



## CH/VA Joint ATSSA Chapter Meeting Summary

**Wednesday, October 11, 2017**

**12:00 – 1:35 p.m.**

Severna Park Lanes, Severna Park Maryland

**Chapter Presidents:** Bret Martine; Mark Council

**Staff Liaison:** Bob Felt

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#### Summary

A joint chapter meeting was held between the Chesapeake (CH) and Virginia (VA) Chapters in Severna Park, Maryland on October 11, 2017. **Bret Martine** CH Chapter President called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. Present along with Bret was VA Chapter President **Mark Council** and VA Chapter Secretary David Rush. The meeting occurred in a meeting room at the Severna Park Lanes in advance of the Mason/Dixon Mixin' bowling tournament. Self-introductions were held, with 19 persons in attendance plus **Bob Felt, Rita Rose, Brian Watson** of National ATSSA, and **Lori Diaz** from The Foundation. It was determined that a quorum had been achieved by both chapters.

A summary of both Chapters last meeting were accepted and approved by unanimous vote by each chapter's members. **Bret** reported the CH chapter has \$4,911 in their chapter account, and **Mark** reported the VA chapter has \$6,121. **Bret** advised that the Chapter Secretary position was open and in need of a volunteer. **Mark** advised that this would be the last meeting he would be presiding as the VA Chapter President, with **George Stallings** becoming the new President. Nominations will be held soon to elect a new President-elect.

The following reports and presentations were given:



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**Bret** – the CH Chapter was well represented at the last Fly-in. The chapter is working with DeIDOT on the development of a high friction surface program. DeIDOT is trying to reduce crashes in in curves. The chapter has reached out to ITE and ASHE and hopes to be more active with each group. The Chapter by-laws have been approved. DeIDOT is working with MDSHA on development of a work zone safety training program. Maryland no longer uses raised snow plowable pavement markers.

**David Rush** – shared that work zone crashes, injuries and fatalities have increased in VA the first six months of 2017 compared to last year. Distracted drivers continue to be a major concern. To combat this, VDOT will soon implement portable temporary rumble strips in flagging operations on two-lane roadways involving state forces, as well as require flashing STOP/SLOW paddles. A copy of the draft policy was made available to attendees. Also, VDOT is testing out two ITS Queue warning systems on I-95 in the Emporia area and Fredericksburg area. **David** shared a few proposed research topics they will be presenting shortly to the Virginia Transportation Research Council including “Lighted Personal Protection Apparel and Headwear”, Construction Entrances and Emergency Crossovers Identifications Process, and ‘Development of a MASH Acceptance Policy.’ **David** shared that his group is working on the next revision to the 2011 VA Work Area Protection manual, and will be sharing it with the VA ATSSA Chapter first. Also, the next VTCA meeting will be held April 11-13, 2018, with the next chapter meeting occurring the morning of April 11. The 2018 ATSSA Midyear meeting will be held in Colonial Williamsburg, VA, on Aug. 22-24. Mark stated we will probably have a chapter meeting during that time frame.

**Tom Wood** - shared an update on The Foundation. The amount of student scholarships has been increased to \$10,000 each due to the generosity of ATSSA members and friends, and Tom reminded everyone of the upcoming golf and skeet shooting tournaments which will be held in San Antonio the Friday before the Traffic Expo. **Tom** also ask that we reach out to try to find families who can participate in the Experience Camps program, which has more funds available than we do people who need to attend.

New Business – **Bob Felt** reviewed the ATSSA Vendor Participation Policy. He also stated that ATSSA is up to 26 chapters with Utah being added soon as the 27<sup>th</sup> chapter. He shared that although **Jim Baron** has retired from ATSSA; he is still assisting them on a few projects and is also serving on a national Motorcycle Action Committee. **Bob** gave an update on National ATSSA activities, as well as shared a video on the status of what ATSSA has done and is doing with MASH crash testing.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m., followed by the Mason/Dixon Mixin’ bowling tournament

Recorded by David Rush