

## **Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials**

### **2012 Member Meeting Grand Traverse Resort & Spa Traverse City, MI Sunday, May 20, 2012**

#### **Minutes**

The following handouts were emailed prior to the meeting to Members:

- Agenda

#### **Welcome & Roll Call**

NASTO President Beverley Swaim-Staley (MD) opened the meeting with a roll call. States with a representative attending or on conference call included: CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, NH, NY, PA, and RI. Also attending was Gary McVoy, Parsons Brinckerhoff.

#### **Agenda for 2012 Conference Update**

President Beverley Swaim-Staley (MD) announced that planning for the 2012 Conference is almost finalized. She noted that as the NASTO Conference was ending, Baltimore would begin its week-long War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration for anyone interested in extending their stay.

Ms. Caitlin Rayman (MD) reviewed the Conference agenda, session information and panel participants. She indicated that Sunday's NASTO CEO tolling discussion is on the agenda as an informal discussion for NASTO members and staff.

Ms. Rayman requested that all members submit any suggested topics for the Federal/State Roundtable to her as soon as possible. She indicated that suggested topics for consideration include: 1) Census effects on MPOs, and 2) Multiple NEPA processes for Federal Agencies reduced to one process.

#### **Survey**

Ms. Caitlin Rayman indicated that Andrew Bielak in her office developed the survey "Use of Contractors by NASTO Members" requested by NASTO members. The survey developed was based on a GAO survey. She reminded members to go to the link on survey monkey and complete the survey by May 24. Mr. Bielak will be analyzing the survey prior to the NASTO Conference and the results will be discussed during Session 2 at the June 10 Board Meeting.

## **WASHTO Wetlands Resolution**

Director Michael Lewis, RI, discussed the WASHTO Wetlands Resolution that was discussed at the AASHTO meeting. He indicated that the resolution was a push back to the EPA on the designation of wetlands. WASHTO's resolution requests that EPA work with the States and local governments collaboratively so that jurisdictional determinations are not needed. The resolution limits federal control. Director Lewis suggested that NASTO support the WASHTO resolution. All members in attendance agreed that NASTO would support WASHTO's Wetlands Resolution.

## **Delegation of Authority**

Ms. Caitlin Rayman requested that each State/Province that will not have a CEO member present or on the conference call at the NASTO Conference Board meeting to delegate a representative by completing the Delegation of Authority emailed to them prior to the meeting. Please return the form to Pam Cusic.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Michael Baker (PA), Treasurer reported a current cash balance of \$133,500 cash on hand. He reported that NASTO has two CDs valued at \$100,000 each. All inclusive: \$340,000 value in the bank. The fiscal year for NASTO runs from 9/1 to 8/31. Estimated year-end is projected to be approximately \$286,000.

Requests for membership dues were sent out during the first week of the year. As of the meeting date, NASTO is awaiting dues from 3 members. Reminders were forwarded to those members on May 1.

Mr. Baker indicated that there is an IRS requirement for new officers to sign an annual conflict of interest statement. Mr. Baker stated that he would be seeking signatures after the June 10 meeting when the officers change.

## **Distribution and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes**

President Swaim-Staley asked for comments on the draft minutes from the February 27, 2012 meeting. With no further comments and discussion, the minutes were approved.

## **State by State Roundup**

The members participated in a state by state discussion of current items. Each member reported key activities/issues/legislative sessions for their state or province. A State summary is attached for member review only.

Meeting Adjourned.