

SCAPT Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2017

South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation
October Board Meeting

President Herbert McNeil calls Executive Session to order at 2:04 p.m.

I. Nothing for executive session.

Executive Session adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

General Session called to order at 2:05 p.m.

A. Approval of Minutes:

Dave Weissman made a motion to accept the September minutes, Ryan Cothran seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

B. ROAD-E-O:

President McNeil stated that the Road-E-O was on schedule for November 4th at Killian and that Dennis Jones was handling the details. He then went on to encourage all of the Board members that are not attending NAPT to help out at the ROAD-E-O as Dave, Bill, Wes and he will all be attending NAPT.

President McNeil stated that Mr. Richard Podmore would be providing the lunch for the day and may be needing help also. Discussion followed about T-shirts and it was decided that T-Shirts will not be purchased this year. President McNeil also stated that he would have the flyer changed to reflect the correct pricing.

C. Website:

After some discussion it was decided that David Poag will be taking over the website and will be getting with Stephanie concerning website information and possibly seeking another server.

D. Secretary Replacement:

Herbert inquired if anyone knew of anyone to fill the position of secretary. There was discussion concerning the proximity of the PO Box, the storage trailer and other SCAPT business. It was decided that a local secretary would be better suited due to the location, travel and SCAPT's current business set up.

There were several options offered and discussed and Wes stated that having one person in this position would be easier for Stephanie to communicate with over SCAPT business items. There was also discussion of the possibility of Stephanie coming back after she has had time to settle better into her new position. With that discussion the thought was that the person would act as interim giving Stephanie time to adjust and a final decision made.

Bill Kurts stated that his secretary might be willing to take on the duties.

Wes Fleming made a motion to nominate Adrienne Bazemore as SCAPT Secretary until further notice. Dave Weissman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Bill stated that he would get with Adrienne and let us know back.

It was also decided that Lamar Atkins would continue in his position.

E. Vendor Update – Bill Kurts:

Bill reviewed the vendors for the week that would be presenting during the Director's Meeting. He also stated that during the month of November that he would be sending out the preliminary cost for the summer Conference for vendors.

F. 2018 SCAPT Conference:

President McNeil stated that things were set to meet with Double Tree in Myrtle Beach to go over everything that was discussed this past summer concerning the meeting rooms and the vendors being located on the bottom floor. He did stated that Double Tree had wanted to change the nightly price to include breakfast and that it would raise the cost by \$30 per night which he stated was a no go.

He mentioned that several of them were attending the NAPT and for everyone to be looking and listening for speakers that may we could use during the Conference or if anyone knows of someone of interest to let him know.

Jim Wright will be doing the Golf Tournament as this is his area. There was discussion about adding 2 teams per District to up the number of teams participating. We are shooting to have 18 to 20 teams participate.

There was discussion about having a scholarship funded by the tournament or a tournament in the middle of the year. Ronnie Townsend

suggested designating one of the holes during the tournament for the scholarship. President McNeil stated that he would look into this before the next meeting.

G. Legislative Update:

Ronnie Townsend stated that at this time Columbia was quiet because they are not back in session yet. However he had placed some calls but had had no response back as of yet.

Bill 199 is in House Judiciary Committee and everyone is encouraged to start sending letters to each committee member. Mr. Townsend will get a list of names for everyone and the letter needs to come from each board member with a personal message using SCAPT letterhead.

Dave Weissman asked the question if anything had been heard about overriding the governor's veto concerning the purchasing of new buses. Mr. Townsend stated that he is waiting to hear and that it will come up again in February. He went on to say that Brian White will probably be the one to bring it up to be overridden.

H. Bus Safety Solutions (Extended Stop Arm) – Mary Adams:

Bill Kurts stated that several Districts had been contacted by Mary Adams leading them to believe that their company was contracted with the Department of Education for their extended stop arm. That he had spoken with the Department of Education and that her company has a W9 as a vendor but there is no other agreement with the Department of Education or the State for that matter.

There was some discussion as to whether or not the extended stop arm was legal for use in South Carolina. With that the discussion was closed.

I. Adjourn:

With no other business at the time Dave Weissman made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Jim Wright and pass unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

In Attendance:

Herbert McNeil, President
Wes Fleming, Past President

Jim Wright, President Elect
Dave Weissman, At Large
Cheryl, Harnage, Region 1
Carmen Wilks, Region 4
David Poag, Region 6
Ryan Cothran, Region 7
Theresa Taylor, Region 8
Thomas Orr, Region 9
Ronnie Townsend, Legislative Liaison
Bill Kurts, Vendor Liaison

Absent:

Stephanie Choate, Secretary/Treasurer
Lamar Atkins, Co-Treasurer/Historian
Franklin James, Region 2
Karin Wilson, Region 3
Bernard Gill, Region 5
Dennis Jones, ROAD-E-O

Minutes by: Theresa Taylor