

**Transportation Employees Association of Missouri  
General Assembly  
January 17, 2009**

**In Attendance:**

Archie Daily-State President  
LeAnn Hagee-State Vice President  
Duke Wrisinger-State Retiree Rep.

Dave Taylor-State Treasurer  
Gaila Campbell-State Secretary

<b>Chapter 1</b>	<b>1 Member</b>	<b>Chapter 2</b>	<b>0 Members</b>
<b>Chapter 3</b>	<b>2 Members</b>	<b>Chapter 4</b>	<b>2 Members</b>
<b>Chapter 5</b>	<b>1 Member</b>	<b>Chapter 6</b>	<b>1 Member</b>
<b>Chapter 7</b>	<b>2 Members</b>	<b>Chapter 8</b>	<b>6 Members</b>
<b>Chapter 9</b>	<b>0 Members</b>	<b>Chapter 10</b>	<b>2 Members</b>

Meeting called to order by President Archie Daily at 9:00. Archie welcomed members, and guests. Our guests were our Lobbyist Harry Hill, James-derlich from Government Affairs, and Senator John Griesheimer.

**Secretary's Report:** Copies of the minutes were submitted for approval, motion made and seconded.

**Treasure's Report:** Copies of the treasure's report were submitted for approval. A motion was made seconded and carried.

**Chapter Reports:**

**Chapter 1:** 220 members, \$6000 savings, \$3000.00 in checking. Our chapter assisted 2 families from our Needy Family Fund, who had experienced losses from house fires, and contributed to their Christmas gifts.

**Chapter 2:** 215 members, and will update at next meeting, \$4675.00 in checking and savings. We are working on organizing an upcoming bowling tournament, and will update with further detail on our tournament.

**Chapter 3:** 215 members we welcome Beth Page, Chapter 3 President to our meetings. We look forward to having her represent their chapter, and bringing new ideas to the meetings.

**Chapter 4:** 330 members, \$4294.93 in checking and savings.

**Chapter 5:** 209 district members, 462 central members, \$320.00 checking,

\$15,817.00 in CD's, \$2053.00 in savings. April will be our annual membership Recruit.

**Chapter 6:** 139 members

**Chapter 7:** 280 members, \$3,301.32 checking, \$993.51 credit union, total \$4294.83. We had no new cash memberships this quarter. We had four new Gold Card Members, William Aldridge, Gerald Coy, Mary Payton, and William Lord.

**Chapter 8:** 336 members, checking \$7568.33. We have sent beneficiary cards to all employees, for updating information. All co-workers that are not members have received information about joining our Association, and we are expecting new membership to be announced at our next meeting.

**Chapter 9:** Absent

**Chapter 10:** 246 members, \$5,680.00 in checking.

### **New Business:**

Our guest was JamesWunderlich, from Central Office with Government Affairs Legislation. James discussed the 2009 Legislative proposals with us, and these proposals have been grouped into four categories.

#### **Safe Transportation System**

Primary Safety Belt-Changes Missouri's secondary safety belt law to allow Law enforcement officers to stop and issue citations to drivers for failing to wear their safety belts. Without the need for such officers to observe and cite the driver for another traffic violation.

#### **Uninterrupted Traffic Flow**

Providing Better Incident Management- amends Missouri law to reduce the amount of time needed to clear traffic lanes of wrecked or stalled vehicles, cargo, etc. The Department and law enforcement's liability exposure will be reduced regarding the removal of damaged property from the roadway. In addition, the required lapse time before a tow company can be called to remove abandoned property from the right of way will be reduced.

#### **Easily Accessible Modal Choices**

#### **Efficient Movement of Goods**

Improvements in Multimodal Transportation Services-with no dedicated funding source for multimodal programs, an investment in State General Revenue is needed to make improvements in port, rail, and transit modes.

Targeted rail capacity projects would improve the reliability of state-supported passenger rail service. Port capital projects are needed to improve modal connectivity, and advance economic development. The public wants more transportation options due to rising fuel prices. Transit agencies are struggling to maintain, or expand service levels with significantly higher cost.

Missouri River as a Reliable Mode for Movement of Freight-a joint resolution urging the State of Missouri to support maintaining a navigable depth on the Missouri River to provide for a reliable alternative mode of transportation for the movement of freight.

Association Lobbyist Harry Hill discussed Senate Bill 150 that Senator John Griesheimer of Washington Mo. is introducing to the 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. This bill relates to Missouri Department of Transportation, and Highway Patrol employees' retirement system benefits. This bill, SB150 would allow only an employee's base salary to be used when calculating a retirement annuity. Current law allows overtime pay to be used in the annuity calibration

Senator John Griesheimer of Washington, Mo. was our guest speaker. Senator Griesheimer is a member of the Missouri Department of Transportation, and Highway Patrol Employees' retirement system (MPERS). Sen. Griesheimer states the legislation is an attempt to reduce costs, and help stabilize, and strengthen the MPERS retirement fund which has been hit hard by the recent economic downturn. At present, HB150 would apply only to state workers who are members of MPERS. The senator said he intends to offer a substitute version at a committee hearing which would include MOSERS personnel also. A similar bill is expected to be introduced in the house. Lobbyist Harry Hill will keep us informed with further information concerning SB150, and additional bills introduced.

Break: 10:30

**New Business:** Discussion began concerning the plans for Lobby Days in April. At our previous meeting Shawn Nigles suggested we change the pace this year by having a fish fry instead of our Annual Ice Cream Social. Our next meeting will be February 28, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to discuss the arrangements for the fish fry.

We will return to our Districts with the information that Senator John Griesheimer has presented to us concerning SB150.

Adjourn