

Tuesday, September 25th, 2018
Macaroni Grill, Albany, New York

Chapter President: Christine Joyce

Staff Liaison: Bob Felt

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I. Call to Order

Christine Joyce

President, Christine Joyce called to order 2nd official meeting of the NYNJ ATSSA Chapter. The main mission of this chapter is to concentrate on work zone safety and to promote proper use of products in the work zone.

**II. Determination of Quorum - Achieved.
(Minimum- 5 member companies)**

Janice Fernandez

Total of 15 attendees
(8) Member companies
(1) ATSSA representative
(1) FHWA guest speaker

III. Introductions

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a. Anti-Trust Guidelines

Bob Felt

Guidelines set on how to operate as a roadway safety industry.

IV. Treasurer Report/Past Meeting Summary

Keith Kane

a. Bank Account all set. ATSSA headquarters has provided yearly funding to Chapter.

V. ATSSA Update/ Foundation Update

Bob Felt

- 49th Annual ATSSA Convention & Traffic Expo, Tampa, Florida, February 8-12, 2019
- ATSSA Celebrating 50th Annual ATSSA Convention & Traffic Expo, New Orleans, Louisiana, Jan. 24-28, 2020
- Chapter Advocacy Day - Available if chapter would like to host.
- National Workzone Awareness Week - April 8-12, 2019
- Go Orange for Work Zone Safety - Submit picture.
- 2019 Legislative Briefing & Fly In – May 1-2, 2019
- Capitol Hill updates – check www.atssa.com/GovernmentRelations
- ATSSA Leadership Program will sponsor training for chapter members that show leadership.
- Public Agency – Scholarships Available.

- Tuesday Topics – Free webinars 30 minutes once a month - see website for list of topics. If anyone/company is interested to present topic contact Bob Felt.

Foundation Scholarship Update – Student scholarships are available to children of workers who were killed or disabled in work zone accidents. Due to generosity of ATSSA members and friends this program is a way for us to give back.

VI. a.	Speaker Presentation Safety Engineer for FHWA	Introduced by: Topic:	Mike Downing, Epoplex Emmett McDevitt FHWA Safety Funding
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Mr. McDevitt’s presentation gave us insight on how FHWA Safety Funding is working to make our roads safer.

FHWA’s role is to ensure State DOT’s meet federal requirements through reimbursement programs, new innovations/ implementation and accountability.

In December 2015, The **Fast Act** (Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act) was signed. It’s a 5-year act (2016-2020) providing:

- \$305 Billion in total funding towards highways, highway safety, transit, research & railroads
- 70 Billion transfer to keep the Highway Trust Fund solvent
- NYSDOT alone receives @ \$1.5 billion in federal aid funding yearly

The **FAST Act** follows through with the **Highway Safety Improvement Program**– (HSIP):

- to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities/serious injuries on all public/non-public roads including non-State owned public roads.
- HSIP requires data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety on all public roads that focus on performance.

In New York – the Core Safety Programs involves investigating data gathered through various programs such as PILS, evaluating recommendations and tracking post implementation. The following breakdown on fatalities is based on data collected:

- 53% of total average fatalities - Roadway Departures
- 22% of total average fatalities - Intersections
- @ 26% of total average in NY - Pedestrian

NYS Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – (PSAP) is a 5 year initiative providing \$110 million for pedestrian safety - through engineering, education and enforcement to improve signalization, intersections and investigate and treat problem areas. As a result of this program, improvements are being made through construction contracts on both the state roads and local/county government. Fatality rates have decreased. Local areas are reviewing their problem areas and creating Safety Plans.

It is important that MUTCD National standards are enforced through uniform signage, pavement markings and signals regardless if on state roads or county roads.

Going forward there is a need for more innovation from industry to assist older drivers and improve compliance with MUTCD national standards. As well as spreading funding out to local agencies to reduce fatalities.

- VII. Old/New Business**
- a. Chapter Task Forces and Subcommittee's:**
DOT Liaison Chair **Scott Heydt will be new rep in the area taking over for Kirk Thrasher**

 - b. Chapter Elections**
Elections to be discussed in 2019 Chapter Meeting.
- XI. Date and Location of Next Meeting** **TBD – Meeting to be held March 2019**
- XII. Evaluation & Prospect Forms** **Bob Felt**
- Evaluation forms completed and prospect forms submitted to Bob. ATSSA needs chapter member's help to develop new member prospects.
- Meeting Adjourned **Bob Felt/Christine Joyce**

Meeting summary prepared by Janice Fernandez, Secretary

Source:
Emmett McDevitt Presentation – Signs and more signs, 9/25/18

