

TEAM 2013 General Assembly Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2013
Truman Hotel, Jefferson City

In attendance:

Nicole Kreisel, State President

Dave Taylor, State Treasurer

Duke Wrisinger, Retiree Representative

Harry Hill, Lobbyist

NW, KC, SL, SW, SE and Central Chapters represented. NE Chapter absent.

Meeting called to order by Nicole Kreisel, TEAM President at 9 am. Attendees welcomed, and Todd Tyler was congratulated for his successful election to the MoDOT & Patrol Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Harry Hill introduced.

Harry gave a Legislative report. The senate is scheduled to convene for a veto override session on September 11, 2013. HB253 is targeted (bill that would lower business tax with the intention of attracting more business to Missouri). Gov. Nixon had vetoed this bill stating it was a "fiscally irresponsible experiment". Gov. Nixon has also stated if the senate overrides his veto then the State of Missouri would not be able to afford pay raises of \$500/year set forth in the budget, and he would Line Item Veto this from the budget for this FY.

Harry was asked several questions concerning this and he stated he would follow up on these:

- Are the pay raises for every year? Is there a salary cap limit? How can we track the progress of the Veto Session?

The Governor can use the Line Item Veto during appropriations to eliminate raises and it can be done at any time, especially if the State is in a fiscal crisis.

Discussed strategy for getting the match back to the Deferred Compensation (it was a \$35 when it was suspended, but by law can be \$75/month match). We really shouldn't do anything with the legislature until after the veto session. Mark Parkinson is the Chair of the General Administration Appropriations Committee (HB5) and Harry will try and speak with him. We really need somebody to champion this effort in the Senate. Sen. Lemke was mentioned as an advocate. Also, we need to work directly with the Governor's office, since this was eliminated by Executive Order. Discussion was held concerning partnering with the Highway Patrol Association to help with this effort. This resulted in the following:

- Harry will contact the Highway Patrol Association lobbyist to make them aware of our efforts and try and set a date with the Governor's office for us to make our case.

Harry discussed several bills that may come back in the next session that we need to keep an eye on:

- SB312 – Prevented any retired state employee from holding a County or City funded position in the state.
- SB29 – Could have hurt the Association as it required annual reauthorization of dues to organizations paid out of paycheck for state employees.
- Senator Lamping wants to revamp the retirement system of all state agencies. We will need to see what comes of this.
- Senator Kehoe is still supportive of finding a funding source for highways. Expect to hear more on these efforts as the session gears up.
- Harry will look into what happened with the bill last year that was introduced to require pay increases for State employees when insurance premiums rise.

The TEAM reviewed the May meeting minutes. An exception was noted for the years recorded for the Annual Audit to be amended. Motion made to amend and seconded. Nicole will make the change prior to posting on the website.

Statewide business:

The Annual Report was presented, reviewed and accepted. This included a summary of the past year of what TEAM had addressed; a list of membership numbers, by Chapter, as of July 31, 2013 and a checking account audit of the TEAM account from September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. See attachment to this document.

Discussion held concerning TEAM Constitution and By-laws. Nicole did not receive any emails from any Chapters concerning changes. Each Chapter will need to get this information to Nicole prior to the October 2013 meeting. Items to consider:

Chapters of Response – what consists of a majority?
 Board make-up including retiree representative
 Chapter Officers holding statewide office position?
 Bylaws are needed for Accidental Death benefit

Fallen Workers excess funding was discussed. So many proposals have been made, including a Scholarship. TEAM decided this would be very hard to manage. Suggestion was made to have a mini-memorial created and placed at the State Fairgrounds/Highway Gardens area. Motion made and seconded for Nicole to pursue this possibility with Ed Hassinger, Chief Engineer and the Monument Company.

Website and social media presence. The new website is up and running, the old website needs to come down after it was verified all archived information is on the new website. Nicole asked for officer updates/verifications and pictures from each Chapter. Also, any updates Chapters would like posted to the website should be emailed to her. Website address is: www.TEAMissouri.com Facebook Page is www.facebook.com/teamissouri Twitter www.twitter.com/teamisourj. Nicole's email is teampresnicole@gmail.com

Discussion held to invite the new Chief Engineer to the next TEAM meeting. In addition, to invite Rudy Nickens, EAC Sponsor. Suggestion made to include article in connections regarding new website,

Discussion held on switching banks. US Bank is available statewide and would allow for easier transition between officers, etc. Will need to get the account established, make changes with OA to the membership deposit routing information, prior to closing account at Central Bank. Motion made, seconded and passed for Dave Taylor to move forward with the switch to US Bank.

Update on MHTC Special Committee for MoDOT/MSHP Medical and Life Insurance Plan from Todd Tyler (see attachment). No real new news, new Commissioners are being brought up to speed.

Chapter reports. Each Chapter represented reported on member numbers and account status. Chapters were reminded to provide financial accounting quarterly at the meeting (bank statement copy).

NW Chapter – 216 Members; \$5300 in Checking; \$2000 in Savings; \$16,385 in Needy family fund. No active business.

SE Chapter – 344 Members; \$11,167 in account. No active business.

Central Chapter – 360 Members (205 from CO); \$10,800 in Savings; \$3600 in CD's. Picked up the old D9 Crossroads fund. Activities since last meeting: had their annual Credit Union and Association Meeting, very successful. Planning a Memorial for Fallen Workers at the District Office. Looking into a 5K Run.

SW Chapter – 517 Members; \$16,500 in checking. Activities – Contributed \$300 to provide lunch for the Bring your Child to Work Day kids. Sponsoring a Minor League Day at the Ballpark on August 31, 2013. Free for members and their families (or a guest of a member), but requires a \$5.00 non-refundable deposit per ticket. Food is included.

KC Chapter – 260 Members; no changes to Checking account balance. Activities – trying to get a picnic together.

SL Chapter – 197 Members; \$854.97 in Checking; \$356.26 in Savings and \$1500.30 in Stash. Activities – Float trip planned for the Courtios River on August 31, 2013. Association will purchase lunches for attendees (sandwiches or hotdogs/chips/soft drinks). Participants made own reservations for canoe/raft and campsite/cabin at Bass' River Resort.

NE Chapter – not present

Open forum – Dave Taylor will bring the Tax Exempt information for each Chapter to the next meeting. Discussion on inviting Jeff Padget to next meeting in addition to Rudy and Ed, in order to discuss Medical Insurance changes. Discussion on whether Association should be represented at District Fall meetings – yes, this should be allowed in every District.

Next Meeting – Saturday, October 19, 2013, place TBD

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Attachments: Annual Report
MHTC Special Committee letter

ANNUAL REPORT



Transportation Employees Association of Missouri

President- Nicole Kreisel, SL
Vice President- Robert Tripp, SE
Treasurer- Dave Taylor, SW

August 9, 2013

Yet another year has come and gone. Since last August, we've eliminated expenses related to an unneeded storage unit and reduced website maintenance fees.

We championed the restoration of a state match to employees' deferred compensation account contributions. Although we were not successful in this endeavor, we laid a foundation with new legislators that may serve us well as we continue to pursue the issue in the next session.

We opposed SB 29, which would have eliminated payroll deduction of labor organization dues. Although lawmakers passed the bill, we lobbied Governor Nixon and the bill was eventually vetoed.

Times have changed. Our membership continues to recover from the impact of MoDOT's Bolder Five Year Direction, and the changes imposed on the remaining workers. We will continue to work on behalf of Missouri's transportation workers on a legislative level, to ensure that your voices are heard.

Nicole Kreisel

TEAM President 2012- Present

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 7/31/2013

NW Chapter 214

NE Chapter 197

KC Chapter 260

CD/CO Chapter 357

SL Chapter 193

SW Chapter 517

SE Chapter 344

TOTAL 2082

**Checking Account Audit
Transportation Employees Association of Missouri**

**Central Bank
September 1, 2011 thru August 31, 2012**

Beginning Balance on 08/31/2011, \$22,312.17

Statements reviewed

September 2011	All items verified
October 2011	All items verified
November 2011	No receipt, meeting expense to Truman Hotel, Ck #393, \$363.83
December 2011	All items verified
January 2012	All items verified
February 2012	All items verified
March 2012	All items verified
April 2012	All items verified
May 2012	All items verified
June 2012	All items verified
July 2012	All items verified
August 2012	All items verified

Outstanding Checks

Ck #386, \$924.00, Northwest Chapter
Ck #387, \$921.00, Northeast Chapter
Ck #388, \$1010.00, Kansas City Chapter
Ck #406, \$219.10, Archie Daily
Ck #410, \$1568.00, Central Chapter
Ck #411, \$758.00, St. Louis Chapter
Ck #412, \$2205.00, Southwest Chapter
Ck #413, \$1531.00, Southeast Chapter

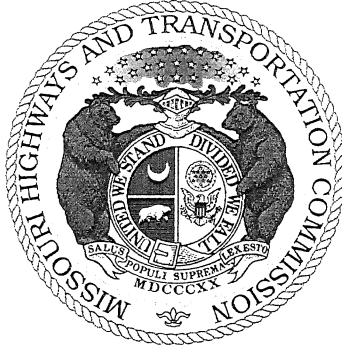
Ending Balance on 08/31/2012, \$17,448.30

Items of issue

Receipt for meeting expense at Truman Hotel was not accounted for. Upon obtaining a replacement receipt treasurer was told due to new ownership of hotel that a duplicate was unavailable. The amount paid seemed to be in line with similar previous and future charges.

Presented by:
Todd Tyler, 08/07/2013

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July 2, 2013

Members of the MHTC Special Committee
MoDOT/MSHP Medical and Life Insurance Plan

Dear Committee Member:

As some changes have taken place with the Commission, I thought you would like to know the status of the Commission's review of the medical plan funding strategies that were reviewed by the MHTC Special Committee on the MoDOT/MSHP Medical and Life Insurance Plan.

I would like to reassure you that we will keep former Commissioner Rudy Farber's commitment to you to inform the members of the special committee of the next Commission meeting that has an agenda item regarding the matters addressed by the special committee. Meanwhile, the Commission remains committed to providing a health care plan that is sufficient, affordable and sustainable.

The Commission is holding a brief open meeting workshop on the morning of July 9, 2013 to educate the two new Commissioners on the rate setting process and prepare them for the open meeting agenda item on setting rates that will require action in August. This workshop and the agenda item will not address the funding strategies discussed by the special committee, but merely address the rates that have been recommended by the MoDOT/Patrol Medical Plan Board for the Commission's consideration.

At this time we anticipate receipt of the joint actuarial report involving the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan and the MoDOT/Patrol Medical Plan sometime in the near future. Upon receipt of the report, the Commission will determine whether to reconvene the special committee.

I want to thank you again for your service on the MHTC Special Committee on the MoDOT/MSHP Medical and Life Insurance Plan. I appreciate your patience in this matter and will keep you informed as progress is made.

Sincerely,

Lloyd J. Carmichael

Lloyd "Joe" Carmichael
Chair

cc: Commission Members
Dave Nichols