

**TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
September 27, 2008**

In Attendance:

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

Dave Taylor-State Treasure
Gaila Campbell-State Secretary

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

Meeting called to order by President Archie Daily at 9:05 a.m. Archie welcomed everyone, each individual introduced themselves and the Chapter they represent.

Secretary's Report: Copies of the minutes were submitted for approval. Duke Wrisinger recommended a change be made concerning the rate of the cost of living for retirees that had been discussed in the previous meeting. The rate of the cost of living for retirees under the Old Plan is 4% raise with each year until 65% of the rate they retired at. The 2000 Plan is 80% continuously.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the treasurer's report were submitted for approval. A motion was made, seconded and carried.

Chapter Reports:

Chapter 1: 209 members, \$6000.00 in Savings and \$3000.00 in Checking. We are meeting with new employees to help increase membership, and receiving good support from their chapter.

Chapter 2: 230 members, \$4675.00 in Checking and Savings. On October 18 at Brookfield will be their annual meeting. The Newsletter from the chapter received good response and the membership has increased. At the present time, the officers are not elected. Archie encouraged them to proceed with the election of officers.

Chapter 3: Absent

Chapter 4: 365 members, \$2240.00 in Savings. Duke Wrisinger stated the President is Gary McClanhan, Vice President is Tim Hibdon and Diana Johnson is Secretary.

Chapter 5: 215 district members, 468 central members. \$692.15 in Checking, \$2060.67 in Savings, \$13,262.50 in CD's. Currently the chapter is working on increasing memberships.

Chapter 6: Absent

Chapter 7: 268 members, \$3387.59 in Checking, \$976.00 in CD's. Our chapter participated in the golf tournament for the benevolent fund.

Chapter 8: 353 members, \$7507.23 in checking. The chapter will be adding two more delegates to encourage ideas and promote memberships.

Chapter 9: Absent

Chapter 10: Our chapter participated in setting up a tent at the Winter Skills Rodeo and served ice cream, had a \$50.00 Wal-Mart gift certificate drawing and gained 24 new members. We served breakfast at 5 locations in the district, and received 49 more new members. We discussed the 3% Cola (cost of living raise), and the "Strike a Match" campaign.

Duke Wrisinger encouraged our presence at events, as the results were always successful. There are 3300 employees that are not members.

Old Business: Mistie Williams furnished beneficiary forms for employees to update the necessary information. Karen Williams discussed their system for updating information. LeAnn Hagee is going to check the website to see if there are beneficiary forms.

Mark O'Dowd discussed the need for the information on our Gold Cards be changed. The past Gold Cards stated full rights membership for retirees, and the update on the card should be changed to lifetime membership. Mark stated only active members, and accidental death clause changed from 1988, and the Gold Cards did not get changed. A motion was made, and seconded that the logo on the Gold Card be changed to T.E.A.M.

A bowling tournament was suggested to raise funds for the Fallen Worker Memorial. Shawn Nigles ask if a date was set, and at this it has not. We will discuss the bowling tournament plans at a future meeting.

Discussion was raised for the need of our T.E.A.M. Newsletter to be sent to each building, and how to encourage this information be directed to co-workers.

Mark O'Dowd made a correction about previous information received concerning the Fallen Worker Memorial. The design that the artist submits must meet the approval of the Capitol Committee and must be appropriate for the Capitol setting. MoDOT has 5ft. space around the building and the remainder belongs to the Capitol. The suggested sight for the memorial is west of the MoDOT building on Congressional Drive. The memorial will represent only MoDOT fallen workers. Don Hillis recommended to Mark O'Dowd, that our Association establish an account for the memorial funds. Dave Taylor and Mark O'Dowd will be in charge of seeing funds are directed to the newly established account, District 5, 7 and 8 have pledged \$1000.00 each to start the fund. Different suggestions for raising funds were discussed, such as civil organizations, payroll deductions, bowling tournaments and raffles. LeAnn Hagee mentioned putting the Fallen Worker Memorial on our website. Before

proceeding with the memorial, 80% of the funds must be raised before a designer is consulted. The project cost is \$100,000.00. A recent survey was sent out and 73% of the responses wanted the Fallen Worker's name listed.

Break: 10:00 a.m.

Legislative Report: Our campaign for an additional \$15.00 increase to our deferred compensation will be on the agenda. The new logo will be "Keep the Fire Burning." Ray Salva, Representative from Independence, greatly assisted on helping acquire the increase and says an increase looks positive. Our lobbyist Harry Hill worked diligently on the passage of the increase. Mark O'Dowd suggested we make a contribution of \$250.00 to Representative Ray Salva. We must have Legislative Bills to our lobbyist, Harry Hill, by November.

New Business: Next meeting date January 17, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., at the Truman Hotel in Jefferson City.

We discussed the flex-time hours and decided to inquire how each district is scheduling Flex-time.

Work Zone Safety was established 2 years ago and to date only 28 cases have prosecuted.

Hazard Duty Pay of \$1.00 per hour was discussed.

Election for Retirement Board officers will be in 2010. We are going to see if the Director of MPERS will attend our T.E.A.M. meeting to discuss information with us. Duke Wrisinger will keep us informed on the progress.

Lobby Days was discussed and Shawn Nigles suggested we try something different this year. Instead of serving ice cream, we should have a fish fry. Shawn's idea was met with enthusiasm, a motion was made and seconded to make the change. We will continue to make plans for Lobby Days.

Funding from Chapter dues to State is 37 ½%. A motion was made and seconded to remain at the current rate.

Adjourn