

CNYAPT MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2007

President Matt Conti called the meeting to order at The Craftsman Inn @10:05 am with 24 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Thank you to Rich + Cindy Denison of Bus Parts Warehouse for sponsoring our meeting today!

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Carol Hawk, seconded by Lynn Matulock, to accept the minutes from the November 8, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Judy Clarke, seconded by Lynn Matulock to accept the treasurer's report, with a balance carried forward of \$2,084.60. The balance carried forward in our Professional Development Fund is \$2,275.15. Motion carried. Once the October Conference fees come out the Professional Development fund will be all but depleted. Ideas are welcome for fundraisers to boost it back up again. Someone mentioned a "Chapter Cookbook" – someone else mentioned a map book with directions to include all districts and their schools. Jim Ellis, Linda Robinson and Ika Klapan will head up the "Cookbook" Committee. Please send in favorite recipes. Prizes for 1st, 2nd + 3rd prize may also be offered for favorites!!! Tim Durham, Matt Conti and Dave Deuel will head up a committee for the "Directions" book.

Old Business

1. **Just a reminder – Only 10 districts have paid their dues so far – please check to see if you still owe dues!**
2. NYAPT is still looking for nominations for the Art Shock Award.

New Business

1. The Board Meeting was very productive this month. NYAPT is finally digging out of a long-term financial deficit. Membership is up to 486 people.
2. The NHTSA seatbelt notice of Proposed Rulemaking on seatbelts is open for comment and NYAPT will respond and look to be visible in the process. The current proposed rule does not hurt NYS, but it does not address that it inadequately protects children because it allows for the use of lap belts even though evidence shows that these can be harmful to students.
3. Peter Manella is the new NAPT Region 1 Director and this should benefit NYAPT and prove to be an interesting opportunity.
4. The Winter Workshop in Albany will be February 21st, February 22nd and February 23rd. The cost for the workshop is \$150.00. On February 21st this year they are offering for the 1st time a PDS Course. The 2 topics this year are pre trip/post trip inspections and solving the loading zone puzzle. They would like 30 people to sign up so they can hold the class. You can look at the PTSI database for people that signed up for it at the last refresher. You can view the Workshop Agenda on the NYAPT Website.
5. NYAPT has a subcommittee that will be calling some of the memberships for testimonials that can demonstrate value for selling our organization to other groups. They want to know how NYAPT may have helped you or your operation. They would like to have more correspondence between the local chapters. Possibly by having weekly membership newsletters with chapter updates.

6. NYAPT is also thinking about emailing the Shock Absorber – instead of mailing it. (or maybe ½ + ½) This may help to cut down on the cost of printing and postage. This cost has become very high and it necessitates having a lot of advertising to offset the costs.
7. The Cyr Foundation (the “Tax Free” organization within NYAPT) has elected a new Board: Scott Goble, Gale Winsper, JoAnn Martin, and Bob Peters. From the private sector, Karen Sharke, Diane Ward and John Lauffer were elected .
8. A motion was made by Tim Durham, seconded by Ty Worrell, to pay Chad Waybright, our Webmaster, his \$400 yearly fee. Motion carried.
9. A motion was made by Pat Bailey, seconded by Lynne Matulock, to nominate Eric Woodward from First Student for membership in our Chapter. Motion carried. Congratulations and welcome Eric!
10. A motion was made by Judy Clarke, seconded by Pat Bailey, to nominate Ika Klapan, `a new dispatcher @ Fayetteville- Manlius for membership in our Chapter. Motion carried. Congratulations and welcome Ika!

Committee Reports:

Legislative Committee:

Tuesday, April 29 is Lobby Day this year. NYAPT is asking for lots of involvement.

Pupil Safety Committee:

The Committee has come up with a Comprehensive Training Proposal. They want to format it like a SBDI Program. They also want to enhance the SBDI/MI Programs so that everyone gets acceptable training and criteria to meet everyone’s needs including Supervisors, dispatchers, mechanics, trainers/safety specialists, and any others engaged in school transportation. They have lots of ideas but it is still in the “talking stages.”

Professional Development Committee:

Peter Brockman is the new Chair – please email him with any ideas!

Operation Safe Stop:

The date this year is Wednesday, April 2nd, 2008 @ The Syracuse City Transportation Department. We will change our April meeting to that day instead of the following week so we can take part in it. Rich Denison has offered to sponsor the meeting for that day with lunch included. Thanks Rich!!

Road-eo Committee:

The State Committees is implementing new changes – so it will be more like the National Road – eo. Applications were fine-tuned and there is a \$25 fee (includes shirt) - One of the changes would be on the pre-trip. It will now be a knowledge based open book test instead of physical, hands on test. The contest format is also changing (like adding a K turn, removing the straight line w/ tennis balls in exchange for parallel parking.) This is a big change from past years and it will be a good thing to follow national guidelines. If you have any ideas or learning tools for the drivers please call or email JoAnn Martin @ (845) 351-5778 or jmartin@tuxedo.ouboces.org - Our Local Road-eo will either be May 17 or May 24th. We would also like it to include a Special Needs Category for Special needs teams to compete in. Jim Ellis will Chair the Special Needs portion of the Road-eo.

SBDI/MI Committee:

They want to redesign + update 156.3 Laws + Regs.

The PDS Drafts can be viewed at <http://www.safetyrules.net/>

Roundtable:

Sharon Morsdorf	She just got her 19 A and is soon to be an SBDI. She is glad to be here. Happy Holidays.
Deb Stevens	Things haven't been bad at all in Sandy creek.
Kathy Jamerson	They are just beginning a big Capital project in Oswego. Should be interesting.
Robin Cashel	Things are great in Sandy Creek!
Julie Bradish	Things are going well in Mexico.
Roseanne Wood	Child Check is working very well at First Student.
Lynn Matulock	Welcome and congratulations to our new members.
Eric Woodward	Things are going well at First Student.
Tyrone Worrell	Things are going well at First Student – He is adapting well to his new position as Assistant contract Manager for the East Terminal.
Barb Dewey	Things are going well at J-D. She mentioned the new DMV log record for dial up abstract checks. Happy Holidays!
Pat Bailey	Thanks to First Student for making her life “easier” this year! Small buses are now at the East Terminal and the Large ones are at the West Terminal. Life couldn't be better – new equipment – new buses and better salaries! Happy Holidays to everybody!
Carol Casolare	Today is the 1 st day of the new phone system for them – they will be getting new #'s and voice mail soon. Happy Holidays
Tim Durham	It has been an “Uphill battle” at A&E – but it is starting to come together. He needs someone to help him with the January Refresher. Matt Conti offered to help him. Happy Holidays!
Rich and Cindy	Thanks to everybody for all your support! Things are great with us! Happy Holidays!
Carol Hawk	Things are great in Weedsport! Happy Holidays!
Melissa from Peace Inc.	Things are going well. Happy Holidays!
Linda Robinson	Dave Deuel says hello to all – he is sorry he could not be here! Happy Holidays!
Ika Klapan	Have a safe afternoon everyone! Happy Holidays!
Judy Clarke	She left Dave in charge back at F-M. Thanks to Linda for a very intense year. Ika helped pick up the slack. Happy Holidays!
Lisa Reiss	It's nice to be here! Happy Holidays!
Peg Gilbert	Diane says hello – someone had to stay at work with the weather today. She is sorry to have missed the meeting today. Happy Holidays to everyone!
Matt Conti	Thanks to all for coming today. He loves being part of our Chapter and please invite more people to come in the future! Happy Holidays!

Thanks again to Rich and Cindy Denison (Bus Parts Warehouse) for sponsoring our meeting here today and the absolutely wonderful lunch!!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 10 – Sponsored by Liverpool at the Liverpool Transportation Center

We hope to see everyone there!

A motion was made by Judy Clarke, seconded by Carol Hawk to adjourn today's meeting at 11:03 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Gilbert