

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARIZONA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION
Wednesday, February 21, 2007
Arizona League of Cities & Towns Board Room
Phoenix, Arizona

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Simonetta called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Rick Simonetta, President
Paul Miller, Vice President
Nate Peterson, Treasurer
Richard Gaar
Ken Driggs
Dave Barber
Jim Dickey
Mack Luckie
George Caria
Nick Promponas
John Anderson, Executive Director
Becky Rutledge, Administrative Assistant
Bob Luzius, Councilman, Prescott
Stuart Goodman, Goodman Schwartz Public Affairs
Brandy Petrone, Goodman Schwartz Public Affairs

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. January 18, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ken Driggs moved approval of the January 18, 2007 meeting minutes.

Second: Rich Gaar

Action: Approved Unanimously

B. Financial Report as of January 31, 2007

Motion: Rich Gaar moved approval of the January 31, 2007 financial report.

Second: George Caria

Action: Approved Unanimously

C. By-Laws Changes

The blue and red areas indicate the changes to be approved at today's Board meeting. The green areas will be dealt with at a later date.

After meeting with the Inter-Tribal Council (ITCA) in January, it was clear that no one person could represent the tribes as a whole. AzTA will extend an honorary membership to ITCA as well as an invitation to John Lewis, ITCA, to sit on the AzTA Board of Directors as a "Tribal Liaison". If John Lewis declines the seat on the AzTA Board of Directors, Don Sneed from ADOT will be offered this opportunity.

Motion: Paul Miller moved approval of the By-Laws changes as noted in red and blue with one additional change of "Tribal Liaison" instead of "Tribal Representative".

Second: Dave Barber

There was additional discussion by Jim Dickey noting section 4.08 should be moved to 8.06.

Motion: George Caria moved approval of the By-Laws changes as noted in red and blue including the motion by Paul Miller above and Jim Dickey's section 4.08 should be moved to 8.06.

Second: Rich Gaar

Action: Approved by the nine Board members present (see above attendee list).

An amendment to the By-Laws requires a 2/3 quorum vote of the Board of Directors. John Anderson will send the By-Laws by email to those Board members not at today's meeting. The By-Law amendments under consideration will be "Unanimously Approved" when two additional Board members respond with "yes" or "no".

D. AzTA Participation on TIME Coalition

A letter to the governor requesting AzTA's participation in the TIME coalition was sent out under Paul Miller's signature. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6th and Paul Miller will attend as AzTA's representative.

E. 2008 Annual Conference Location & Chairman

George Caria volunteered to be Annual Conference chair for 2008 with the conference being held in Tucson. The 2009 Annual Conference will be held in Tempe.

F. 5th Annual FOT Conference, March 9

This conference will be held in the new Operations and Maintenance facility for Light Rail. AzTA is sponsoring and has three seats if any Board members would like to attend.

IV. UPDATES AND OTHER BUSINESS

A. ADOT Stakeholders' Meeting

Jim Dickey reported the Rural Transit Needs Study is in the midst of stakeholder meetings. The online survey is still effective until March 1. The current resources indicate ADOT is serving around 13% of rural population. The study will be in draft by the end of March.

Governor's Executive Order – Public meetings will begin March 7. There will be five rounds of public hearings. The deadline for program submissions of March 20. There are twelve different program categories. The three parts to the Executive Order are: working group, public meetings and VIP one-on-ones.

B. 2007 Annual Conference Update

On behalf of Jeff Meilbeck, Paul Miller brought up the concept of “capping” registrations for the Annual Conference. Several Board members did not think this was necessary since this has never happened at an AzTA conference in the past.

C. Legislative Day at the Capitol

Stuart Goodman pronounced the AzTA Legislative Day at the Capitol an outstanding success. There was great representation from the legislature and Stuart felt we had reached around seventy percent of the officials. (The actual percentage was 68 out of 90 legislators for 75%.)

Action Required: Stuart Goodman will draft a press release for the AzTA website recapping the AzTA Legislative Day at the Capitol.

D. Legislative Update

Stuart Goodman's report was as follows:

- 1166 HOV bill – This bill made it out of the Senate.
- 2228 bill – This bill made it out of the House of Transportation.
- 2686 bill – This is the framework for Prop 400 on a statewide basis.

E. Strategic Planning Committee Updates

More effective work at the committee level is essential to the success of the Strategic Plan. Paul Miller noted AzTA's five year plan is in sync with the Governor's Executive Order.

The committees may have to be structured differently to become effective.
The new committee chairs are as follows:

- Education and Communication – Terry Gruver, Chair
- Advocacy – Nick Promponas, Chair
- Funding – Ron Barnes, Veolia Transportation - Mesa, Chair

V. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

at

HDR/SR Beard – Phoenix Office
3200 East Camelback Road, Suite 350, Phoenix

Lunch will be provided prior to the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

President Rick Simonetta adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.