

2013 MIDWEST & NORTHEAST EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT JOINT MEETING

MINUTES

NORTHEAST REGION - June Conference

June 26-27, 2013

The annual business meeting was called to order by Jim Smith on June 26, 2013 at 8:18 am.

Meeting closed at 9:45 am.

Attendance

Jim Smith provided introductions from PennDOT personnel in attendance and asked if anyone had any objections of them sitting in at the meeting. No objections stated from any of the state's present. Seven states were in attendance for the meeting. Attendees included James Smith, PennDOT, James Chupas, ConnDOT, Alex Pacheco, RIDOT, Don Hutchins, MDOT, Bill Dusavitch, NHDOT, Jim Schmidt, NJDOT and Blain Schrader, DelDOT

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting on June 27-28, 2012 were reviewed. Minor corrections to NHDOT as noted by Bill Dusavitch and the listing for the Secretary/Treasurer position was duplicated. Revisions were corrected and the minutes for the June 27-28, 2012 meeting were approved.

- Jim Smith discussed the financial report. Mr. Smith reported that nothing has changed since the previous information was emailed out. From that report, the income for both the Midwest and the Northeast was \$9,402.60 for each region and the income from the 2012 National Equipment Conference was \$29,333.22 for each regional partnership leaving a total of \$38,735.82 per each Northeast and Midwest regions. Jim Smith discussed how the funding for the regional meetings works.
- Jim Smith discussed the MAP-21 regulations. All agreed at the June 2012 conference to move forward with what the committee has done for developing criteria for each DOT to report on the four identified Performance Measures. Mr. Smith also discussed the basis to create a baseline in a way that works for each organization and the importance for states to use this tool and get it "off the ground". The intent is to update the matrix twice per year.
- Jim Smith reported that the National Conference for 2014 will be held in Orlando, Florida, possibly in June. Jim Smith made a motion to participate in the 2014 National Meeting. Jim Chupas accepted the motion and it was seconded by Alex Pacheco. Motion carried unanimously. It was discussed

that the 2015 conference will be a regional, 2016 conference would be national and 2017 would be regional. Mr. Smith discussed the reasons why the 2014 National Conference is not being held in the Western Region, mostly due to space restrictions for the place that was selected which was not big enough to host a National Conference.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Jim Smith, present Chair of the Northeast Regional partnership called for nominations and election of officers for 2013-2014. The following nomination and election of officers took place for the NEEMP: Chair: Jim Smith (Pennsylvania) was nominated but respectfully declined. Jim Chupas (Connecticut) nominated Don Hutchins (Maine) and was seconded by Jim Schmidt (New Jersey). With no other nominations received, the vote was unanimous in favor of Don Hutchins, (Maine) to be the next Chair.
- At this point, Jim Smith continued to preside in his ex-officio capacity as Chair with the approval from newly elected Don Hutchins.
- Officers: First Vice Chair: Jim Chupas (Connecticut) nominated by Don Hutchins (Maine) and seconded by Alex Pacheco (Rhode Island). Unanimously approved.
- Second Vice Chair: Alex Pacheco (Rhode Island) nominated by Don Hutchins (Maine) and seconded by Jim Chupas (Connecticut). Unanimously approved.
- Secretary / Treasurer: Bill Dusavitch (New Hampshire) nominated by James Chupas (Connecticut) and seconded by Don Hutchins (Maine). Unanimously approved.
- Steering Committee: Jim Schmidt (New Jersey) nominated by Jim Chupas (Connecticut) and seconded by Don Hutchins (Maine). Unanimously approved.
- Steering Committee: Jim Smith (Pennsylvania) Nominated by Bill Dusavitch (New Hampshire) and seconded by Alex Pacheco (Rhode Island). Unanimously approved.
- Steering Committee: Blain Schrader (Delaware) Nominated by Don Hutchins (Maine) and seconded by Jim Schmidt (New Jersey). Unanimously approved.
- If other alternate Steering Committee vacancies need to be filled, it will be done during the next business meeting. With that, the elections of officers were closed.
- Don Hutchins stated that he will be contacting Patte Hahn on what role this organization will be doing for the 2014 National Conference.
- Jim Smith discussed the communication tool known as "List Serve" and the importance of signing up for it. Mr. Smith discussed the reasons why it would be helpful to be on the List Serve as a member. A person can sign up to be on the List Serve by going to the EMTSP Home Web page.

- Jim Smith reported to the group the importance of the NCPP group and Patte Hahn for facilitating in setting up this conference. Mr. Smith would like to formally thank her for all of her work.

Group Discussions:

- Jim Smith opened the group discussions on issues being seen by all states represented. The following issues were discussed:
- Rust prevention on equipment: Environmental regulations are having an impact on locations being able to rinse off trucks and other types of equipment. Many states reported on their practices to reduce corrosion. Many different methods were discussed that are presently being used such as a Neutral Wash by NHDOT and ConnDOT to dissolve chlorides, and ConnDOT reported on spray on coatings presently being used on new loaders and hopes to expand to snow plow trucks. PennDOT reported on wash facilities they have for their equipment which is working well. Funding for actual wash stations was discussed and the general consensus was the lack of available funding. Delaware County in Pennsylvania has a wash facility that can lift a car to get the underneath.
- Equipment Specifications & Manufacturers: Don Hutchins discussed working with vendors on items that are looking for in their specifications. Items of discussion were holding meetings with truck manufacturers on issues they would like to see. It appears that at times manufacturer's do not want to add certain items to their product due to possibly a limited demand and the cost of engineering and testing. Mr. Hutchins discussed the need to form an alliance with other states to discuss getting manufacturers to install certain items that are not presently available. If the manufacturers could determine that there are many states interested in the same item, then it would advantageous for the manufacture's to add the item to the equipment line. The group discussed the various ways each state goes out to bid for equipment and that some have the ability to purchase what they want, even if it is not low bid. Mr. Hutchins asked the group to come up with a list of equipment they would like to see available to install on equipment and also to involve the Midwest states to participate. It was noted that the NCPP has the availability to send out surveys such as Survey Monkey on this type of question.
- General discussion on other various equipment problems being seen in the equipment industry. Items noteworthy were corroded engine blocks, Allison 3000 series broken transmissions, Eaton rear axles and chaffing transmission lines.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Dick Baron, NCPP