

**MINUTES**  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**ARIZONA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION**

Friday, June 23, 2006  
Scottsdale Resort & Conference Center  
Scottsdale, Arizona

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Simonetta called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

**II. ATTENDANCE**

Rick Simonetta, President  
Paul Miller, Vice President  
Nate Peterson, Treasurer  
Mike Sabatini, Secretary  
Alan Wulkan, Past President  
Carlos deLeon  
Jim Dickey  
Jerry Fay  
Jean Ann Fisher  
Mack Luckie  
Larry Miller  
Kurt Weinrich  
Debbie Cotton  
Ken Driggs, Ex-Officio  
John Anderson, Executive Director  
Becky Rutledge, Administrative Assistant  
Stuart Goodman, Goodman-Schwartz

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

A. May 22, 2006 Meeting Minutes

*Motion: Larry Miller moved approval of the May 22, 2006 meeting minutes.*

*Second: Kurt Weinrich*

*Action: Approved Unanimously*

B. Financial Report a/o May 31, 2006

Revenues through May 31st are \$249,842 and expenses through May 31<sup>st</sup> are \$228,458. The Annual Conference revenue was up as well as expenses.

*Motion: Debbie Cotton moved approval of the financial report as of May 31, 2006.*

*Second: Alan Wulkan*

*Action: Approved Unanimously*



Advocacy: David Boggs, Chair  
Mack Luckie, Co-chair

Education: Nick Promponas, Chair  
Terry Gruver, Co-chair

Organization  
Infrastructure: Nate Peterson, Chair  
Carlos deLeon, Co-chair

*Action Required: Each committee chair and co-chair will produce a work plan by August 15, 2006. This committee work plan will outline priorities, activities, additional resources (\$) required, and timeline. The work plan will be reported to Rick Simonetta by August 15.*

*Action Required: The Strategic Planning Task Force will pull all the work plans together and establish a twelve- month timeline. This timeline will be adopted at the September board meeting.*

The committee chairs will recruit their members. John Anderson will work with the committee chairs to make this a successful process.

#### **V. FY 2006-2007 BUDGET**

John Anderson distributed letters from ARPA and SWRC supporting the Rail Symposium. It was determined the AzTA Annual Conference in Sedona in April 2007 will not include a Rail Symposium. The next Rail Symposium will be held in conjunction with the golf tournament in October 2007. There will not be a Rail Symposium in FY 2006-07 Budget. The Rail Symposium line items: revenue and expense will be removed.

Alan Wulkan suggested “Title” sponsors that sponsor once annually for a larger sum of money instead of smaller sums of money several times a year. Jean Ann Fisher agreed AzTA has evolved to a point where we can attract a large “Title” sponsor.

*Action Required: John Anderson will research by organization where the present sponsorship money is coming from.*

The Goodman Schwartz Public Affairs contract will need to be re-negotiated to include Stuart Goodman’s attendance at all AzTA board meetings, retreats, and conferences. Stuart Goodman will also be requested to serve on the Advocacy Committee.

*Motion: Carlos deLeon moved adoption of the 2006-2007 budget amending the executive director's salary to \$75,000 and the Goodman Schwartz contract when negotiated. The Rail Symposium line items will be deleted.*

*Second: Larry Miller*

*Action: Approved Unanimously*

## **VI. STATEWIDE PLANNING ISSUES**

Jim Dickey suggested changing scope to bring the ADOT partnering process into the scope from a consultant. Paul Miller will attend the pre-proposal conference. The proposals are due July 10 with contract award no later than August 1, 2006.

Jim Dickey reported ADOT signed a contract with RL Banks for a statewide assessment that will provide a baseline for all rail related studies. The assessment will emphasize the Maricopa County work first so MAG can use this information. MAG will issue an RFQ mid-July with an award at regional council in September.

Jim Dickey distributed a list of ten items for potential legislative issues for the 2007 regular session. This is just information for AzTA to use.

*Motion: Kurt Weinrich moved AzTA send a formal letter to Victor Mendez and Governor Napolitano outlining the exemplary work Jim Dickey has accomplished.*

*Second: Jean Ann Fisher*

*Action: Approved Unanimously*

## **VII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Stuart Goodman attended the Transportation Summit meetings. He stressed raising the level of awareness of AzTA to legislative issues. After some discussion, it was determined the AzTA Legislative Conference would be held in January or February as a luncheon at the State Capitol.

Action Required: *Stuart Goodman will identify the date for the AzTA Legislative Day at the Capitol.*

Action Required: *John Anderson will schedule a room and a caterer for the legislative lunch.*

Jim Dickey estimates LTAF2 distribution to be around \$13.3-13.5 million.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

John Anderson indicated he would be having knee replacement surgery June 26, 2006. Becky Rutledge will be out-of-state until July 11, 2006. The AzTA office will be closed through July 10, 2006, and re-open July 11, 2006.

**IX. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at The Hassayampa Inn, Prescott, Arizona.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

President Simonetta adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.