien as Region 8 Director; Brenda Catania seconded – passed.

It was suggested that members should have ID tags. Kirsten will take care of this using a list updated by Monica. General tags should say "Board Member"; special tags for President and Vice-President.

Joyce West asked if approval is necessary to include the new NAPT Special Needs Certification class at the Conference; Linda Bluth is the instructor. Jim feels approval is not necessary. Mike Mentzel feels approval is necessary until the budget is set. ***Mike Mentzel moved to approve inclusion of NAPT Special Needs Certification class in 2010 Conference; Della Swain seconded – passed.***

We need an email address update for Brent Alspach – balspach@isp.in.gov

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Conference – Joyce West: see email from Joyce. Concern raised about unpaid Conference fees may be those who have not paid dues. Mike Mentzel suggested Pete could send notice out via email to all. Need website ready – Pam Skoglund suggested we may need to get help for Justin. Jim will ask him. Mike Clark suggested we open up Safety Saturday as a point under New Business to charge and asked how to get that done.

Contractor Representative – Randy Armes: still looking for contractor; most luck has been in South – needs more information from the northern directors.

Special Needs – presented by Jim Scroggin – he has email; see handout.

Technicians Representative – Dwayne Vandiver: next meeting is 11/12. On the agenda is: 1- Sanitize for H1N1 – there are several different options. 2-IC Buses: injector problems, EGR coolers. 3-Number of technicians driving routes – do we push to get endorsement? 4- Workshops – Sureloc, Braun, Navistar on multiplexing for Conference. 5-Technician Competition will be on April 10th @ Franklin Twp. National Competition will be in Jasper, IN., would like to see our Board push technicians to be a part of the National; to be there and see what it is all about. We will need judges and gofers. 1/14/10 is next meeting 10-12 noon at ADM bldg.

Vendor Representative – Denis Wiger: shared letter to vendors and suggested a layout for next year. He's excited by the Trade Show hours with a cash bar being offered at the trade Show during the last hour. So there will be no special treatment – the vendor booths will be assigned on a 1st paid, first choice basis.

Region 1- Pam Skoglund: meet this Thursday. She has been contacted by Peggy Burns who would like information on District Policy re: parking off school property; what are the liabilities presented by allowing this? Is there a possible litigation issue? Peggy would like a copy of

any Policies or Rules. They are having a rodeo which may include Region 2 and which will have eight obstacles. The next meeting will cover wheelchair issues – what is an acceptable transportable wheelchair? – has copies of this. She would like STAI to create verbiage for a statement to present to Pete Baxter on the broom issue. Would like a list of Region 1 school districts showing who is a member; paid up or not so she can contact new members and encourage non-members to join the STAI.

Region 2-Amy Rosa: Dec. or Jan. meeting. Met with South Bend, a non-member. Judy Dahlstrom is doing consulting work for Head Start. Community participated in a Hazardous Waste Disaster Reenactment.

Region 3-Ike Doll: see email

Region 5-Darrell York: training issues – CPR/First Aid questions. Activity bus and Medical Certification questions – explained it is not necessary; neither is training. Homeless issue. Next meeting is 12/11/09 @ Cracker Barrel in Kokomo.

Region 9 – Guy Gentry: Poster, Turnaround question, Map changes, Randy Armes was present, Went to Southwest Dubois for training on Wed., Th., Fr. Re 911 addressing. Next meeting is tomorrow @ 12:00 in Jasper.

Region 10-Eric Reid: see email. Next meeting is Thu.

At Large Directors-Della Swain: posters were at National Conference – no winners. Monica Coburn: Transtech information handed out. Thanks to the Board for the business cards; they came in just in very handy at National Conference.

Remarks for the Good of the STAI

Vice-President-Mike Mentzel: appreciative of positive steps everyone is taking. Remember, when it's 4th & 2 – you may want to punt.

President-Jim Scroggin: Ditto; momentum is up and going well. Keep your passion for transportation. Keep communications open. If you need help don't be afraid to ask.

NEXT MEETING: January 19, 2010.

Mike Mentzel moved to adjourn; Dwayne Vandiver seconded – approved.