



## Meeting Summary Confidential – ATSSA Members Only

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On Thursday, March 2, 2017 the chapter held a meeting at the Maryland State Highway Administration (MDSHA) – District 5 offices, in Annapolis, Maryland.

While only 10 members were present, the meeting was very productive. The last joint chapter meeting with VA held in northern VA netted approximately 40 people.

After the welcome and introductions, the small group discussed numerous items including the review and approval of new chapter bylaws.

The chapter has approximately \$4,500 in the bank and will be looking at ways to raise money for the chapter, the Foundation, and is considering chapter scholarships. A scholarship subcommittee was created with members as follows: Chapter President Bret Martine (Century Engineering), Steve Noel (DPI), and Adam Weiser (DelDOT). Anyone else interested in serving on the subcommittee should contact the chapter president. An idea about industry-related scholarship was suggested and may be considered to connect with high school students possibly interested in a roadway safety career. The president is interested in helping the chapter grow over the next 18 months and proposed an annual assessment fee. More discussion will take place on the topic. One idea involved letting members know that 50% of all future assessments could go to the Foundation. They also discussed refining a chapter mission statement to help the chapter move forward. The ATSSA database was discussed and members were reminded to let HQ know when anything changes. The group is interested in showing others the value of ATSSA, the interpersonal relationships, and that the DOTs are key in succeeding. Other ideas discussed: MASH and the Dec 2019 deadline, state definitions of “end of service life” for products and whether or not FHWA will do acceptance letters in the future. Dave Poffenberger (Enterprise Flasher) reported at EXPO the TTC committee discussed the future letters issue and the

states weren't very interested in handling that responsibility. He said a survey was coming out ASAP. Adam Weiser (DeIDOT) said FHWA has done a better job of organizing the NCHRP350 and MASH letters they have online. The chapter president will attend ATSSA's Fly In and put Delaware on the map for 2017. The Foundation has a few names to add to the National WZ Memorial and there is interest in having it displayed in 2018 (schedule permitting). The CH chapter will be joining the VA chapter, and possibly the PA chapter, with a bowling event this fall called the Mason Dixon Mixin! The open event may take place somewhere between Annapolis and DC. Sponsors and prospects will also be invited to participate. DeIDOT reported that the FHWA has a Mid Atlantic WZ Roundtable meeting July 2017. MDSHA provided the room space for the chapter meeting however no staff from the Maryland State Highway Administration attended. Strategies for connecting with them in the future included the idea of the chapter writing a letter to state officials encouraging local involvement in the ATSSA chapter and better WZ Safety Training like other states in the region.

Guest speaker Adam Weiser (DeIDOT), shared information on HFS in Delaware ranked by crash rate. More information on DeIDOT safety can be found online: [www.safety.deldot.gov/safetyinfo](http://www.safety.deldot.gov/safetyinfo). The presentation included information on a million-dollar contract that was awarded to an ATSSA member company (Poly Carb) that will serve as the general contractor in order to perform the work. Apparently, for HFS work, it is common that, if awarded the bid, an ATSSA member company must serve as a general contractor.

Those that attended EXPO and the Circle of Innovation were surprised this year that no new innovations were shared but only DOT needs. The chapter would like to see a combo Circle event in the future that addresses innovations that states have implemented AND any needs that the DOTs have. Some of the members that attended the Circle in Phoenix said that they would have liked to speak at the event. ATSSA's Bob Felt thanked the board and members in attendance and covered a variety of topics as usual and presented information on GR (Roadway Safety Advocate, information on the new state GR director Ashley Wieland) and briefly discussed the potential need for a GR subcommittee in the future along with future dates for the NWZAW, Midyear, and 2018 Convention and EXPO.

The chapter will appoint a new secretary before the next meeting, will outline the next generation of a mission statement, and create necessary subcommittees and task forces.