

RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
February 28 and March 1, 2018
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD - BOARD ROOM
395 E Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

Minutes

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (the "Council"), pursuant to notice, held a meeting on February 28 and March 1, 2018 in Washington, DC.

The following members were present: RSTAC Chairman: Mr. Lawrence C. Malski, President Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority; Mr. Nate Asplund, President & CEO, Florida East Coast Railway; Mr. Michael Peters, Senior Vice President, Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc.; Mr. Robert L. Byrd, General Manager, Skyline Steel; Mr. Wayne Hurst, Agricultural Shipper; Ms. Jeanne Sebring, Director, N.A. Logistics, Supply Chain Operations, International Paper; Mr. Kevin Murray, Vice President of Supply Chain, Red Gold, Inc.; Mr. Tim McNulty, Vice President Agriculture & Fertilizer Products, CSX Transportation; Ms. Brandy Christian, President & CEO, Port of New Orleans; Mr. Mark Wegner, CEO, Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company and Red River Valley and Western Railroad Company; Mr. Mike Bilovesky, Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Agriculture and Minerals Business Unit, Kansas City Southern; Mr. Kenny Rocker, Vice President, Marketing & Sales, Industrial, Union Pacific Railroad Co.; Mr. Matthew Brainerd, Chairman, Brainerd Chemical, Inc.; Mr. Terrence E. McDermott, Director of Supply Chain, Bunge North America; Mr. Paul Hoben Sales Manager, Carolina Stalite Company;

Chairman Ann D. Begeman, Surface Transportation Board; Vice Chair; Vice Chair Deb Miller, Surface Transportation;

Also Present: STB staff members Gabe Meyer, Brian O'Boyle and Katherine Bourdon

Day 1 - Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 1300

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry C. Malski at the STB Board Room
2. Opening remarks were presented by Mr. Malski
3. A Safety Briefing was conducted by Mr. Michael Peters, Senior Vice President, Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc.
4. A Review of RSTAC statutes and ethics rules was presented by STB Staff Katherine Bourdon and Gabe Meyer
5. The committee completed Introductions of new/recently appointed RSTAC members:
 - Mr. Nate Asplund, President & CEO, Florida East Coast Railway
 - Mr. Mark Wegner, CEO, Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company and Red River Valley and Western Railroad Company
 - Mr. Mike Bilovesky, Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Agriculture and Minerals Business Unit, Kansas City Southern
 - Mr. Kenny Rocker, Vice President, Marketing & Sales, Industrial, Union Pacific Railroad Co.
 - Mr. Matthew Brainerd, Chairman, Brainerd Chemical, Inc.
 - Mr. Terrence E. McDermott, Director of Supply Chain, Bunge North America
 - Mr. Paul Hoben Sales Manager, Carolina Stalite Company

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6. The committee reviewed RSTAC Officers for 2018. A resolution was approved accepting the following members as RSTAC officers for 2018:
 - Mr. Lawrence C. Malski, Chairman
 - Mr. Wayne Hurst, Vice Chairman
 - Mr. Nate Asplund, Secretary and Treasurer
7. Mr. Asplund reviewed the November, 2017 RSTAC Meeting Minutes and presented the RSTAC financial update
8. A resolution was approved by the Council accepting the minutes of the November, 2017 RSTAC meeting
9. STB Board Members arrived and presented welcoming remarks
10. STB Departmental Directors provided an Overview of STB functions and departments
 - Craig Keats – Office of the General Counsel
 - Bill Brennan – Office of Economics
 - Scott Zimmerman – Office of Proceedings
 - Rachael Campbell – Office of the Managing Director
 - Lucy Marvin – Office of Public Assistance and Government Affairs
 - Vicky Rutson – Office of Environmental Analysis
11. A Legislative Presentation was presented by Key Committee Staffers from the Senate and House
 - Chance Costello-- U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 - Denny Wirtz- U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
12. RSTAC Members provided the first round of field reports to the Commissioners and Staff

Day One meeting Adjourned approximately 5pm.

Day 2 – Thursday, March 1, 2018, 0900

1. Meeting convened – STB Board Room
2. A Safety Briefing was conducted by Ms. Jeanne Sebring, Director, N.A. Logistics, Supply Chain Operations, International Paper
3. RSTAC Members provided the second round of field reports to the Commissioners and Staff
4. Ms. Linda Darr, President of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) presented an industry update on pertinent issues of the short line industry’s safety performance; The Short Line Safety Institute; PTC implementation on host railroads; Truck Size and Weight, and the 45G Tax Credit
5. RSTAC Members provided the third round of field reports to the Commissioners and Staff
6. RSTAC Members, STB Commissioners, and STB Staff discussed the next meeting date and agenda as well as the 2018 field meeting planned for the New Orleans, Louisiana region.
7. RSTAC Members provided the final round of field reports to the Commissioners and Staff

Day Two Meeting Adjourned approximately 12:05 PM