

**Thursday, October 4, 2018**

**8:30 a.m. – Noon**

Ashville, NC

**Chapter President:** Artie Livingston  
**Summary**

**Staff Liaison:** Gail Remy

Chapter President Artie Livingston reminded members to continue keeping all those who were affected by the recent storm, many families are still suffering.

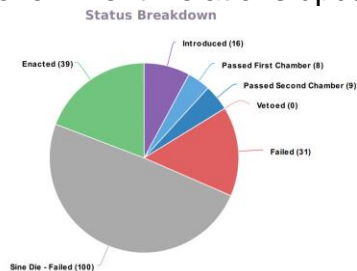
Chapter is offering two scholarships, one for each state to attend the ATSSA Fly-In. Applications are available on the chapter's website.

Chapter President-Elect Report from Midyear Chapters' President Council

- **ACTION:** Council requested each chapter have a point person dedicated to participating in their state's Strategic Highway Safety Improvement Program to be the voice for ATSSA at these meetings. **Ennis Flint is NC representative**
  - **ACTION:** Board of Directors will discuss this topic at the board meeting immediately following the chapter meeting today and to share feedback at the next Council meeting in February 2019.
  - The first training module will soon be released. The module consists of a training video, knowledge assessment, and accompanying course material focused on the basics of managing a chapter.
  - ATSSA now has 27 chapters – Utah was approved in July by the ATSSA Board
- Committee Reports from NCDOT and NCDOT
- **Matt Springer:** Paint specs update from spring 2018 meeting. September 18, 2018 meeting held with Magnolia, Sherwin-Williams, Orzark and SCDOT were in attendance.
  - David Cook, State Maint Engineer commented the need for more materials in the field to meet resurfacing goals.
  - Few issues with retro w/ poxy and thermo. May 2019 meeting will share detailed update.
  - Rob Perry, SCDOT Traffic Engineer reported 12 cent increase gas tax overall. 4 cent incremental increase to spend. Resurfacing \$44M yearly. Bridges (500) replacement. Rural safety program (1900 miles). \$3.1B obligated to construction.
  - Greenville, SC new ramps I-20, I-77. (3) more highway safety projects in 2019.
  - Carolina Crossroads (mega projects) \$1.5B (8) interchanges RFQ early 2019 joint venture early 2020.
  - Future replacement for cast iron snow plow markers.
  - **ACTION:** Blue Lights out in the field when jobs are being set-up not only during active jobs. Perfect topic to present to senators during 2019 Fly-in.

- **Steve Kite:** Midyear takeaways. More work required on Automated Vehicles. MASH policies Cat 3: replacing devices using crash data, high risk testing, med/low (no testing), new products (high risk)
- Connected Workzone: using technology on traffic control devices to transmit workzone information in real time to transportation operation centers.
- New spec direction, location link in development will have an update in 6 months.
- Mr. Kite presented update on the Marty Weed event during the Northwest Chapter. Mr. Weed's scholarship for "young engineers to attend ATSSA" conferences. ATSSA has agreed to match Mr. Weed's scholarship. Scholarship is dedicated to service and safety.

#### Government Relations update – Nate Smith



- Nate presented State Bill Trends and Status Breakdown for members to also consider hosting a state advocacy day/event
- Nate highlighted infrastructure
- Fall 2020 last fast ACT expires end of 2020, options are reauthorization and pass a new funding bill
- Elections outlook for Carolinas are as follows:

#### North Carolina:

1. NC-02 is a tossup (Rep. George Holding)
2. NC-08 likely Republican (Rep. Hudson)
3. NC-09 leans Democrat (Rep. Pittenger)
4. NC-13 leans Republican (Rep. Budd)

#### South Carolina:

6. SC-01 likely Republican (Rep. Sanford)

#### **Elections Outlook: Senate**

1. RealClearPolitics rates:
  2. 37 Dems safe or not up
  3. 46 GOP safe or not up
  4. 3 likely Dem
  5. 1 likely GOP
  6. 4 leans Dem
  7. 1 leans GOP
  8. 8 tossup (4 Dem, 4 GOP)
- Spring 2019 Federal Register will update MUTCD

New officers introduced - 2018 -2020 Chapter Officers. (L) to (R) Tricia Curtain, Carolinas Traffic Devices, Secretary; Ben Capel, Guardway Corporation, Treasurer. Changing of the guard, Artie Livingston, President (2016-2018) receiving a plaque for his outstanding service and leadership as President. Plaque was presented by incoming President Chris Fresca.



**Highlights of golf tournament and raffle winners!**



**Next Meeting(s):** Department of Transpiration on April 25, 2019, Columbia SC & October 1-3, 2019, Ashville, NC.

Respectfully Submitted: Gail Remy, Staff Liaison  
Approved by Chapter Secretary: Tricia Curtain