

Thursday, December 6, 2018
Transportation Management Center
10 Veterans Blvd, New Orleans, LA

Chapter President: Kevin Garmon

Staff Liaison: Gail Remy

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Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by chapter president, Kevin Garmon.

A quorum was determined.

Attendees were welcomed and self-introductions were made. Members were reminded that ATSSA operates in compliance with anti-trust guidelines.

Minutes from the August 1, 2018 chapter meeting were approved unanimously by vote of the members.

President report was provided by Kevin Garmon.

Treasurer Report was provided by Paul Barber.

Nominations Committee announced Ron Sims elected as president-elect. Due to extenuating circumstances, Kevin Garmon will serve for one more year as president.

Guest speaker: Lt. Robert Mills, Louisiana State Police Safety Talk: Blue Lights in Work Zones

ATSSA National update provided by Jennifer Hedge.

The Foundation update was provided by Jim Stewart.

ATSSA government relations update provided by Nate Smith (phone conference) – Election results and outlook for future infrastructure funding for roadway safety programs.

DOT Updates

AL DOT – no representative in attendance

LA DOTD – Barry Lacy

- New temporary traffic drawing updates completed
- Type 10 fluorescent sheeting being tested on drums
- MASH device testing is not being required until LA DOT is told it's mandatory
- Reviewing making temporary rumble strips mandatory
- Reviewing the use of pincer officers as mandatory on night work zone operations
- Ingress and egress being reviewed on high speed interstate highways
- Will be testing use of sequential lighting on drums and barrels

MDOT – James Sullivan

- Governor called special session for highway funding for emergency bridge repair and passed a \$300 million Mississippi Infrastructure Modernization Act. Funds will come from 1) sports betting revenue; 2) internet sales tax; 3) imposed fees for electric and hybrid vehicles and 4) a small percentage gas tax.
- MS lottery passed and \$80 million per year will be set aside for MDOT maintenance (though they will still need more)
- Traffic Control for Maintenance Operations – pushed out some new revisions including adding temporary traffic control signals (temporary rumble strips are still optional)
- MDOT pushed out their new Strategic Safety Highway Plan

Open Discussion

Members discussed need to help recruit more contractors for the chapter. Consider inviting prospects to the meetings and/or reach out to discuss membership. Contact chapter liaison, Gail Remy, if you need her to reach out to any prospects and provide membership information/applications.

2019 Meeting Dates/Location – The next meeting will be held in Mississippi in conjunction with the MDOT maintenance meeting. More details on the date and location to be determined. The chapter will investigate having an event in conjunction with the summer meeting in Alabama (possibly in Birmingham at Top Golf).

Chapter social sponsors were thanked for their generosity: Trinity Highway Products, LLC; American Signal Co; Brite-Line Technologies, LLC; and Ennis Flint.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm.

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