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MITA Headquarters, Okemos, Michigan

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Summary

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1. President's Update
 - a. Michigan Work Zone Awareness Event during NWZAW – held at TEAM ELMER's in Traverse City (April 8, 2019)
 - b. Links of Novi golfing outing successful
 - c. New Treasurer named (Stephanie Boileau)
 - d. New President-Elect (Jamie Lemke)
 - e. New Company Members
 - i. Rowe Professional Services Company
 - ii. Detroit Water and Sewage Department
 - f. Reminder: ATSSA Annual Expo 2019 (2/8-2/19) in Tampa FL
 - g. Discussion About MASH (continued from 6/30 Chapter Meeting)
 - i. NC, FL, CA are self certified
 - ii. Motion proposed: "Form a letter on behalf of MI ATSSA Chapter to Roger Wentz, cc Bill Korman, regarding Category II Temporary Traffic Control Devices. The 2016 MASH Agreement for re-testing devices manufactured prior to Dec 31, 2019, should be rescinded, or devices that previously met NCHRP 350 should be grandfathered in."
 - iii. Motion approved.
2. New Technologies:
 - a. Chuck Bergmann for Chris Brookes (absent) – Amber and Green Lights for Work Zone vehicle

- i. Now allowed in work zone operations
 - ii. Successful in winter snowplowing operations
 - b. Chuck Bergmann
 - i. Presence Lighting
 - 1. Smaller Balloon lighting to light up taper/transition area in darker rural work zone areas (10 candles)
 - 2. Does not replace your usual nighttime area lighting
 - 3. Tested in West Branch, Jackson, PawPaw, Tawas
 - ii. DAD's – Driveway Assistant Devices
 - 1. Replaces flagging operations for minor street approaches, low ADTs, residential driveways
 - 2. Have to get FHWA approval (pilot product, currently not included in MUTCD)
 - 3. MDOT allowing them on jobs as long as you design them in.
 - iii. Radar Speed Trailers – MDOT wants to require them on all long-term fwy projects, going through approval with Construction Team/MITA
 - 1. 14 days+ (driven signs, then get a radar speed trailer)
 - iv. Portable Rumble Strips
 - 1. Laid down in advance of flagging station, pick up at end of day
 - 2. Best for jobs >= half a day
 - v. "Smarter Work Zones" – Stopped Traffic Advisory System
 - 1. Sensors in advance of work zone (up to beginning of taper), measure speed of traffic and linked to changing messages on PMCS in work zone. Helps to reduce end-of-queue crashes. MDOT looking to require them on long term projects or any project that can generate consistent large queues.
 - a. >45 mph, normal message
 - b. 25<x<45, message says "slowed traffic ahead"
 - c. <25 mph, message says "stopped traffic"
 - 2. Jamie – how do we utilize ATSSA to help push technologies in MI for reducing end-of-queue crashes? Why aren't we talking to the legislature?
 - a. Ohio required it, how did they do it?
 - c. 2018 Midyear Meeting
 - i. Innovation Council – autonomous vehicles
 - ii. ITS/Work Zone safety subcommittee – Chris Brookes working on a document to educate public about end-of-queue warning systems

- iii. Automotive Safety Council – states need to standardize signage, pavement markings, etc to make it possible to consistently program autonomous vehicles
- iv. Circle of Innovation – Gov’t employees, suppliers meet to talk about issues in each state and possible solutions for each.
- v. Website Task Force for new ideas
- vi. Safety/Public Awareness Committee
 - 1. Work Zone Awareness week is now a permanent agenda item every year
 - 2. National Media Award Selection – submit a journalist who is onboard with work zone safety and frequently talks about issues in the industry
 - 3. Motorcycle safety task force
- vii. New Business:
 - 1. TMA Usage and Best Practices – ATSSA has an online course, committee will review to make sure that best practices are available
 - 2. “How do we get people to slow down in work zones?”
 - a. Side Conversation: DWSD having issues with people avoiding/moving/taking barricades, intruding into work zones.
- d. Work Zone Awareness Week 2019
 - i. Event Kickoff – Monday April 8th, 2019
 - 1. Team Elmer’s is hosting in Traverse City
 - 2. Last year at PK’s shop in Troy
 - ii. National Event Kickoff – Tuesday April 9th, 2019
 - iii. We are applying to be the national host for 2020
 - 1. Just turned application in!
 - 2. Proposed Location – American Center for Mobility at Willow Run Airport
 - iv. Public Service Announcement
 - 1. Last year’s video was with SSI
 - 2. Working on this year’s video
- e. Break at 14:22, Resume at 14:31.
- f. Treasury Report
 - i. ATSSA will NOT provide a group exemption letter for incorporation.
 - ii. Motion proposed: “File paperwork to become incorporated as a not-for-profit organization with the State of Michigan”.
 - 1. Motion seconded and approved.
 - iii. Motion proposed: “To approve the Treasurer’s Report”
 - 1. Motion seconded and approved.
 - iv. Approximately \$7,500.00 balance in account
- g. Bob Felt – ATSSA snapshot

- i. Fly-In: May 1-2, 2019
 - ii. National "GO ORANGE DAY" – Wednesday April 10, 2019
 1. Send in pictures
 - iii. New case study available – median barriers/guardrail
 - iv. Annual Convention/Traffic Expo – Feb 8-12, 2019 Tampa FL
 - v. Michigan Training Courses!!
 1. TCT/TCS – Kellogg Center Feb 26-28, 2019
 - a. Reduced cost due to FHWA grant! \$25 fee for private
 - b. Notice is officially out and signup is open
 - vi. Newly Updated ATSSA Quality Guidelines for TTC
 - vii. Work Zone Safety App – good for calculating distances in field
 - viii. ATSSA Tuesday Topics – free webinars on Tuesdays at 14:00
 - ix. 2018 Chapter Reimbursement – need to submit in April for min \$1000 for chapter
 - x. ATSSA Foundation – Giving Tuesday (Tuesday after thanksgiving) for donations
 - h. OPEN DISCUSSION – none
3. Next Meeting TBD – probably March or April 2019
 4. Meeting adjourned at 14:57.