



### 2007-2008 CHAPTER OFFICERS

*Matt Conti – President/Director*  
*Chuck Paquette – Vice President/Alt Director*  
*James Dark – Treasurer*  
*Peg Gilbert – Secretary*

## MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Today's meeting was held at East Syracuse-Minoa Transportation Department. President Matt Conti called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. There were 25 members present. A special thank you is extended to East Syracuse-Minoa CSD for hosting the meeting and providing the morning refreshments.

### *Secretary's Report*

A motion was made by Luther Everson, seconded by Rich Rogers, to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried.

### *Treasurer's Report*

A motion was made by Pat Bailey, seconded by Carol Hawk, to accept the Treasurer's Report from the last meeting with a balance carried forward of \$2,870.92. The balance carried forward in our Professional Development fund is \$211.20. Motion carried.

### *Correspondence*

Operation Safe Stop is April 23<sup>rd</sup> this year.

A motion was made by Diane Watkins, seconded by Terri Kuss, to change the date of our April meeting to Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, to "Kick Off" Operation Safe Stop. Motion carried.

### *Committee Reports:*

#### **Poster Contest:**

Deb Stevens handed out the brochure for this year's Poster Contest – this year's theme is "Cross in View, it's the Right thing to do!" - The Brochure is posted on our CNYAPT website for further information: <http://www.cnyapt.org/events.html>

#### **Road-eo:**

Deb Stevens handed out the State Road-eo packets – with the Applications + Contestant History Page. The whole package can also be found on the CNYAPT website.

Our local Road-eo will be May 16 the year at the Oswego County Fairgrounds. Judges are still needed. There will be 2 judges at each station. A door prize for each contestant will be required. Lunch will be catered this year and everyone will break at 11:00 a.m. to eat together. Additional buses will be added this year for the special needs portion. Jim Ellis is devising a "punch card" for the special needs buses. This year the "Physical Pre-Trip" will be added back in.

Can Rich Rogers bring Clip Boards, Stop Watches + Parallel Parking Uprights????? Any Ideas for Demos to run throughout the day are welcome!! So far we have a Fleet – Pride Demo, RR Demo, Student Safety Training Demo and a Bus Evacuation with Fog Machine Demo. We still need to ask our vendors for prize donations. International usually supplies shirts, NY Bus Sales supplies hats and bus parts warehouse supplies the trophies. It would be helpful if we all sent a list of our suppliers to [ddeuel@fmschools.org](mailto:ddeuel@fmschools.org). All contestants must be Registered by May 1<sup>st</sup> these also go to Dave Deuel. Bring lawn chairs everybody – if you have them!!

### ***Old Business***

Our Committee is in the process of re-writing our Chapter By-Laws. There will be quite a few changes if they are approved. Mostly Changes in wording, flexibility in meeting days, etc. They also need to include Alternate Director and Director. The committee needs to check with NYAPT to be sure the changes they are proposing are ok. Hopefully by our April meeting we will have a more detailed report. Thanks to the committee people for a lot of hard work!!

Mike Janisch is on the Shared Services Committee - they are currently working on a list of “What Works” & What does not Work” – he handed out a printout of starting and stopping times for all “out of district schools” that North Syracuse presently goes to. We still need to have someone look into changing the times of some to coordinate with those around them.

### ***New Business***

The 19-A Bus Driver Unit taught a 2-hour refresher. There are new forms now for the Defensive Driving Test as well as the Behind the Wheel Road Test. They already are going to change something on the new forms though. – The “Employer” Box in the Certified Examiner Section at the bottom – will be removed. All the new forms can be downloaded from the DMV website. – Also when it asks for “Vehicle Type” – please write the type of bus you are using – i.e. school bus, ambulette, transit, etc.

Most audits in the area have been “off –site” lately – but a few have still been “on-site”

At this time we welcomed Michele Cooper from PTSI who gave us a wonderful presentation on Transporting Homeless Students – Challenges & Solutions. Check the NYS SED website for sub grants available! It was very informative Michele. Thank you!

### ***Round Table***

- No Round Table today.

Joyce McMaster announced that she is retiring this June – after 33 years! Congratulations Joyce!! You will certainly be missed!

### ***Adjournment & next meeting information***

A motion was made by Rich Rogers, seconded by Joyce McMaster, to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Out next meeting is Wednesday, April 22, 2009 – The place is TBA.

Respectfully submitted:  
Peg Gilbert