

TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI
General Assembly
August 8, 2008

In Attendance:

Mark O'Dowd, State President
Archie Daily, State Vice President
Murrell Arnett - State Retiree

Dave Taylor, State Treasurer
Karin Cummins, State Secretary

Chapter 1	1 Members	Chapter 2	Members 3
Chapter 3	0 Members	Chapter 4	Members 2
Chapter 5	2 Members	Chapter 6	Members 3
Chapter 7	5 Members	Chapter 8	Members 1
Chapter 9	0 Members	Chapter 10	Members 1

Meeting called to order by President Mark O'Dowd at 9:04 a.m. Mark welcomed all attending.

Secretary's Report: Copies of minutes were submitted for approval. A motion was made to accept the minutes. Seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the treasurer's report were submitted for approval. . Moved, seconded, and carried.

Harry Hill Report: We had a good year. Gave us praise on deferred comp efforts. Ray Salva stayed on it, gave him praise. Jim Lempke really helped push it through. Harry hopes and encourages us to support his campaign. There is a new governor on the horizon. A lot of people are aware T.E.A.M pushed the issue but there are a lot of state employees who don't know. Mike Michelson added that T.E.A.M received a lot of recognition for their efforts. Concerned about MoDot funding with Amendment 3 coming to an end. Eldon from Chapter 2 commented there appeared to be more opposition in House than in the Senate on the deferred comp. Harry said no one really opposed it, but we need to continue to remind them about it. Safety issues will be a hot topic next session.

Mark asked Mike to come up front. He thanked them for all their efforts and hard work over the past years and presented them with a gift. Mike said he has enjoyed representing us – good organization. Mike suggested we support David Pearce from Warrensburg.

Chapter Reports:

Chapter 1: 205 members, \$9500.00 in checking cookout went well, Family Day put on hold.

Chapter 2: Up 2 members, \$4800 in checking and savings

Chapter 3: Absent

Chapter 4: 365 members \$4325.00 in checking, \$2240 in savings

Chapter 5: \$707.15 checking, \$16,109.00 in CD's, 485 members in central, 223 district 5, we have discontinued monthly drawings. Discussing Family Day.

Chapter 6: 247 members, \$2500 in checking

Chapter 7: 274 members, \$4069.00 in checking, \$976.00 in savings, crappie tournament was cancelled due to high water. Sponsoring a golf team for benevolent golf tournament.

Chapter 8: 340 members, several retirees, \$7600.00 in checking and savings. Good Rep and Engineer Conference

Chapter 9: Absent

Chapter 10: Met with maintenance gained 13 members, we are serving ice cream during Rodeo events, past president agreed to help out. Having breakfast with bridge crew. 169 to 184 members.

Old Business:

Beneficiary Cards- discussed who to pay in case of accident, could we default, Tie it to state basic insurance not life insurance because not everyone has it. Retirement system might be another avenue.

Bowling Fund Raiser – Mark is still pondering

10:00 a.m. Break

Elections- Mark announced the newly elected officers. President- Archie Daily, Chapter 8, Vice President-LeAnn Hagee, Chapter 7, Treasurer-Dave Taylor, Chapter 7, Secretary-Gaila Campbell, Chapter 8, Retiree Representative- Duke Wrisinger, Chapter 4,

New Business:

Archie takes over meeting. Chapter Support – Discussion on deferring 1 payment to chapter to keep state afloat. Kevin Clayton made motion quarterly payout to help state funds viable, motion seconded, discussion, is one quarter better than any other, would a percentage change be in order, current is 37.5%, vote, motion carries. September payment will default to the state.

Next meeting date will be Sept 13 or 27th.

Issues for next legislative session – Deferred comp-Keep the Fire Burning- work Zone Safety. Duane Kleithermos- Priority list, concerned MoDot is not included in Move Over Campaign. Language in bill last year to include us but it did not pass. Per Mark, on committee, he has asked it to be considered. He will keep us informed. Foreign countries

buying roads, can we protect ourselves from that happening? Will look into it. Raising consumer price index for retirees. Old plan automatic 4% raise each year after 2000, 80%. Unite with other Associations proposed but Troopers, DOC, etc.; they are not as strong as ours.

Fallen Workers Memorial in Jefferson City. Melissa Black is asking where we are on this issue. Kevin Clayton asked is we are willing to support project. Don Hillis has budgeted \$100,000 to fund. MoDot not interested in designing. OA is in charge and wants to farm out the design work to an outside firm. Please consider at chapter level and report back at Sept. meeting.

Next meeting date: We are having some scheduling issues. We will get it set up and post it on the website.

Mark made presentations to the outgoing officers and thanked them for their support and thanked the membership for allowing him to serve as president for the last 4 years.

Adjourn