

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARIZONA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

Monday, May 22, 2006

Parsons Brinckerhoff

Tempe, Arizona

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Simonetta called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Alan Wulkan was presented with a Past President award. Alan will be leaving Parsons Brinckerhoff as of June 2, 2006. Alternate locations for the Board meetings were discussed. Some possibilities are HRD and Gannett Fleming offices.

Action Required: John Anderson will revise the 2006-07 Board meeting schedule with the new locations.

II. ATTENDANCE

Rick Simonetta, President
Mike Sabatini, Secretary
Steve Brown, Past President
David Barber
David Boggs
Carlos deLeon
Jim Dickey
Jerry Fay
Jean Ann Fisher
Jeff Meilbeck
Larry Miller
Kurt Weinrich
Alan Wulkan
Ken Driggs, Ex-Officio
John Anderson, Executive Director
Debbie Cotton, City of Phoenix
Stuart Goodman, Goodman-Schwartz

III. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Stuart Goodman reported the LTAfII passed through the Senate. RTAC sent a letter acknowledging AzTA's role in this legislation. There were three key legislators for this legislation: Biggs, Flake and Tibschraney. A thank you letter to these three legislators as well as recognition at the Legislative Conference was recommended.

Action Required: A letter from AzTA President Rick Simonetta thanking the three legislators for their efforts in the LTAfII legislation.

Jim Dickey stated ADOT will be making a presentation to the League of Cities and will cover LTAFII funding.

Stuart Goodman stated having a long-term, pro-active strategy made this possible and recommended developing a strategy by mid-summer to facilitate AzTA's upcoming legislative goals.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. April 26, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Dave Boggs moved approval of the April 26, 2006 meeting minutes.

Second: Jeff Meilbeck

Action: Approved Unanimously

B. Financial Report a/o April 30, 2006

John Anderson reported revenues through April 30th are \$212,324 and expenses through April 30th are \$166,189. The Annual Conference revenue was \$93,750 with expenses at \$47,000. ADOT had a great turnout at the Annual Conference. Board Members will work on getting a better showing from the public/urban sector for the 2007 Annual Conference.

Action Required: John Anderson will provide the Board with a breakdown of the sponsorship funding - public vs. private.

Motion: Jim Dickey moved approval of the financial report.

Second: Larry Miller

Action: Approved Unanimously

V. UPDATES AND OTHER BUSINESS

A. Pima County RTA Update

Kurt Weinrich reported both questions passed at sixty percent. He has not seen the precinct breakdown yet. The early votes were counted last with the absentee ballots. The early voting is more positive because these are people that don't want to take the chance that their vote would not be counted. Fifty percent of the early ballots sent out are sent back.

B. Coconino County RTD Update

Jeff Meilbeck stated the Coconino County transit election failed 53% to 47%. This failure should work to their benefit in future elections. It was not a crisis type of election. The campaign was silent and there was no advocacy or funding except for the AzTA donation. The AzTA donation paid for a pro-statement in the election brochure. Jeff indicated all council members supported it but did not say anything.

Going forward from this election, relationships with the chamber will be built. Flagstaff has also been working with NAU to combine their two systems. A new transit authority has also been formed.

C. ADOT Update

Jim Dickey reported ADOT signed a contract with RL Banks for a statewide assessment that will provide a baseline for all rail related studies.

ADOT is still working on statutory sites for the Rural Transit Needs Study. It is at the Attorney General's office now. Jim Dickey is still looking at a nine month to one-year time frame for this study.

John Anderson suggested a press release when AzTA hands the \$50,000 check to ADOT.

SB1166 implementation plan has been completed within the required ninety days after legislation pass.

LTAFII distribution money may reach \$12 million, which is still \$6 million short of the full pay out. ADOT sent notification to the COGS saying they should expect at least what they received last year.

ADOT is working with Valley Metro and PAG to develop a statewide RideShare database anywhere within Arizona. By December a study will be complete for thirty states on current transit funding resources.

D. 2007 Annual Conference Update

The Annual Conference committee met prior to the Board meeting this morning. Jeff Meilbeck shared the consensus of the committee was a shared philosophy to take AzTA's Annual Conference to a new level. The conference would provide relevant service to our members and cutting edge technology. Keeping vendors and sponsors satisfied was also a priority: perhaps a slide show during luncheon to honor sponsors and vendors.

E. Strategic Plan Update

Larry Miller distributed an updated Strategic Plan drafted from suggestions from the Annual Conference. He would like the Board to consider adoption at the Board Retreat in June.

The committee structure will be outlined with our Strategic Plan. Rick Simonetta will contact four individuals as potential chairs for these committees. Members of AzTA will staff these committees to achieve the objectives under the goals.

Action Required: Rick Simonetta will contact four individuals as potential chairs for these committees.

The Strategic Plan task force will remain in place with Larry Miller as Chair. They will monitor what is going on with the new committee structure. They will update the Board on an annual basis. There will be more discussion on this at the Board Retreat in June.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

John Anderson indicated he would be having knee replacement surgery July 6, 2006, and would not be able to attend the State Affairs meeting in Denver. Rick Simonetta requested the information on the State Affairs meeting.

Action Required: John Anderson will provide Rick Simonetta with the details for the July 26-28 State Affairs meeting in Denver.

VII. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2006 at The Inn at NAU, Flagstaff, Arizona.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

President Simonetta adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.