

Minutes for RSTAC Meeting, August 18 - 19, 2015

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (the "Council"), pursuant to notice, held a meeting on August 18-19, 2015 in Long Beach, CA. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on August 19th, 2015, by Chairman Ogborn. The following members were present: Chairman: Michael Ogborn, OmniTRAX. Treasurer/Secretary: Howard Kaplan, U.S. Magnesium, LLC; Robin Burns, Occidental Chemical Corp.; Robert Byrd, Nucor; Michael Christensen, Port of Long Beach; George Duggan, BNSF; John Friedman, Norfolk Southern Corporation; Tom Giovinazzi, Holcim (US), Inc.; Wayne Hurst, Agricultural Producer; Lawrence Malski, Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority; John McCreavy, SMS Rail Services, Inc.; Mike Mohan, Canadian National Railway Company; Jeanne Sebring, International Paper.

Also present: Chairman Daniel Elliott, Surface Transportation Board; Vice Chair Deb Miller, Surface Transportation board; Ann Begeman, Commissioner, Surface Transportation Board; Scott Greene, Federal Railroad Administration; STB staff member Gabriel Meyer.

Absent: Vice Chairman Shelley Sahling-Zart, Lincoln Electric System; Daniel Zink, Red River Valley & Western.

9:00 a.m. Meeting Commences

1. Welcome from Michael Christensen and introduction of Mr. Slangerup: Overview of Port of Long Beach
2. Thank you and opening remarks from RSTAC Chairman Mike Ogborn
3. The minutes from the April, 2015 meeting were approved. The 2014 annual report has been distributed and approval is requested as soon as possible from all members. Finances reported adequate per report by Treasurer Howard Kaplan.
4. Welcoming remarks from STB Chairman Daniel Elliott, Vice Chair Deb Miller, and Commissioner Ann Begeman
5. Report from Michael Christensen regarding the restoration of service at the West Coast Ports
6. Report from Professor Wesley Wilson focusing on the TRB Study Committee's proposal for competitive rate benchmarking to replace URCS and arbitration to replace SAC

2:00 p.m. Meeting Resumes

7. Report from Chairman Elliott on the Process Improvement and Metrics Working Group
8. PTC update, and discussion about possible joint Railroad/Shipper meetings on the Hill given major concerns on TIH shipping after January 1st.

9. Update on legislative and regulatory activities by Chairman Ogborn. Included comments regarding two-man crew requirements, California hazmat tax, truck length bills and update on PHMSA regulations with respect to tankers.

10. Reports from the field

11. Discussion regarding next RSTAC meeting and potential topics for its agenda. Chairman to circulate topics for review.

5:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourns

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

12. Tours of Long Beach Middle Harbor construction site and Pacific Harbor Lines rail overview of port operations and tour of rail lines.

Adjourned at 3:45 p.m. August 19th, 2015