

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARIZONA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION
Monday, May 14, 2007
City of Tucson offices, Tucson, Arizona

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Simonetta called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Rick Simonetta, President
Paul Miller, Vice President
Nate Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer
Larry Miller
Ken Driggs
Jim Dickey
Dave Boggs
Marc Soronson
George Caria
Rich Gaar
Debbie Cotton
Eric Anderson
Nick Promponas, Chair, Education & Training
John Anderson, Executive Director
Becky Rutledge, Administrative Assistant

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. April 19, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ken Driggs moved approval of the April 19, 2007 meeting minutes.

Second: Dave Boggs

Action: Approved Unanimously

B. Financial Report as of April 30, 2007

Nate Peterson reported we are ahead of projected revenues and under for expenses.

The Organizational Infrastructure Committee will review the accrual vs. cash method of accounting at the scheduled meeting next week. Dave Boggs provided a contact person at RPTA for AzTA to use as an accounting resource.

Motion: Larry Miller moved approval of the April 30, 2007 financial report.

Second: Debbie Cotton

Action: Approved Unanimously

IV. UPDATES AND OTHER BUSINESS

A. Governor's Discussion Group Update

Rick Simonetta reported we are now meeting bi-monthly with Shannon Scutari. Shannon is a real transit advocate and had previously served on AzTA.

B. AzTA/FOT/Rail Meeting Update

Several board members met last week with FOT/SWRC/ARPA to compare how different organization goals aligned. We will continue to meet quarterly.

C. 2008 Annual Conference Date & Location

The 2008 Annual Conference Chair will be George Caria. The dates for the conference in Tucson will be March 30 – April 2, 2008. The University Marriott looks promising. The room rates are \$179 compared to \$300 at the El Conquistador. The government room rate is \$80. We should have a signed contract by Thursday this week.

John Anderson said the Annual Conference Committee will need to look at the length of the conference as well as including ADOT training.

Rick Simonetta observed SWTA does a great job with vendors. Now that Carol Ketcherside is on Dave Boggs' staff at RPTA, she would be a great resource. George Caria will contact Carol Ketcherside.

The Roads and Streets Conference will be held in mid-March so will not conflict with the AzTA Annual Conference.

Action Required: John Anderson will select the 2008 Annual Conference location and secure with a contract.

Action Required: George Caria will contact Carol Ketcherside to gather information regarding a successful vendor show for the 2008 Annual Conference.

D. 2008 Legislative Day at the Capitol Date

The Legislative Day at the Capitol will be the same format as last year. We will try to get an earlier date in January/February 2008.

E. ADOT Updates

The HOV lanes bill has passed and was signed.

Richard Travis is the new ADOT Deputy Director.

Jim Dickey made a Power Point presentation of ADOT's draft briefing on the Rural Transit Needs Study for the Director's office. The AzTA Board offered comments for Jim to consider and incorporate in this presentation.

F. 2007 Rail Symposium

Jim Dickey has a commitment from all four invited speakers. The formal AzTA letter of invitation to speak will be mailed to them this month. There should not be any costs to AzTA for the speakers.

AMTRACK and AGC should also be invited to the Rail Symposium. Rick Simonetta will try to get the AMTRACK president as a speaker.

John Anderson signed a contract with Tempe Mission Palms to hold the 2nd Annual Rail Symposium on September 28, 2007.

The Governor is being invited and the AzTA Excellence Award would be presented at this time.

G. Other Business

John Anderson received a Board member application from Prescott Councilman Bob Luzius.

Today's Board meeting is President Rick Simonetta's last meeting as AzTA President. President Simonetta stated over the past two years, the AzTA has experienced many good changes and he was proud of the strong AzTA Board. He wished incoming President Paul Miller the best of luck.

V. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

The next meeting is the Board Retreat scheduled for Friday, June 29, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. with lunch to be served during the meeting. The Board Retreat will be held at the Scottsdale Resort & Conference Center in Scottsdale, Arizona.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

President Rick Simonetta adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.