

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARIZONA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Tucson University Marriott Park, Tucson, Arizona

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Paul Miller called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Paul Miller, President
Nate Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer
Rick Simonetta
Alan Wulkan
Bob Luzius
Larry Miller
Dave Barber
George Caria
Debbie Cotton
Jennifer Love
Mike Clinkingbeard
Eric Anderson
Marc Soronson
Rich Gaar
Mack Luckie
Jeff Meilbeck
Matt Carpenter, Acting PTD Director, ADOT
Bryan Jungwirth
Jim Dickey, Education/Training Committee Chair
John Anderson, Executive Director
Becky Rutledge, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT: Terry Gruver, Ron Barnes, Dave Boggs, Stuart Goodman

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. March 10, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Rich Gaar moved approval of the March 10, 2008 meeting minutes.

Second: Bob Luzius

Action: Approved Unanimously

B. Financial Report as of February 29, 2008

Motion: Larry Miller moved approval of the March 28, 2008 financial report.

Second: Rich Gaar

Action: Approved Unanimously

IV. Updates and Other Business

A. Annual Conference Review

John Anderson reported the exhibitors/vendors were very happy this year. Paul Miller stated he would like an agenda item for the upcoming Board Retreat to consider holding the Annual Conference for three years at the Tucson Marriott University Park. There would possibly be a price break for having a contract with the same facility for more than one year. Jeff Meilbeck felt that since AzTA is a State Association, the Annual Conferences should travel around the state. Jim Dickey agreed with Jeff Meilbeck.

Action Required: Becky Rutledge will add the location for the Annual Conference as an agenda item for the Board Retreat.

B. Education/Training Committee Update

Jim Dickey reported the Education/Training Survey had been uploaded to the AzTA Website. He will make a formal announcement during the AzTA Awards Ceremony today. An email to all AzTA Members will be sent out the week of April 14th.

The next scheduled Education/Training Committee meeting will be held on Monday, May 12th, at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch and the AzTA Board meeting.

Action Required: Jim Dickey will send an email to the AzTA Membership regarding the Education/Training Survey.

COMPLETED: April 16, 2008

C. Legislative/Funding Committee Update

Bryan Jungwirth reported Shannon Scutari had previously suggested AzTA consider forming a statewide coalition. Bryan suggested a joint website between AzTA and FOT establish a joint website to set up a mechanism for statewide outreach and possibly hire an advertising/marketing firm. He recommended AzTA apply for APTA's Transit Coalition grant for \$5,000. Jim Dickey offered to work with Bryan Jungwirth and Ron Barnes when writing the grant application.

Motion: Bryan Jungwirth moved AzTA apply for APTA's Transit Coalition grant for \$5,000.

Second: Bob Luzius

Action: Approved Unanimously

Action Required: The Legislative/Funding Committee will apply for APTA's Transit Coalition grant for \$5000.

D. Organizational Infrastructure Committee Update

Nate Peterson reported John Anderson had received a distribution of his entire 401K contribution from 2007 because Paychex Retirement Services had classified John as a Highly Compensated Employee.

In a follow-up call to Paychex Retirement Services on April 7, 2008, John had been incorrectly classified as a Highly Compensated Employee. John was able to return his 401K distribution for 2007 for re-investment. The distribution of 401K money to John was a mistake on the part of Paychex Retirement Services.

E. ADOT Update

Matt Carpenter reported the Rural Transit Needs Study had been formally released in March 2008. The Study and Executive Summary are available to download on ADOT or AzTA's websites. Matt indicated ADOT would support a statewide publicity campaign regarding the Rural Transit Needs Study.

Action Required: ADOT and AzTA will release a joint press release regarding the Rural Transit Needs Study.

COMPLETED: April 18, 2008

V. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

The next AzTA Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Gannett Fleming's Phoenix Office, 4722 North 24th Street, Suite 250, Phoenix, Arizona. **Gannett Fleming will host lunch at Noon.**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

President Paul Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

The Education/Training Committee will meet at 11 a.m. prior to the Board meeting on May 12th.