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TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE'S ASSOCIATION UPDATE

We had our General Assembly in Jefferson City on August 14, 2009. We had several speakers and the main focus was our retirement benefits. Not to be alarmed, however, Representative Schlottach (District 111, west of St. Louis), was there and he said they are still considering some changes to our plan. The Director of MPERS, Susie Dahl also spoke at the meeting. She welcomed anyone interested in discussing retirement benefits to contact her.

In my opinion, we have a great benefits package. A package that keeps many of us employed here. So, continue to be watchful of what may be proposed. The Association has not detailed it's next legislative agenda, but we have a meeting in September, and if you would like to send a suggestion or an agenda item, please drop me a line.

Our website is at www.moshea.org. The minutes from the last meeting should be posted soon, so you will be able to read in detail what was discussed. The website is an approved link on the intranet, it's the second one from the top, and I encourage all employees to visit it routinely. Our chapter news is on the right side of the screen under Chapter 10.

Some topics of quick interest. First: We have an election this month. Ballots are being sent out now. Your options are many!! HA Actually, not. We only had one person willing to run for each office. If you would like to be an officer, get a grass roots campaign going and be a write-in candidate. It's a very interesting "Volunteer" position. Did I say "Volunteer?" Second: The float trip is this Saturday and I don't plan on calling it off due to the weather. You have to decide yourself on that. I plan on being there, so if it's bad weather, we may just meet and sit by the river. Hope to see you at Current River Outfitters at 11:00 a.m. Third: We will be serving ice cream at the Rodeo again this year. There's also a drawing for a bbq grill. Make sure you stop by the booth.

I can't stress enough how important your membership is to us. Numbers speak volumes when it comes to who our elected officials listen to. It really does matter. You need to encourage everyone to be members. The enrollment form can be found on the website, too. Call me if you have questions.

Be safe and remember, "Your voice counts!"