

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**RETIREES ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**WEST TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08629**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The September meeting of the New Jersey Department of Transportation Retirees Association, Inc. (DOTRA) was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at Tessara Restaurant. After establishing a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM by President Clint Griggs with the Pledge of Allegiance following.

The following were in attendance:

Joe Bodnar	Andrea Mansfield	Janis Stia
Donna Troiano	Frank Stia	Gerry Sellner
Dot Andres	Bob Miller	Jay Johnston
Mike Eckel	Clinton Griggs	

These members were absent: Lou Papp, Frank Palise, John Rainiero and Bruce Strickland. Jim Dixon attended as a volunteer.

The minutes of the 8/01/2017 meeting were received and approved as corrected. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Eckel and seconded by Joe Bodnar. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report for July 2017 was given by Frank Stia. Balance as of 7/31/17 is \$11,804.34 including \$2,076.96 in the checking account. A move to accept the report, pending audit, was made by Dot Andres and seconded by Donna Troiano. The motion passed. Frank suggested that the CD that is maturing this month be rolled over to a 24-month CD. After a short discussion, Mike moved that Frank change the 12-month CD to a 24-month CD for a slightly higher interest rate; Dot seconded and the motion carried.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Janis Stia reported that there were no new membership applications received during August and there were 2 renewals received with 1 person converting to Life Membership. The total received was \$85.00. There are 10 members whose dues are in arrears more than 3 years and they will be dropped from the roster after this mailing. There were 2 changes of address.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Nominating Committee** –Joe Bodnar reported that there are fifteen Board members for 2017-2018.

**By-Laws** —There was no report. With the passing of Art Egan, this committee must have a new chair.

**Website** – Clint reported for Bruce Strickland from Arizona that there were 200 hits in August for a total of 24,176 hits.

**Employee Memorial** –Jim Dixon reported that he didn't attend the EMC meeting, but, was able to provide a report. The Annual Remembrance ceremony will be held on Friday September 8 at 9:00 AM. Memorial plaques to honor Commissioners John Sheridan and Jamie Fox were donated by Family & Friends of these commissioners. The Memorial Grounds have been enhanced by the donation of flowers, plants and shrubs from the Good Neighbor Project and the Office of Landscape Design, with a special thanks to Brenda Hammer. The usual activities and fundraisers are in the pipeline as planned, including the Silent Auction on December 7 and 8. The Northern Region may establish their own memorial.

**Historian** Mike Eckel is working on some ideas for the November DOTLine.

**Chaplain** – Jay Johnston reported the recent passing of Patrick Weber and Frank Bara, a member of DOTRA.

**Audit Committee:** No report until next spring.

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

**Wine Tasting:** With the resignation of Peter Yull, the wine tastings are on hold indefinitely.

**September Picnic:** Mike reported that Mercer County Park picnic area at Belle Mountain is reserved for Wednesday, September 13. A flyer was inserted in the August DOTLine. Reservation deadline is September 6. So far, there are 48 reservations. Cost is \$14.00 per person. Fred and Pete will cater, Bill Burd will supply the ice with Jim Dixon and Clint doing the pick-up. Andrea Mansfield will shop for the beverages, Mike will take

care of the set up and coffee service. Jim Dixon will bring the snacks and some desserts.

The threat of a hurricane caused discussion about cancelling the picnic. It was decided to make a decision on Monday, after the hurricane may have veered away from the northeast coast.

**Trips** –Jay Johnston has planned a bus trip to Radio City Music Hall on November 30. This is after the lighting of the Rock Center Christmas Tree. The cost will be \$109. pp. The day is planned just as our past trips have been. There will be time in NYC for lunch and/or shopping. After the Radio City show is over, the bus will leave immediately from a parking area in front of the theater. A flyer is inserted in the August DOTLine. Reservations have been received for all but 12 seats. This trip will sell out.

**Holiday Luncheon:** Janis has reserved Mercer Oaks for the Holiday Luncheon on December 13. Additional details will be available in the coming months. A flyer will be inserted in the November DOTLine.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Bob Miller is working toward archiving DOTRA records (including-DOTLines, Minutes, Treasurer’s Reports, By-Law Changes, Directors/ Officers) to a permanent location.

Dot Andres updated the Board on the outreach effort. The Board members will continue in their efforts, but, it is difficult to reach everyone on the list.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business brought forth for discussion.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday 10/03/2017 at Tessara Restaurant at 11:00 AM. Andrea reminded Donna that she will be absent in October and November. Since there was no further business to discuss, a motion to close the meeting was made by Mike and seconded by Gerry Sellner and the motion carried. Clint adjourned the meeting at 11:52 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Andrea Mansfield*  
Recording Secretary

