

## C.N.Y.A.P.T. Meeting December 14, 2006

President Dave Deuell called CNYAPT meeting to order on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 10:09 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel with 35 members present. Sponsored by Bus Parts Warehouse. The pledge of Allegiance followed.

### Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Rick Abend, seconded by Diane Watkins to accept the minutes from the November 9, 2006 meeting with one change (the meeting was at the Holiday Inn – not Barbagalos. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Darrell Hagerman, seconded by Matt Conti, to accept the Treasures report with a balance carried forward of \$18850.36. Motion carried.

Old Business: No Old Business.

### New Business:

1. Paul Overbaugh from PTSI wishes all a Merry Christmas and gave everyone a copy of their new book "3 Big Steps" which was written by Eileen Murphy. If anyone would like to purchase a book they are 55 cents each. Thanks Paul!
1. Shawn Scoville from Cincinnatus reports that Dave Fuller could not be here today because he is in The Cortland Memorial Hospital recovering from chronic Bronchitis. Our best wishes for a very speedy recovery Dave!
2. New nominees for membership in our Chapter today are - Lisa Reiss (ESM Dispatcher), Kathy Westfall (Westhill Dispatcher), Tammy Baxter (NS Dispatcher), John Cunningham (FM Head Mechanic), and Laura D'Arcangelis from West Genesee. All were happily accepted! Congratulations to all and welcome!
3. Chad Waybright from ESM is joining us today so he can meet everyone. He is the new webmaster of our local chapter website. Thanks fore the great job Chad!
4. Deb Stevens e-mailed Peg since she and Robin could not be here today. She wants everyone to know that she and Al Sgroi are conducting a 30 Hour Basic Course for Drivers in January and February and also a 10 Hour Basic for Monitors and Attendants in March. Both will be held at Central Square.
5. Judy Clarke reported that she + Jim Ellis will be offering a SBDI Instructor Class. It will be in late spring or early summer this year. More information will be forthcoming.
6. Dave Deuel would like to have a "penny drive" this year to help support the local Ronald McDonald House. We would like start collecting in each school district after this meeting. We would cash the pennies collected in and get a check and then go as a group to make the presentation. All it would take is to place a jar in each of our driver rooms to collect all of our loose coins (does not have to be just pennies.) Last year J-D + F-M raised over \$15,000. Dave will get an e-mail to Peg to send out with further info.
7. At the last board meeting Jim Minihan pointed out that there have been 3 fatalities in 7 months in NYS – what are some positive things that each committee could do to raise awareness for drivers at every stage of their driving experience? Possibly mini training workshops on loading and unloading with a written document for all districts to use as guidelines - someone else suggested that at least every refresher have a part designated to loading + unloading safety.

### Committee Reports:

#### **SBDI Committee:**

The SBDI Advisory Committee is currently debating the issue of the "Occasional Driver" such as a coach, teacher, etc. NYAPT strongly feels that these drivers should not be able to drive students at all, and that only fully 19-A qualified drivers should be able to drive students.

**Communication Committee:**

A very strong effort is being made to get word about NYAPT and what we do out to the public.

Many issues are being discussed – please try to make a board meeting or two.

There is a Board Retreat in January for Long Rang Planning. Matt Conti is going to go and represent our Chapter.

Pat Bailey will be handing out surveys at our January Chapter meeting – The Certification Program at MVCC needs to have much more activity.

NYAPT is having some budget issues – money is a little tight. They are working hard to keep us out of the “red.” The conference is obviously one of the biggest supports for us.

**Roadeo Committee:**

NYAPT is hoping for a Special Needs Team from each chapter for the State Roadeo this coming year. They are also looking into moving up the registration deadline and as always – judges are needed!

Rich Denison will be developing a “sponsors” list starting in January, for each of the judging stations for our Roadeo in May. If each district could please send him a current list of their vendors he would appreciate that! They want to start contacting them early.

Dave Deuel will be taking over the registration of the local Roadeo this year to take some of the pressure off Deb Stevens. He will also be passing out the Roadeo Committee sign up sheet at the next meeting. Mark your calendars – it is May 19<sup>th</sup> this year.

**History Committee:**

A reminder that the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NYAPT is coming up, the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the conference, and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the TURF. A journal is being prepared with 1 page dedicated to each Chapter. We are still in need of pictures and information – all items will be returned to the people they belong to. Thanks for anything you can offer!

**Scholarship Committee:**

Our local scholarship winner Ashley McLoud from Weedsport sent us a thank you letter. She will use the money to offset expenses this semester at Monroe Community College where she is studying Hospitality Management.

**Round Table:**

Heidi Bippus:	Baldwinsville could not make the meeting today but wishes all a Happy Holiday!
Barb Dewey	Mike says hi to everyone! Happy Holidays!
Tammy Baxter	Tammy is the newest dispatcher at North Syracuse – she is happy to be here!
Diane Watkins	Happy Holidays!
Carol Casolare	They need drivers at OCS. Merry Christmas!
Rick Abend	Merry Christmas!
Bill Hoosty	Happy Holidays!
Pat Bailey	Things are going Better now! Happy Holidays!
Kathryne Rivas	She is really enjoying this winter!
Rich Denison	Thanks to all for coming today! It’s a pleasure! Happy Holidays!
Cindy Denison	Happy Holidays!
Carol Hawk	Things are going well! Happy Holidays!
Sharon Morsdorf	Happy Holidays!
Terri Smith	Happy Holidays!
Laura D’Arcangelis	Happy to be here! Happy Holidays!
Kathy Westfall	Happy to be here! Don sends his best! Happy Holidays!
Paul Overbaugh	Happy Holidays!
Cindy Raulli	Helen and Bob send their best wishes! Happy Holidays!
Darrell Hagerman	Happy Holidays!

Shawn Scoville	Things are fine! Happy Holidays!
Ken Holland	He thinks they are one of the only ones who have used a snow day this year so far! Happy Holidays! They are excited to be building a new training safe bus! When it is done he will be writing an article on it and bring it to a meeting to share. Donations are welcome to help offset the cost.
James Dark	Happy Holidays!
Chad Waybright	Happy Holidays!
Lisa Reiss	Happy to be here! Happy Holidays!
Scott Griffio	Happy Holidays!
Al Sgroi	Things are going well! Happy Holidays!
Joyce McMaster	All is well! Happy Holidays!
Karen Doucette	Does any on do infant transport? Some districts sub contract it out to First Student or P.E.A.C.E. Regulations depend a lot on the size of the district and district policies. Please let her know. Happy Holidays!
Judy Clarke	She is glad John and Linda could come with her and Dave Today. They are also creating a safe bus. Happy Holidays!
Linda Robinson	Happy to be here! Happy Holidays!
John Cunningham	Happy to be here! Happy Holidays!
Matt Conti	They have 15 drivers now so he may not have to drive for much longer! Happy Holidays! Have a great New Year everyone!
Dave Deuel	Deb Murphy is going to be retiring soon to the Sunshine State! Merry Christmas + Happy New Year! Thanks for a wonderful lunch Rich!
Peg Gilbert	Things are going well! Happy Holidays!

A motion was made by Rick Abend, seconded by Al Sgroi to adjourn the meeting at 10:55. Motion Carried.

The next meeting is Thursday, January 11 at J-D High School. There will be no lunch provided.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peg Gilbert