

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The December meeting of the New Jersey Department of Transportation Retirees Association, Inc. (DOTRA) was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at Tessara Restaurant. After establishing a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 11:09 AM by President Clint Griggs with the Pledge of Allegiance following. The following were in attendance:

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

These members were absent: John Raniero, Lou Papp, Frank Palise, Dot Andres and Bruce Strickland. Jim Dixon attended as a volunteer. Also in attendance was Ann Fratticcioli. She has volunteered to be the new electronic correspondent based on her extensive computer skills and, if approved, a new director.

The minutes of the 11/7/2017 meeting were received and approved as distributed. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Eckel and seconded by Bob Miller. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's reports for November 2017 was given by Frank Stia. Balance as of 11/30/17 was \$13,719.47 including \$4,107.53 in the checking account. A move to accept the report, pending audit, was made by Joe Bodnar and seconded by Donna Troiano. The motion passed.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Janis Stia reported that there was one new membership application received during November – John Nizolek, Jr. Mr. Nizolek's application was accepted. There were 4 renewals for a total received was \$50. There was a request that anyone who visits the upper floors of the DOT headquarters look to see if our posters are still on display on the bulletin boards. We will ask the Memorial Committee if we can put our handout on the table at the entrance of the silent auction.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Nominating Committee** –Joe Bodnar reported that there are fifteen Board members for 2017-2018. Ann Fratticcioli who attended this meeting has requested to become a new Director. Donna entered Ann's into nomination to become a Director and Jerry Sellner seconded. Ann was voted in and we now have 16 Directors.

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

**Website** – Clint reported for Bruce Strickland from Arizona that there were 150 hits in November for a total of 24,511.

**Employee Memorial Committee** – Jim Dixon reported that he did not attend the EMC meeting. The Silent Auction will be held on December 7 from 11 to 2 o'clock and on December 8 from 9 to 1. Only 100 baskets are expected (half of the normal) due to the retirement of key staff. EMC has collected 355 slides on a CD summarizing the last 15 years of 9/11 memorials. Clint will arrange to have this slide show projected during our Holiday lunch.

**Historian** - Mike Eckel is working on an article for the February DOTLine providing advice regarding which important documents are critical for estate planning.

**Chaplain** – Jay Johnston reported that DOTRA members Arthur Carl, Cora Sue Santopietro, Mary Beth Blades, Ed Praisner and Scott Allen all recently passed away. All but Scott Allen were DOTRA members.

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

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

**Trips** –Jay Johnston reported that the bus trip to Radio City Music Hall on November 30 was a great success. All expenses were covered and the show was great. He will try to plan another bus trip for the spring.

**Holiday Luncheon:** Janis reported on the Holiday Luncheon on December 13 at Mercer Oaks. The deadline for reservations was December 3 and to date 57 have been received. The luncheon will be similar to our previous events at Mercer Oaks, starting with a social hour with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, salad, pasta, entrée, dessert and coffee service. The cost is \$36.00. There will be door prizes and a 50/50.

**Spring Luncheon:** Joe Bodnar agreed to chair the spring event. It was agreed that the event should be a breakfast again this year. Give Joe any ideas you have on a location for the breakfast.

**June Luncheon:** A chair is needed for this event. Ann Fratticcioli has done some research regarding local restaurants which she will share with Clint.

**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.

Mike Eckel previously reported that he was approached by a financial advisor who is willing to make a presentation at one of our DOTRA events. This was tabled until 2018.

There was a short discussion about the list of 2017 retirees that we received from the DOT. The list does not contain contact information, so it has limited usefulness for DOTRA.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business to discuss.

Since there was no further business to discuss, a motion to close the meeting was made by Joe and seconded by Bob and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 12:15 PM.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday 1/2/2018 at Tessara Restaurant at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Andrea Mansfield**

Recording Secretary